

Armageddon footage (from 7:26 to 35:15)

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Megiddo, an ancient city of Israel, was located next to a crucial mountain pass overlooking the Plain of Jezreel. Because an international trade route ran through this pass, whoever controlled Megiddo could control trade. 1 Kings 9 reveals that Solomon gained wealth because he controlled the Via Maris. In Revelation, Megiddo represents the battle for spiritual control that will culminate in the battle of Har Megiddo, or Armageddon.

Centuries before the Hebrew people settled in their Promised Land, Megiddo was a prominent "high place" where the Canaanites worshiped a fertility god, Baal, and his mistress, Asherah. Unfortunately, the Israelites succumbed to temptations to participate in Baal worship. Eventually even Israel's kings -- especially King Ahab and his wife Jezebel (who had been a priestess of Baal in her homeland of Phoenicia) -- encouraged Baal worship. To induce the gods to provide rain for crops, Baal worship rituals included sexual intercourse with temple prostitutes and child sacrifice.

Notes on key words and ideas

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Via maris

Megiddo / Jezreel Valley

Baal worship

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What struck me most . . .

