

The Book of Revelation

Chapters 6-7

The Testimony of Jesus

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

THE THINGS WHICH SHALL BE HEREAFTER

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THE PRESENT AGE

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PERFECT AGE

NEW HEAVEN

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

THE GRAVE

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Israel

Ezekiel 36-37

Gathering of Israel together in the last days.

Ezekiel 37:7-11 (NASB), ⁷And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel."

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 **ISRAEL** **God's** **PROPHETIC** **Clock** 

A Word from the Prophet Daniel

Daniels 70th Week

Daniel 9:24 (NASB), Seventy weeks are determined upon **your people** and upon your **holy city**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

The six reasons for the 70 weeks

1. To finish the transgression
2. To make an end of sin
3. To make atonement for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up the vision and prophecy
6. To anoint the most Holy

Sixty-nine weeks have been accomplished, only one week left.

It is interesting to note that the angel of the Lord made no reference to the church in Daniel 9:24. The Church was God's secret of what was yet to come, and it was to the church that Jesus told to carry the Gospel to all the world. The Old Testament shows us God's dealing with His people through the prophets. The New Testament is God dealing with the world through His church. The message of the Gospel of Jesus is for all of the world and it's not just a Jewish message anymore. We are about to study the ultimate and final attempt by God to call the world to repentance, there will be few who will answer God's call.



The Book of Daniel

Daniel 9:21-27

Interrupted Prayer
About 3pm

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.



Gabriel Gives
Daniel a Gift

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

A Two Fold
Message for Daniel

23 "At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:



Gabriel Tells Daniel who the
Seventy Weeks are meant
for, and six reasons for the
Seventy Weeks

24 " Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.



Note: Daniel's people were the Jews, the Holy City is Jerusalem which at this time had been destroyed.

A Timetable as to when
these things would begin.
The time period covers from
the rebuilding of the wall in
Jerusalem until Christ.

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.



Prophecy of Christ's death
and the destruction of the
city and temple. A
continuation of war.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.



A Covenant of 7 years. It
will be broken mid-way
through. The Antichrist will
desecrate the temple and
commit abominations in it.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."



Note: The Antichrist will enter the Holy-of-Holies inner chambers and declare himself to be god and demand to be worshiped.

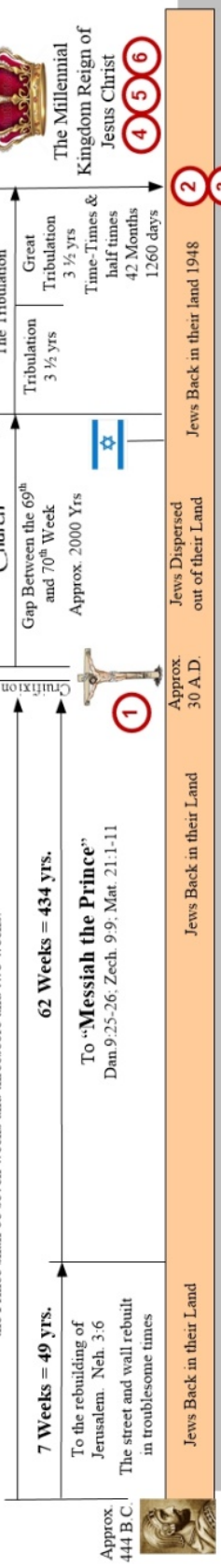
Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy

Six Reasons Given

Daniel 9:2-4
 "Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."

Daniels "Sixty-Nine" Weeks

... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks"



Artaxerxes Commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem
 Nehemiah 2:1-8

The Seventy Week Prophecy can only be fulfilled while the Jews are in their Land.

1. To Finish the transgression

Israel's transgression was their rejection of Jesus as Messiah, first on a national level, religious/political leaders then the common people rejected him. Lu. 19:39-44, 47; 23:1, 21, 23

2. Make an end of sins

To stop Jewish sin of rejecting their Messiah. They will accept Jesus as Messiah.

3. Make Reconciliation for iniquity

A national reconciliation with God by faith in Jesus Christ. A Day of Atonement with their Messiah.

4. Bring in Every lasting Righteousness

This has to do with the Jewish people and Jerusalem. Israel will become the head of the nations with the world capital in Jerusalem.

5. Seal the vision & prophecy

Almost all prophecies have come by the Jews. This will stop. The time of the prophets of God will be over, since He who is perfect is here.

6. Anoint the Most High

Anoint means to rub with oil, to consecrate. Jesus Christ is the only one who can be called the Most High. Jesus qualifies for succession to the throne on both counts as Man (Son of David) and as God.



Chapter 6 - 7



The Beginning of the Tribulation



Only he who knows prophecy
can dwell in the calm of eternity now.

Daniel's 70th Week Prophecy



Daniel 9:20-27

"Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city."

