

= Vígríðr =

In Norse mythology , Vígríðr or Óskópnr is a large field foretold to host a battle between the forces of the gods and the forces of Surtr as part of the events of Ragnarök . The field is attested in the Poetic Edda , compiled in the 13th century from earlier traditional material , and in the Prose Edda , written by Snorri Sturluson in the 13th century . The Poetic Edda briefly mentions the field as where the two forces will battle , whereas the Prose Edda features a fuller account , foretelling that it is the location of the future death of several deities (and their enemies) before the world is engulfed in flames and reborn .

= = Etymology = =

The Old Norse place name Vígríðr means " battle @-@ surge " or " place on which battle surges " . The name Vígríðr is sometimes modernly anglicized as Vigrid , Vigrith , or Wigrid . The etymology of the name Óskópnr is a matter of scholarly debate , but has been proposed as meaning " the (not yet) created " , " not made " or " mismade " .

= = Attestations = =

= = = Poetic Edda = = =

In the Poetic Edda poem Vafþrúðnismál , the god Odin , disguised as " Gagnráðr " faces off with the wise jötnunn Vafþrúðnir in a battle of wits . Among numerous other questions , Vafþrúðnir asks Odin to tell him what the name of the plain is where the gods and Surtr will meet . Odin responds that the name of the plain is Vígríðr , and that the size of the field is 100 leagues in every direction :

In his translation notes for these stanzas , Henry Adams Bellows notes that " a hundred miles " is a " general phrase for a vast distance " .

In the Poetic Edda poem Fáfnismál , the dying wyrm Fáfnir is asked by the hero Sigurd what the name of the island is where Surtr and the gods will battle is called . Fáfnir replies that the island is called Óskópnr .

= = = Prose Edda = = =

In the Prose Edda book Gylfaginning , the enthroned figure of High foretells the events of Ragnarök . High says the Muspell 's forces will gather at the field Vígríðr , a field which he adds is " a hundred leagues in each direction " . Then the monstrous wolf Fenrir and the immense serpent Jörmungandr will arrive . By that time , the jötnunn Hrym with all of the frost @-@ jötnar and Loki with " all Hel 's people " will have also arrived .

As these forces gather , the god Heimdallr will stand and blow into his horn , Gjallarhorn , which will awaken the gods . The gods will meet and hold a thing . Odin will ride to the well Mímisbrunnr and will consult Mímir on behalf of himself and his people . Yggdrasil , the cosmological tree , will shiver and all beings will be fearful . The gods and the einherjar will don their war gear and advance to Vígríðr . Odin , wearing a golden helmet , a coat of mail , and brandishing his spear Gungnir , will ride in the front .

Odin will make directly for Fenrir and the god Thor , by Odin 's side , will be unable to help him because he will be fighting Jörmungandr . The god Freyr will engage the fiery being Surtr and , since Freyr lacks the sword he gave his servant Skírnir , Freyr will fall after a rough struggle . The god Tyr will fight the hound Garmr and the two will kill one another . Thor will kill the serpent Jörmungandr but after nine steps will collapse to the ground , dead from Jörmungandr 's venom . Fenrir will eat Odin , but immediately after Odin 's son Víðarr will come forward and jet his foot on to the wolf 's lower jaw , and grasp its upper jaw , ripping its mouth apart , killing it . Loki and Heimdallr will kill one another and , after their death , Surtr will spray fire over the earth and burn the entire world .

Later in the same chapter , High quotes Odin 's response from the above @-@ mentioned chapter of Vafþrúðnismál .