

No. 41 “Stand Still, and See the Salvation of Jehovah”

PLEASE NOTE: Emphasize the need for all to build strong trust in Jehovah and his representatives now, and explain how to do so. If you wish, you may use the artwork provided to illustrate points where indicated

WHAT IS GOD’S WAR OF ARMAGEDDON? (4 min.)

A bright future is near—soon “the righteous will possess the earth”! (Ps 37:29; Mt 6:10)

To accomplish this, God must remove the wicked (Pr 2:21, 22)

The wicked will perish at Armageddon in “the war of the great day of God the Almighty” (Re 16:14, 16; w19.09 8 ¶3)

How should you prepare for God’s coming war? Will you need to fight?

GOD’S PEOPLE WILL NOT FIGHT AT ARMAGEDDON (10 min.)

Christians on earth will not need to fight at Armageddon (Joh 18:36)

Jesus’ followers do not engage in physical warfare (Mt 26:52; 2Co 10:3, 4) [Image 1]

Only Jesus and his heavenly army will fight in God’s war (Re 19:11-15)

Jehovah’s war with the nations takes place in the symbolic “Valley of Jehoshaphat,” a reference to a past decisive battle (Joe 3:2, 12, 14; w07 10/1 13 ¶3)

By examining that past battle, we can discern what we will do at Armageddon

[Invite the audience to follow along as you relate the account at 2 Chronicles 20:1-30. Read selected verses, and describe the account vividly]

King Jehoshaphat learns of a large multinational force advancing on Judah (2Ch 20:1, 2)

Jehoshaphat and the people pray to Jehovah and seek his direction (2Ch 20:3-13)

Through the prophet Jahaziel, Jehovah gives direction and reassurance [**Read 2 Chronicles 20:17**] (2Ch 20:14-19)

Despite the unusual instructions, Jehoshaphat and the people willingly obey (2Ch 20:20, 21) [Image 2]

Jehovah annihilates his enemies and saves his people (2Ch 20:22-30)

At Armageddon, God’s servants on earth will “stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah”

PREPARE NOW FOR GOD’S COMING WAR (12 min.)

We will need strong trust in Jehovah and in his representatives, both before and during Armageddon

How can we strengthen our trust in God and prepare for his coming war?

[As you discuss the following points, highlight the similarities to Jehoshaphat’s actions in the account at 2 Chronicles 20:1-30]

Look to Jehovah for direction in all aspects of your life (Ps 25:15)

Study God’s Word, the Bible, and apply its wise teachings (1Pe 2:2)

In prayer ask Jehovah for his guidance (Ps 25:9; 1Pe 4:7)

Make decisions based on God’s will and not on your own understanding (Pr 3:5, 6)

Remain united with fellow worshippers of Jehovah (w14 12/15 23 ¶7-8)

Regularly attend congregation meetings of Jehovah’s Witnesses (Ro 1:11, 12; Heb 10:24, 25)

Share in the Kingdom-preaching work being done by God’s people today (Mt 24:14)

Stay alert and watchful as the end of this system nears (Mt 24:42; Lu 21:34-36)

Trust and obey direction from Jehovah’s representatives

Recognize the channel that Jehovah is using to provide direction today (Mt 24:45; Heb 13:7, 17; w11 4/15 4 ¶1-3)

Learning to trust Jehovah’s representatives now prepares us to obey promptly in the future

CONFIDENTLY LOOK TO JEHOVAH FOR DELIVERANCE (4 min.)

There is no question that God’s war of Armageddon is approaching quickly (2Ti 3:1; Re 12:9, 12)

Immediately before the war of Armageddon, the Devil will cause the nations to make a final assault on God’s people (w19.09 11 ¶13)

We have no reason to fear this assault or the war of Armageddon to follow

We will “stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah” in our behalf (2Ch 20:17) [Image 3]

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

TO BE COVERED IN 30 MINUTES

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