The Tribulation - Revelation 6:1-19:21

(Shown in the order given in Scripture)



Marriage Supper



The Reaper

The Twenty-One Judgments of Revelation

The Rapture Of the Church 1 Thess. 4:13-17



CAUTION

The Seven Seal Judgments Chapter 6:1-8:5

- White Horse: Conquering Power
- Red Horse: War and Bloodshed
- Black Horse: Famine
- Pale Horse: Pestilence / Death
- Souls Under the Altar: Martyrs
- Physical Changes: Physical Changes
- Sealed: 144,000 Sealed
- Interval: Interval
- Silence: Silence
- Golden Altar: Golden Altar

The Seven Trumpet Judgments Chapter 8:7-11:9

- 1: Burning Mountain
- 2: Star Wormwood
- 3: Sun Smitten
- 4: Plague of Locusts
- 5: Plague of Horses
- 6: The Angels Warning
- 7: The Dragon Casts

The Seven Vial Judgments Chapter 15:1-16:21

- 1: Harvest
- 2: Blood on Rivers
- 3: Blood on Sea
- 4: Blood on Rivers
- 5: Great Heat
- 6: Darkness
- 7: Three Unclean Spirits

The Millennium

- 17:1-18: Marriage of the Lamb
- 18:1-18:4: Babylon (Political, Economic, Spiritual)
- 19:1-19:4: Christ with the Armies of Heaven
- 19:11-19:14: Second Coming of Christ Revealed As King of Kings

1000 Yrs.



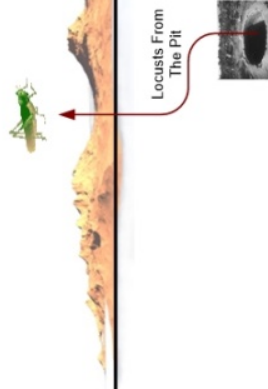
The Rapture

The Tribulation

Middle of the Week

The Great Tribulation

Armageddon



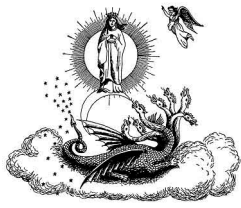
Locusts From The Pit



666 Image of The Beast



Satan Cast into the Pit 1000 years Rev 20:1-3



The Third Key



“Things Which Shall be Hereafter”

Chapters 6-19 The Throne of God

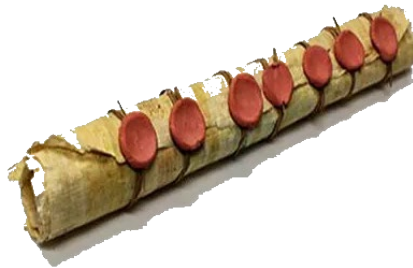


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Chapter 6



SEAL JUDGMENTS – Rev.6:2-8, 8:1

1. Rev.6:2 White Horse  Antichrist
2. Rev.6:4 Red Horse  War
3. Rev.6:5 Black Horse  Famine
4. Rev.6:7 Pale Horse  Death & Hell
5. Rev.6:9 Martyrs 
6. Rev.6:12-17 Great Earthquake - Physical Changes 
7. Rev.8:1 Silence in Heaven 

...The Beginning of Sorrows (Matthew 24:8)



The SEAL Judgments

Chapter 6:1-17, 8:1



The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse



1

White Horse
Rev. 6:1-2



Conquering
Coming of the
Antichrist



- Dan. 8:25 ... "by he shall peace he shall destroy many."
- Mt. 24:4-5 "he shall deceive many."
- Rev. 6:2 "he had a bow, given a crown then went forth conquering."

3

Black Horse
Rev. 6:5-6



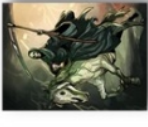
Famine



- Mt. 6:6 ... a measure of wheat for a penny
- Food eight times more expensive

4

Pale Horse
Rev. 6:7-8



Pestilence & Death



- Mt. 6:8 ... his name is Death and Hell followed with him.
- Power is given him over 1/4 of the earth.

5

Martyrs
Rev. 6:9-11



Martyrs
Souls Under
the Altar

- Mt. 6:9, Souls under the altar, slain for the Word of God and for their testimony

6

Physical
Changes
Rev. 6:12-17



Physical
Changes
Forward looking
prophecy

- Mt. 6:16, Evil men hide in caves from the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.

TIME
Interval
Rev. 7:1-8



144,000
Sealed



- Mt. 7:1-8, Sealing of the Saints, 144,000 Jewish men.
- Mt. 7:9-17, Blood washed multitude worship before the throne (v14)

7

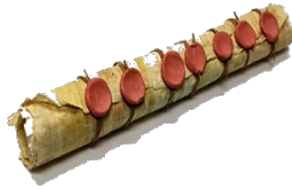
Silence
For Half an Hour
Rev. 8:1



The Golden
Censer
Rev. 8:3-5

- Mt. 8:1, Silence in all of heaven for the time of half an hour
- All heaven is in awe of what is about to happen on the earth
- Enter the Trumpet Judgments





The White Horse and the Rise of the Antichrist¹

Revelation 6:1-2, “Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.”² I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.”



Corresponding Prophecy: Olivet Discourse



Matthew 24:4-5 “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

Another sign of the times ... in the last days there shall come a strong spirit of deceit and of lying spirits. Jesus’ constant warning is to watch and be not deceived.

