

Do Eph 2:8-9 and Jas 2:20 contradict each other? We are saved by faith ~~wit~~hout/works/ apart from works, but James says that without works faith is dead. How can you be saved if your faith is dead?

You can't be saved if your faith is dead. That is James' point. A saving faith is a living faith and that kind of faith shows itself in good works. But works will not save anyone, though works will prove that a person is saved. Just after Paul wrote Eph 2:8-9 where he clearly says that salvation is not by works, he wrote v 10 which says that a saved person shows good works. So works do not save but a saved person works. Therefore if you're listening and you're not saved, don't try to work for salvation; receive it as a gift; but if you are saved, then God does want you to show the good works which accompany salvation.

Where will the battle of Armageddon be fought and who will be involved in the fighting?

Armageddon is a series of battles, for the word we translate battle really means campaign. It's a campaign which climaxes in Armageddon.

Where exactly ~~is~~ is Armageddon?

Armageddon is a valley in the northern part of Palestine not far from Haifa and Nazareth. So this great campaign will/ war will be fought in northern Israel.

Who will be involved in the fighting?

Apparently the Antichrist and his armies from ~~the~~ Europe will be trying to secure Palestine, so they will be fighting against the Jewish people. But also armies from the far east will be converging on Palestine at that time and will also be involved. However, before the last battle can be concluded Christ will return, and these armies of the earth will actually fight the King of Kings, and of course, they will lose. Rev 19:19-21