

Who is the Lord's great army?



- The great controversy between Truth and Error, right and wrong, God and Mammon,
- Out with the old (order)– In with the new (order)
- The inauguration of Christ's Kingdom,
The overthrow of Satan's rule
- A great tribulation such as never was before







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The Great War of 1914



The Great Time of Trouble

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Revelation 16:13: And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

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**1. Puffed up = pomposity,
boastfulness or bombast**

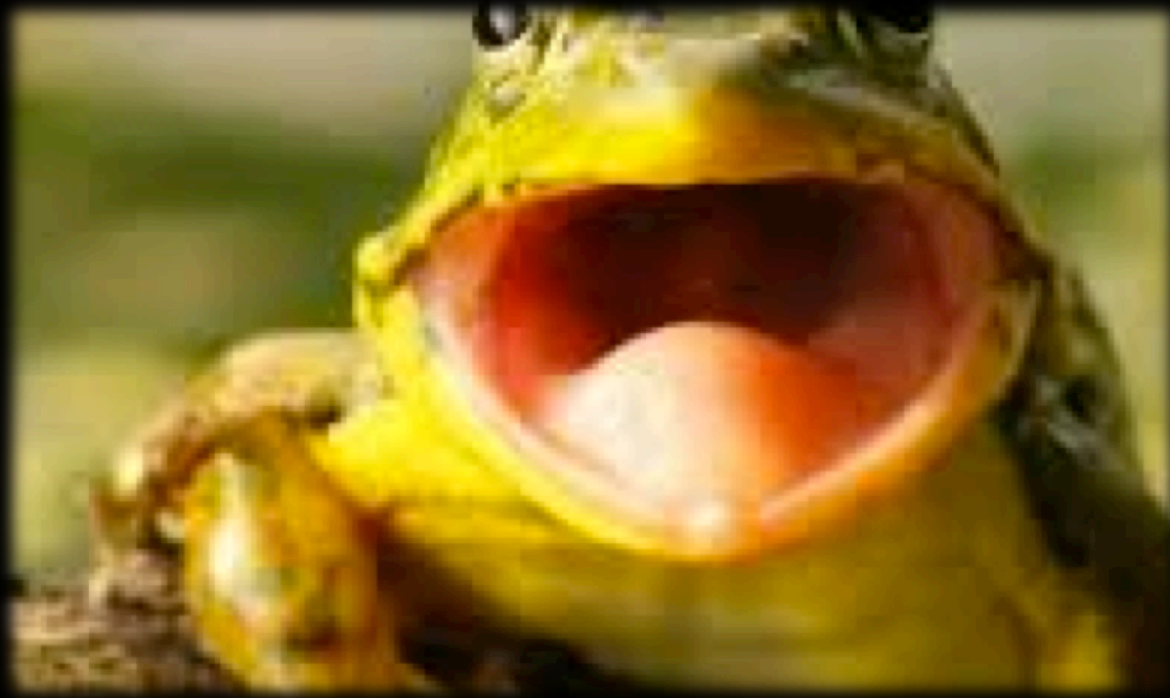


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2. Wise Look = an air of wisdom
and knowledge



3. Croaking = false declarations



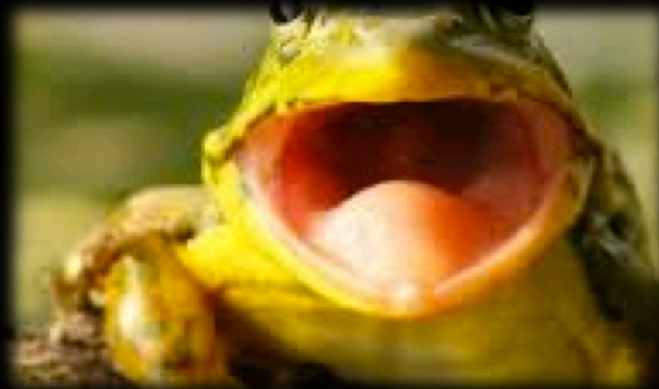
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We have the answers



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bad things will happen to you



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Trumpet Knowledge and Liberty

Zion Nominal Kingdom of God

Holy Mountain ... Christendom

Day of the LORD... Time of Trouble/Armageddon



Selfishness

Triumvirate
of evil
power

Knowledge

Liberty

IS THIS OUR CLUE?

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Matthew 24:21: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Dan 12:1: ...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:

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Fire Destruction

Land..... (Earth) The Present Social Order

Horses..... Doctrines

Horsemen Teachers of False Doctrines

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- Anarchists, Socialists, and hot-headed radicals of every school of reason and unreason, will be in the forefront of that battle. He who has any knowledge of army life knows that a great army is composed of **all classes**. (D Forward)
- He it is that will fight the armageddon Battle, and his agency will be that peculiar army—**all classes**. (D Forward)

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- The armies of Europe? Perhaps not, but the willingness of the people is an important factor in connection with any war.

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The Lord speaks of the anarchists as "His great army" in a figurative way, just as He speaks of the caterpillars, which are used figuratively to represent His army. The saints will not be in that army at all. The Lord has used even the Devil as His agent, and "the wrath of man to praise Him." Anarchists may be part of the Lord's great army in that He will supervise their campaign.

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The present terrible war is not the great Time of Trouble in the fullest sense of the word, but merely its forerunner. The great Time of Trouble of the Scriptures will be brought on by anarchy--the general uprising of the people; as the Prophet says, "every man's hand against his neighbor, no peace to him that goeth out or to him that cometh in."--`Zech 8:10

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When I Am Lifted Up ...
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