The Two White Horses of Revelation

¹ (Dan.7:8, 23-26; 8:8-10, 20-25; 11:35-45; II Th. 2:1-12; Rev. 13:1-18, 17:10-16)

In scripture we can find references to the appearances of two white horses at the end times. Revelation 6:2 give us a picture of the “Man of Sin.”

The symbolic, “White Horse” and its rider, who is this rider with his bow and now is given a crown. Notice the crown is not on his head, it is simply given to him. The scriptures does not reveal to us his name except that it gives us pictures of who he is and what he has come upon the earth to do.



The bow he carries in his hand is symbolic with pictures of evil and conquest (Ps.7:12, 11:2, 37:14, 46:9, 58:7; Jer. 49:35). The Antichrist is the only person predicted in scriptures as going forth conquering and to conquer at this particular time. (Dan. 7:7-8, 20-21, 23-24; 8:23-25; 9:27; 11:36-45; Rev. 6:1). The bow is symbolic of his strength and his ability, but he has no arrows, this tells us that the peace he brings will come about through diplomacy as a king, hence the crown that is handed to him. He will **negotiate a peace treaty** and will be the one who breaks it.

Daniel 9:27 (NASB), “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”



This rider will cause the wars, famines, pestilences, death, and hell from the following 3 seals (6:3-8). This rider will confirm (negotiate) a peace covenant for one week with Daniel’s people the Jews. This covenant is for seven years. In Daniel 9:27, the word weeks is translated from the Hebrew word “**Shabua**” #7620 (shaw-boo’-ah) conveying the idea of a period of seven (days, years). Greek it is “**Heptad**” meaning week. In this case scripture is speaking of in weeks of years, that there will be 70 of these weeks of years. (70 weeks x 7 years each = 490 years).

The ultimate reason for the peace treaty with Israel is not because of any great love for the Jewish people, but to get the temple built so that the (antichrist) can defile it and sit in it. This is the time that this rider of this white horse, the antichrist declares to the entire world that he is God, and demands to be worshiped. This is something Satan has been wanting since he first rebelled against God.

This rider can only be the antichrist, and he makes his appearance only after Christ, the Lamb of God breaks the first seal. This rider comes on a white horse imitating the deeds of Christ in order to deceive the world.

As to where this rider (the antichrist) comes from, he is described as the **little horn** that grew out of one the four horns on the head of the “**He-Goat**” of Daniel 8.

DANIEL 8

¹In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. ²And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam [*Iran*]; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.³ Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram [*Persia*] which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. ⁴I saw the ram pushing westward, and Northward, and southward; [*Babylon, Syria, Thrace and Macedonia, Libya and Egypt*] also that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.⁵ And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west [*Greece*] on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. ⁶And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. ⁷And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with cholera against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. ⁸Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. ⁹And out of one of them came forth a little horn [*Antichrist*], which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. ¹⁰And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. ¹¹Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down. ¹²And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered. ¹³Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? ¹⁴And he said



v7 - "Cholera," Anger; irritability in excess

Greece v:8,21
Alexander the Great
The Great Horn
His Four Generals
divided into four
Kingdoms V:22

v2 - The Palace of Shushan is in the modern day city of Susa in Iran

Ref. Dan.9:27. The daily sacrifice was about the temple which Antichrist defiles. Ref. Rev. 13



unto me, unto two thousand and three hundred days [3 ½ yrs.]; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. ¹⁷ So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. ¹⁸ Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. ¹⁹ And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be. ²⁰ The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. ²² Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. ²³ And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. ²⁴ And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. ²⁵ And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. ²⁶ And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. ²⁷ And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.



Four Kingdoms
v22
Cassandrian Dynasty
Lysimachean Dynasty
Seleucid Dynasty
Ptolemy Dynasty



Battle of
Armageddon
V:25b

The Time of the End,
v17b
Dan.12:40
The Laodicea Church age.
(the end of an age)

Media and Persia
Medo-Persian Empire
the two horns. v20



King of fierce
countenance
(Antichrist)
V:23-25

Antichrist breaks
the peace treaty

Recap:

In the above scripture Daniel is shown an overview of the rise of the antichrist and of his coming to power and of his ultimate defeat at the hand of the “Prince of Princes and without hands (v25).

We are given a short history lesson of the Persian Empire pictured as a ram with two horns. The Persian Empire established by Cyrus the Great in the 6th century B.C., only lasted approximately 200 years until the death of Darius III in 330 B.C., following his defeat by Alexander the Great (The He-Goat with the notable horn that broke). Alexander in just 10 short years had done what no other army could do before him and that was to conquer the Persian Empire. At age 32 Alexander died in Babylon and his kingdom was divided up by his four generals, which is represented by the four horns of the He-goat (The He-goat being Alexander).

The prophecy goes on to say that out of one of those horns (Kingdoms/Dynasties) came forth a “**LITTLE HORN.**” Out of **ASSYRIA**, which is modern day **TURKEY** this little horn shall rise up in the “latter days” and be the King of fierce countenance, which we call the Antichrist.

This is the spirit of the rider on the white horse of Revelation 6:2.



Alexander the Great

The Third Kingdom
(Approx. 330-30 B.C.)



