

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE FOUR HORSEMEN -- 6:1-8

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<p><u>Rev 6:1</u> <i>Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures</i></p> <p><i>saying with a voice like thunder,</i></p> <p><u><i>"Come and see."</i></u></p>	<p><u>THE GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS WITH THE OPENING OF THE SEALS</u> - three sets of judgments: <u>seals, trumpets, and bowls of wrath</u> (seven last plagues)</p> <p><u>Rev 15:1</u> <i>Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, <u>for in them the wrath of God is complete.</u></i></p> <p><u>Rev 6:17</u> - <i>"For <u>the great day of His wrath</u> ("the wrath of the Lamb" - v.16) <u>has come, and who is able to stand?</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Revelation 10:7</u> - <i>"but <u>in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 11:16-18</u> - <i>"and <u>Your wrath has come</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 15:1</u> - <i>"seven angels having the seven last plagues, <u>for in them the wrath of God is complete</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 16:1</u> - <i>"Go and <u>pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 16:17</u> - <i>"It is done!"</i></p> <p><u>THE MAIN PURPOSE OF GOD POURING OUT HIS WRATH – IS TO AVENGE THE BLOOD OF THE SAINTS</u></p> <p><u>Rev 6:10</u> - <i>"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and <u>avenge our blood on them who dwell on the earth?</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 16:6</u> - <i>"For <u>they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 17:6</u> - <i>"I saw the woman, <u>drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 18:20</u> - <i>"for <u>God has avenged you on her</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 18:24</u> - <i>"and in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, <u>and of all who were slain on the earth</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 19:2</u> - <i>"and <u>He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 6:1</u> <u>THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN ONE OF THE SEALS WAS OPENED BY THE LAMB --</u> <i>Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."</i> –</p> <p><i>"saying with a voice like thunder"</i> The <u>INTENSITY</u> of what took place - - cf. <u>11:15, 19; 14:2; 16:17-18; 19:6</u></p> <p>The <u>INVITATION to John</u> <u>"Come and see"</u> - repeated in vv. <u>3, 5, 7. cf. 4:1</u></p>	<p>The wrath of God is poured out, beginning with the opening of the first seal.</p> <p><u>Rev 6:17(after the sixth seal)</u> - <i>"For <u>the great day of His wrath</u> ("the wrath of the Lamb" - v.16) <u>has come</u></i></p> <p><u>Revelation 10:7 (after the seventh seal; sixth trumpet)</u> - <i>"but <u>in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished</u>"</i></p> <p><u>MID POINT OF THE TRIBULATION?</u></p> <p><u>Rev 11:2</u> <i>But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for <u>forty-two months (3 ½ yrs).</u></i></p> <p><u>Rev 11:18(after the seventh seal; seventh trumpet)</u> - <i>"and <u>Your wrath has come</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 15:1(after the seventh seal; seventh trumpet; prelude to Bowl Judgments)</u> - <i>"seven angels having the seven last plagues, <u>for in them the wrath of God is complete</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 16:1(after the seventh seal; seventh trumpet; prelude to first Bowl Judgment)</u> - <i>"Go and <u>pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth</u>"</i></p> <p><u>Rev 16:17 (after the seventh seal; seventh trumpet; seventh Bowl Judgment)</u> - <i>"It is done!"</i></p>
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Rev 6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse.

He who sat on it had a bow;

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Rev 6:2 THE DECEPTION WHICH WILL INTRODUCE THE JUDGMENTS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. --

“He who sat on it” - The IDENTITY of the one on the white horse- a person

It is not Jesus Christ - Cf. 19:11 ff.

1. He is the One Who opens the seals!
2. The remaining seals deal with judgment and tragedy, not the blessing of the 2nd coming!
3. The “crown” (stephanos) is not the “many crowns” (diademata) of 19:12
4. His authority was “given unto him” - Cf. 13:4 and 2 Thess. 2:9

The “white horse” suggests a counterfeit to what we read in 19:11 – we see much deception here -- Cf. Matthew 24:4-5, 23-27; 2 Cor. 11:13-15

The Biblical descriptions of a coming world leader who will arise to power at the beginning of the tribulation seem to fit here.

