

Megiddo מגידו

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Album: *The Megiddo Project - A Prayer Journey*

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Kibbutz, Ein Harod - Meuchad Jezreel Valley, Israel

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Megiddo, Har Megiddo –
You've lived through so many civilizations.
Megiddo, Har Megiddo –
What is our destination?

**You're so mighty,
standing so bold
With many stories
left untold**

Megiddo, Har Megiddo –
How much longer will you last?
Megiddo, Har Megiddo –
How quickly the time has passed.

Chorus
END with Second Verse

Megiddo - a tel (mound) at the head of a mountain pass at the western end of *Jezreel Valley* (Northern Israel) with a history that spans more than 3,500 years. Its historical and strategic importance lies in that it is the one narrow place through the Carmel Mountains which allowed for caravan transit from the highlands of southwest Asia in the East to the Mediterranean coastal plain and on to Africa in the South. Successive cities were destroyed and rebuilt more than 20 times on the same site as it bore witness to many battle scenes. It is referred to as *Har* (Mount) *Megiddo* in Judaic references. Since the Common Era (C.E.) usage of the Greek term '*Armageddon*' as derived from the Hebrew now refers to the site of the final battle in the 'End of Days.' Contrary to this dark portent, *Megiddo*, the 'album', represents a fresh and optimistic look at our ancient past that can become a metaphor for the uphill climb and numerous constraining circumstances that often challenge each of us on our own spiritual journeys – seemingly insurmountable obstacles which, if we have the imagination and strength and courage to rise to the occasion, can bring us countless blessings.