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Leopard w/4 wings
& 4 heads
Greece
(Dan. 7:6)



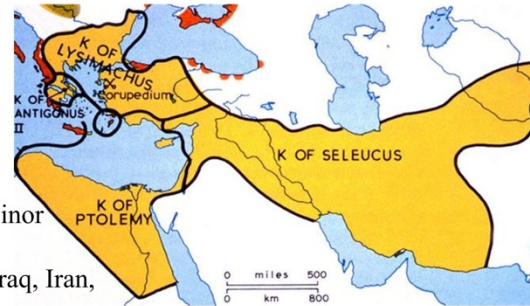
3rd
Belly/Thighs
of **Brass**
(Dan 2:39)



Upon the death of Alexander his 4
generals divided up his kingdom

The Diadochi
Greek meaning "successors"

1. Cassandrian Dynasty - Macedonia / Greece
2. Lysimachean Dynasty - Thrace, Parts of Asia Minor
3. Seleucid Dynasty - Parts of Asia Minor, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan (King of the North)
4. Ptolemy Dynasty - Northern Africa, Egypt



He-Goat
(Dan. 8:8-12,23-25)



(Future)
Also seen by John
(Book of Revelation)

The Rider Who Is Called

"Faithful and True"

(Rev.19:11-21)

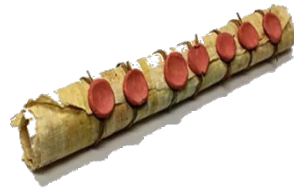


Revelation 19:11-16 ¹¹“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Christ is always symbolized with having a sword not a bow in his hand (Rev. 1:6, 19:15, 21). The rider of this white horse:

1. Comes to make war also. The difference between this rider and the first is that the war is a result of, or part of His judgment.
2. On His head are many crowns, the first rider was given only one
3. His robe was dipped in blood, representing either His own blood that was shed for us, or the blood of His saints under persecution, or the blood that was about to be spilt.
4. This rider is identified to us as “The Word of God.”
5. This rider is not alone, but comes **WITH His saints**² (Zech.14:5; Dan. 12:1; Jer. 30:7; 1 Thess. 2:19, 3:13; Rev.19;14) to stop man from destroying himself and the earth.

² <https://rightwordtruth.com/will-christ-return-with-saints-or-with-angels/>



The Second Seal War



The **Red Horse**

War Caused by the Antichrist

(Dan. 7:23-24; 8:9, 23; Mt. 24:6-7)



The Olivet Discourse corresponding prophecy:

Matthew 24:6-7 “And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that you be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ...”

Revelation 6:3-4 - “And when He had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that

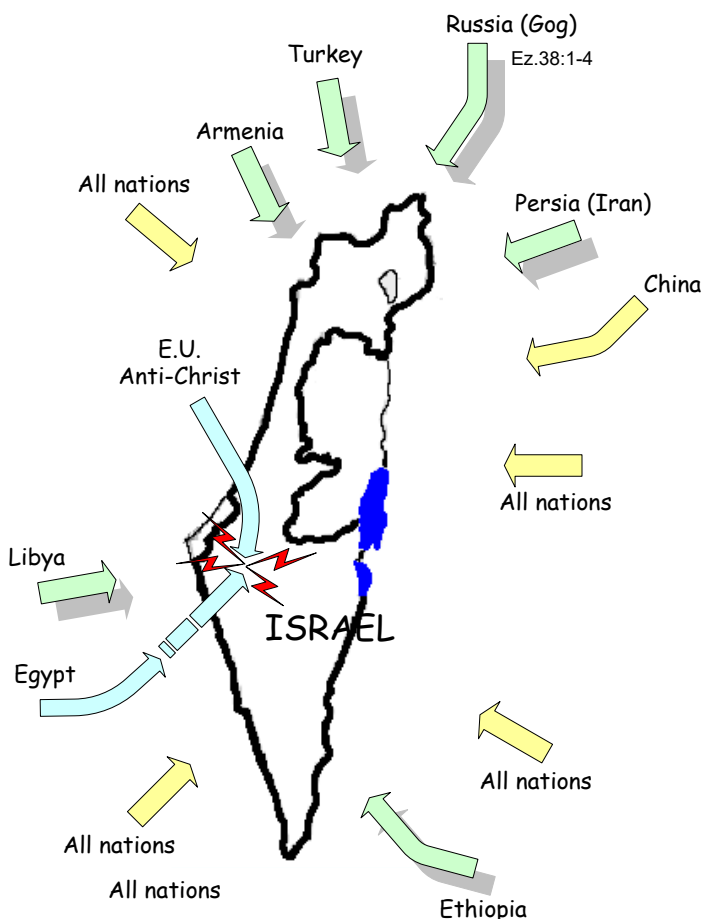
was red: and power was given to him that sat there on to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.”



he Red Horse is a clear symbol of war. This is a natural outcome of the rider of the White Horse going out to conquer and conquering. This horseman will have the power to take the peace from the earth. The world's leaders will appeal to their weapons of mass destruction, and entangle themselves in war. Recent advances such as the modern police state and intercontinental ballistic missiles carrying nuclear weapons will enable the sword of war carried by this blood-colored Horseman to bring the systematic persecution of all of the truly faithful and a judgment of a desolating worldwide war as men are set upon the task of killing one another.