1. The little horn - Daniel 7:8, 21, 25
2. The prince to come - Daniel 9:26-27
3. A king who blasphemes - Daniel 11:36-45
4. A man of sin and son of perdition - 2 Thess. 2:3-4
5. The antichrist - 1 John 2:18
6. The beast - Rev. 13:4-5

“had a bow ... went out conquering and to conquer” The IMPACT which this white horse rider will have. He risers to power, and does so by continual conquests! A series of events or circumstances.

DECEPTION

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Rev 6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

Rev 6:4 Another horse, fiery red, went out.

And it was granted to the one who sat on it

to take peace from the earth,

and that people should kill one another;

and there was given to him a great sword.

Rev 6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had

a pair of scales in his hand.

Rev 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying,

"A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius;

and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Rev 6:3-4 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. --

THE DEVASTATION WHICH THE RIDER ON THE RED HORSE WILL BRING

"fiery red" or "blood-red" The COLOR suggests a time of war and bloodshed - (the rider could be the same in each case) - Cf. Matt. 24:6-7 (color of the dragon - Rev. 12:3)

"granted to the one" The CONTROL he exercises is given to him by Satan.

- "to take peace from the earth" - The CONSEQUENCES of this red horse rider - World Peace is ended - cf. 1 Thess. 5:2-3; Jeremiah 8:15; 14:19 (what a contrast to Jesus Christ - John 14:27; 16:33)

"that they should kill one another" - Many People are killed - cf. Rev. 6:8(1/4 of earth); 9:15, 18(1/3 mankind), ("kill" - sphadzo - slaughter of animals/sacrifice cf. Isa. 53:7; Acts 7:42)

"given unto him a great sword" - cf. Rom. 13:4- Military Power is placed in the hands of one man

Rev 6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

[6] And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." --

THE DEPRIVATION THE RIDER ON THE BLACK HORSE WILL BRING - The COLOR of the horse reminds us of famine and death (WORLDWIDE) - Cf. Jeremiah 14:2-6; Lamentations 4:8-9; 5:10

"pair of scales in his hand" The economic CONDITIONS that will take place - INSTABILITY will characterize the economy. The economic balance will be altered radically.

"a quart of wheat for a denarius" - INFLATION will be out of control one day's wage will be required for a loaf of bread or one meal.

"three measures of barley for a denarius" (INCREASE in substandard food products will be evident -- barley - food for animals - three meals a day will be possible with barley, but not wheat)

"harm not the oil and the wine" - Luxury ITEMS will still be plentiful

DEVASTATION

Even right now there are more wars, including ethnic struggles, going on than at any time in history!

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Rev 6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

Rev 6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse.

And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him.

And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill

with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Rev 6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." [8] So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.-- THE DEATH WHICH THE RIDER ON THE PALE HORSE WILL BRING - (Greek - Chloros - "yellow-green" in appearance)

"And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him" - The IDENTITY of the rider on the pale horse and the one who follows him - The only rider stated to have a "name" - cf. Rev. 20:13-15 - The mention of "hades" would indicate that this worldwide tragedy is affecting those who are unbelievers.

"and power was given to them over a fourth of the earth" - The IMPACT of this judgment

"with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth" - The INSTRUMENTS used to kill 25% of the world's population - Cf. Leviticus 26:21-26; Ezekiel 14:12-23;

...For God did not appoint us to wrath...therefore, comfort each other... 1 Thess. 5 1-11

DEATH-SWORD/FAMINE/PESTILENCE/BEASTS

Questions:

1. What is the main reason that God pours out His wrath on the earth?
2. How interested are you in knowing a coming world leader? The coming World Leader?
3. Do you believe that wrath of God is poured out on the earth only at the end of the Tribulation period, during the 7th trumpet, during the 7 last plagues?
4. Where does the Bible tell us the Great Tribulation will be for seven years? Dan. 9:27? That the mid-point (3 ½ yrs.) will be the time of the Abomination of Desolation? (Dan. 9:27)?
5. Where is this mid-point in Revelation? (11:2)
6. When, during the Tribulation is God's wrath poured out on the earth?
7. Who is the rider of the white horse? The red horse?