Tribulation Wars

"...and there shall be Wars ..."
Ezk. 38-39



Scripture	Lead	Countries	Intervention
Dan. 11:40	King of the South	Egypt	Anti-Christ E.U.
Ezk. 38:5-6 Ezk. 38:15-16	King of the North	Russia Ethiopia Libya Iran Turkey Armenia	God
Zach. 14:2	King of the East	China All Nations	Jesus & The Saints

Armedgeddon
(the day of the Lord)

Joel 2-3
Rev. 16:14



Ezekiel 38-39 Gog and Magog, pictures Russia along with the Muslim nations attacking and losing to Israel



Daniel 9:27 The Abomination of Desolation (AoD) occurs at 3.5 years into the 70th week. For the AoD to occur a third Jewish Temple is required on the Temple Mount.



Daniel 11:40 (NASB), “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them* and pass through.

Invasion of Israel Prophecy about Gog and Future

Ezekiel 38:1-6 (NASB), ¹And the word of the LORD came to me saying, ²“Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him ³and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. ⁴I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company *with* buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords; ⁵Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer with all its troops; Beth Togarmah *from* the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.

Note: v5-6 markers

1. **Persia** is today modern Iran
2. **Ethiopia** is still Ethiopia
3. **Put - Phut or Put** (Hebrew: פִּוּט *pūt*; Septuagint Greek Φουδ *Phoud*) is the third son of Ham (one of the sons of Noah), in the biblical Table of Nations (Genesis 10:6; cf. 1 Chronicles 1:8). The name Put (or Phut) is also used in the Bible for the people or nation said to be descended from him, usually placed in Ancient Libya, but connections are sometimes proposed with the Land of Punt^[1] known from Ancient Egyptian annals.
4. **Gomer & Beth Togarmah** (from the remote parts of the North, part of Turkey today)

Ref. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Cq340CtbW4>



The Third Seal Famines



The Black Horse **Famine Comes Riding** (Matthew 24:7)



The Olivet Discourse corresponding prophecy:

Matthew 24: 7 "...and there shall be famines"

Revelation 6:5-6 "And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and he that sat on him had a set of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four

beast say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measure of barley for a penny; and see you hurt not the oil and wine”.



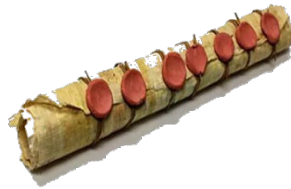
The Black Horse represents famine, which is the result of the conquest and the wars of the first two seals. The bread by “measure and weight” signifies scarcity of food (Ezek. 4:10-17). A measure was about 1 quart, a slave’s daily ration, an amount usually purchased for about 2 cents. One could usually buy 8 measures of wheat or 24 measures of barley for a penny, but during this future famine only 1 measure of wheat or 3 measures of barley can be purchased for a penny. This will make food 8 times higher than in normal times.

Special Note: The Denarius was a distinctively Roman coin. A silver coin is nearly equivalent to the Greek Drachma. We learn in Matthew 20 that it was a typical daily wage for a laborer, but the owner of the vineyard in the parable of Matt. 20, chose to be more generous. The Denarius was also a day's pay for a Roman soldier and the coin required for the Roman tax. The Good Samaritan gave the innkeeper two of them to care for the robbery victim. In other Biblical references the word “Denarius” is used in terms of many such coins. Different debtors owed 50, 100, and 500 denarii. The 5000 men plus their families could not have been fed with 200 denarii worth of food. The perfume that anointed Jesus at Bethany could have been sold for over 300 denarii.



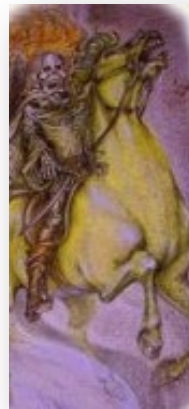
THE GREAT FAMINE





4

The Forth Seal Pestilence and Death



The **Pale Horse**

Death and Hell

(Matthew 24:6-8)



The Olivet discourse corresponding prophecy:

Matthew 24:7-8, "... and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Revelation 6:7-8, “And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse, and his name that sat on him was **Death**, and **Hell** followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the **sword**, and with **hunger**, and with death, and with the **beast** of the field.



It is worthy to note that the riders of the first three horses are not named but here they are.

Notice Hell follows behind Death for they are inseparable companions. Death here no doubt refers to a great pestilence following the wars, famines and plagues of the first three seals. One fourth of the earth, over which the pestilence shall sweep will leave so great a death toll that the beast of the field will gather to eat them (Mt 24:28, Lk.17:34-37, Rev. 17:17, Ezek. 39:17-21), Hell will have to enlarge its self and open her mouth without measure as it did in Isaiah. 5:13-16.

The word used to describe the color of the “pale” horse is the Greek word “*chloros*” or green. It is meant to convey the sickly green tinge of the deathly ill or recently dead. Since the literal translation “green” does not carry these connotations in English the word was rendered “pale” in most English translations.

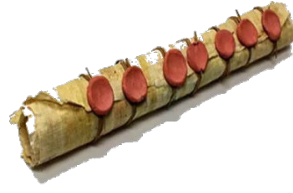
...All these are the beginning of sorrows...

Horses and their riders

In summary, the horses and their riders as described in the Bible are as follows:

Horse	Horse Represents	Rider	Power	Rider Represents
White	False peace/God's war	Carries bow; wears crown	Conquers	Antichrist, The False Christ, False Religion/Christ
Red	Blood spilt on the battlefield	Carries sword	Brings war	War, Destruction
Black	Black, barren fields	Carries scales	Scarcity of food	Famine, Unfair Trade
Pale	Paleness of skin in death, decay	Death	Kills by war, hunger, etc.	Death

Again as a reminder, that according to Revelation 6:8, these riders were given authority over only (1/4) a fourth of the earth, not all the earth. That is coming.



The Fifth Seal Martyrdoms

The Martyrs

(Mt. 24:9-13; Rev. 7:9-17, 15:2-4, 20:4)



Revelation 6:9-11 (NASB), ⁹ When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.



The Olivet discourse corresponding prophecy

Matthew 24:9-13 “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated of all nations for my names sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And

because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”



These saints are those who were saved after, or as a result of the rapture of the church. They will be killed for the same two reasons John was exiled to the island of Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:9).

The fact that their souls were under the Sacrificial Altar is proof that they were offered as a sacrifice and that is why they are Martyrs. Notice they are given White Robes to wear. This agrees with Rev 4:4, the twenty-four Elders which representative of the church is also wearing White Robes. When the Martyrs ask how long before God avenges their death, they are told to just rest a little while longer (till the end of the Tribulation) until all there brethren from this period should join them, this is fulfilled in Rev. 20:4-6.

Revelation 20:4-6 (NASB), ⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the **SECOND DEATH** has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.



The Sixth Seal Physical Changes



Physical Changes

(Rev. 8:1-9,21; 11:15,18; 15:1,7; 16:1-21; 18:1-24)

Revelation 6:12-17 “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

Believe that this seal is not broken unto the end of the tribulation and Jesus is sitting on the throne. Notice the great and powerful men of the world hid themselves from “the face of him that sits on the throne.” That can be no one else but Jesus. They are trying to hide from Jesus and his great wrath. Let’s look a little closer at what this one judgment entails.

Isaiah 2:17-22 (NASB), ¹⁷ “The pride of man will be humbled and the loftiness of men will be abased; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, ¹⁸ But the idols will completely vanish. ¹⁹ Men will go into caves of the rocks and into holes of the ground before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble. ²⁰ In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, ²¹ In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble. ²² Stop regarding man, whose breath of *life* is in his nostrils; for why should he be esteemed?

Joel 2:30-31, ³⁰“And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.”

The first four of these events deal with the earth and the heavens. The last three deal with either His return (#5) or the results of His return (#6, #7)

Charateristics of this 6th Seal Judgment

1. Great earthquake
2. Sun black as sackcloth
3. Moon becomes as blood
4. Stars of heaven fall onto the earth
5. Heavens separate like a scroll being rolled up
6. Every mounitian and island moved out of their place
7. Men hide themselves in fear of the one sitting on the throne and His wrath.

1. Earth Quakes, Heaven Shakes: The seal opens with "a **GREAT EARTHQUAKE**", ³ a common indicator of God appearing, ⁴ working out His purpose, ⁵ and/or striking out in displeasure and judgment. In terms of anger and punishment, God caused an earthquake to open the ground in the wilderness and swallow Korah and his fellow rebels. ⁶ In Psalm 18:7, David writes, "Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He was angry." ⁷ God prophesies

³ Revelation 6:12

⁴ Judges 5:4; Psalm 68:8; 77:18; 97:4; Habakkuk 3:10; Haggai 2:6-7

⁵ Exodus 19:18; Matthew 27:51-54; 28:2; Acts 16:26

⁶ Numbers 16:31-32

⁷ Isaiah 5:25; Nahum 1:2-5

in Isaiah 13:11, 13, "I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. . . . Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the **DAY of HIS FIERCE ANGER.**"

Certainly, the heavenly signs that occur in tandem with the great earthquake are astounding, especially if all of them should occur within a short span of time. Joel 2:30-31 describes the same event: "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the **GREAT and TERRIBLE DAY of the LORD.**" In the Olivet Prophecy, Jesus repeats the warning: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."⁸ Luke's rendition adds a few details:

Luke 21:25-27, "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.²⁷ Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.²⁸ But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

2. The Sun Darkened: John describes the darkness of the sun as "black as sackcloth of hair" (Rev. 6:12), comparing it to the black goat hair used to make sackcloth and tents in his day. This may depict a solar eclipse or possibly a massive dust storm caused by a volcanic explosion. The Ninth Plague covered Egypt with a "darkness which may even be felt," a "thick darkness" (Ex. 10:21-22), and perhaps God will repeat it on an even grander scale. Whatever the case, visibility will be severely limited, even during the daylight hours.

3. The Moon like Blood: This chilling sight signals calamity and death, particularly in war, as in the color of the second horse (Rev.6:4). Sometimes lunar discoloration occurs naturally when unusual amounts of dust are suspended in the atmosphere, particularly after a volcanic eruption or an earthquake. Incidentally, many manuscripts read "full moon" rather than simply "moon" (Blood Moons).

4. The Stars Fall: This seems most likely to predict a meteor shower of immense proportions, possibly containing larger-than-normal meteorites, thus increasing the effect and making it seem as if the stars themselves are falling.

⁸ Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24-25

5. The Sky Recedes: Of the events of this verse this one is the most puzzling (Rev.6:14). The apostle compares the heavens to a scroll rolling up.

Revelation 19:11 “Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, ...”

Luke tells us (Luke 21:25-27), that when all these events happen then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds (Jesus returns).

6. The Mountains and Islands Move: As a result of the great convulsion of the earth, massive land transformations occur, shifting mountains on land and undersea. Obviously, such a violent shaking will create unprecedented destruction and loss of life. As the conclusion of the sixth seal's disturbances, this displacement of *terra firma* is the calamity that most terrifies earth's inhabitants. Suddenly, nothing is stable—not even the earth under their feet! Finally, God has their attention!

When Jesus comes back and sets his feet on the Mount of Olives, it will split in two. This will create an enormous valley. Since none of this has taken place yet, the prophecy points to a future time.

⁹The earthquake in Revelation could very well speak of the event described in Zechariah¹⁰ when the Mount of Olives splits in two. Jesus the Messiah will cause an earthquake at His second coming that will serve as part of the destruction of God's enemies. The outcome of this battle is never in doubt: Christ will be the victor, Israel's enemies will be destroyed, and the beast who is the Antichrist and false prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:11-21).

This event also parallels the seventh Bowl Judgment of Revelation 16:18-21,

Revelation 16: 18-21, ¹⁸ And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. ¹⁹ The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. ²⁰ And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹ And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, *came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague *was extremely severe.

⁹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/Zechariah-14-4-second-coming.html>

¹⁰ Zechariah 14:4

7. Fall on Us! The effect of these cosmic signs from God is to produce terror in earth's populace, triggering humanity's strong drive to preserve itself. Despite mountains moving, men and women of every origin, status, and creed—from king to slave flee for the caves under the mountains in a vain attempt to hide themselves from God (Revelation 6:15). This is reminiscent of Isaiah 2:19, a prophecy of the Day of the Lord: "They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily."

John sees these fearful people speaking to the mountains and rocks, commanding them to hide them from the sight of God the Father and from the "wrath of the Lamb" (verse 16). Their cry, "Fall on us!" is not a death wish or a suicidal means to avoid God's judgment but a hope that the mountains will cover and conceal them. "Fall on us and hide us" is typical Hebrew parallelism, as can be seen from an Old Testament parallel in which Israelites "shall say to the mountains, 'Cover us!' and to the hills, 'Fall on us!'" (Hosea 10:8).

It is somewhat startling that earth's sinners correctly identify these catastrophic events as evidences of God's wrath. We are used to them being termed "natural disasters" and in no way a result of God's intervention in humanity's affairs. Yet, this time, these cataclysmic signs are indeed "acts of God," and men know it. Such a succession of disturbances can be nothing other than divine anger.

"Who Is Able To Stand?" The sixth seal announces in unmistakable fashion that "the great day of the Lord is near; it is near and hastens quickly" (Zephaniah 1:14).

The prophet Joel describes it:

Joel 2:1-2, 10-11, ¹Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all of the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord is coming, for it is at hand: ²A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. . . . ¹⁰The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. ¹¹The Lord gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; who can endure it?

This is the question: Who will survive it? Who will pass God's judgment? The answer seems to be, "No one." But there is hope, as Joel 2:12-14 instructs:

Joel 2:12-14, ¹²"Now, therefore," says the Lord, "turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." ¹³So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents

from doing harm. ¹⁴Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him . . .?

Jesus gives us His answer in the book of Luke:

Luke 21:36: "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

We must be alert and prepared for what may come, and the most important part of our preparation is the strengthening of our relationships with the Father and the Son through prayer, study, meditation, and obedience to His instructions. This is the only means to escape God's wrath.



The Olivet discourse corresponding prophecy:

Matthew 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.



Chapter 7

The 144,000



An Interlude

Revelation 7:1-3 (NASB), ¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. ²And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”



Chapter seven opens with four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding back the winds from blowing on the earth and the sea. A fifth angel comes down having the seal of the living God that will seal the bond-servants (the 144,000 young Jewish men) on their foreheads. The winds are representative of the coming judgments that are the Trumpet and Bowl Judgments. These judgments must wait till the sealing of the 144,000 happens. Afterwards the judgments of God will not affect them, or anyone who believes in their message and repents of their sin.

Revelation 7:4 (NASB), "And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:"

The twelve tribes of Israel are listed in c7:5-8 and in a different order than you would find in other scriptures when speaking of the twelve tribes.

Rachel and Leah made prophetic statements for all 12 of Jacob's sons. Here are the names of the tribes that make up the 144,000 in the order listed in Revelation c7, together with the meaning of each name:

1. Judah = "I will praise the Lord"
2. Reuben = "He has looked on me"
3. Gad = "Granted good fortune"
4. Asher = "Happy am I"
5. Naphtali = "My wrestling"
6. Manasseh = "Making me to forget"
7. Simeon = "God hears me"
8. Levi = "Joined to me"
9. Issachar = "Purchased Me"
10. Zebulun = "Dwelling"
11. Joseph = "God will add to me"
12. Benjamin = "Son of His right hand"

Now notice what happens when the meaning of the names are combined, in the same order, into a paragraph, the words in italics are supplied to complete each thought.



A Pearl of
Scripture

"I will praise the Lord *for He has looked on me and granted good fortune. Happy am I because my wrestling God is making me to forget. God hears me and is joined to me. He has purchased me a dwelling. God will add to me the Son of His right hand.*"

These names describe the story of the church's struggle, redemption, victory, and marriage to the Lamb.

Let's look at who scriptures says these 144,000 are.

Revelation 14:1-4 (NASB), Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like *the sound* of harpists playing on their harps. ³ And they

sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. ⁴These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These *are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

From chapter 7 we are told these 144,000 come from the sons of Israel. They are not the fathers or the grand-fathers, but the sons from out of the twelve tribes of Israel. Remember the angel of chapter seven that had the seal of the living God? In chapter 14 we are told what that sealing is ... it is the **NAME** of the **LAMB** and **HIS FATHER** and it was written on their foreheads.



This group of 144,000 spiritual apostles, primary mission is to reach the world with the message of the Gospel and the news of His second coming. The largest revival in the history of man will take place by the influence and preaching of the 144,000 following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain (last days just before Jesus return).

Please keep in mind that the 144,000 are not the only ones preaching the gospel in the last days. Just as the 12 apostles were part of a larger group of 120 disciples (Acts 1:13) coming out of a Pentecostal revival, so the 144,000 are leaders in the end-time revival, but they are not the only ones preaching.

I believe it is also significant to note that Jesus chose the 12 apostles from the laity, not the priesthood. In the same way, the 144,000 will not likely be composed only of ordained ministers. Rather, I believe it will largely be made up of lay persons.

Acts chapter 1 describes an interesting sequence of events that took place just before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the former rain. First, the disciples focused on Jesus (verses 10, 11). Then they prayed and put aside their differences (verses 13, 14). Finally, they chose Matthias to replace Judas, the apostle who had died (verses 16-26). Notice that as soon as the number 12 was complete, the Holy Spirit was poured out in the Upper Room (Acts chapter 2).

During the tribulation, Jesus will have an army of Special Forces to lead in this final mission of rescuing God's children, who have become Satan's prisoners of war. Revelation 14:4 proclaims of the 144,000: "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes."

If we desire to be among those who follow the Lamb throughout eternity, we must first learn to follow Him here, now. Then together we can sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

A Multitude from out of the Tribulation

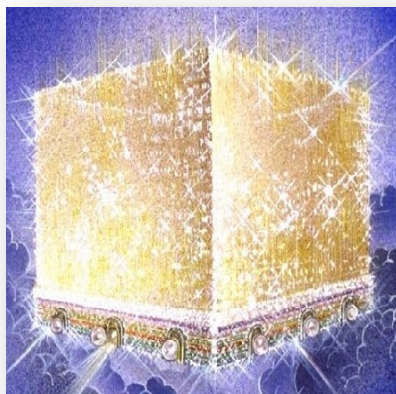
Revelation 7:9-13 (NASB), ⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; ¹⁰ and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “My lord, you know.”

At first a simple reading of the above text you might think it was refereeing to the church in heaven. They are clothed in white robes the scripture says, but where did these saints get their robes? Let’s look again at the fifth seal judgment.

Revelation 6:9-11 (NASB), ⁹ When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

This group is not the church, for the church (The Bride of Christ) can be found in her home called the New Jerusalem of in Revelation 21.

Revelation 21:9-10 (NASB), ⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,



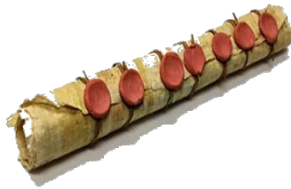
So then who are they who worships before the throne of God in chapter 7.

In answer to the Elders question as to who this group was, John's answer was (v16) "My lord, you know." John the pastor of the church at Ephesus did not recognize those before the throne worshipping the Lord. So, who were they? The Elder was quick to tell John who they were.

Revelation 7:14-17 (NASB), ¹⁴And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵ For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. ¹⁶They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

These are the Martyrs of the Great Tribulation. These are those who Jesus spoke about to the Martyrs of the fifth seal judgment. In v11 they were given their white robes and told to "rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also."

This is the accounting of the Martyrs who will lay their lives down for the testimony of Jesus. Their place in heaven is before the throne of God forever.



The Seventh Seal Silence



Silence in Heaven

Revelation 8:1 “And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour”



he “Silence” that follows the breaking of the seventh seal, is in anticipation for what is to follow in the sounding of the “Trumpets” and the pouring out of the “Bowl Judgments.” This silence is throughout all of Heaven, for the Twenty-Four Elders stop their harp playing; the angels hushed their voices, the Cherubim and Seraphim and all the host of Heaven are silent. So great was the silence that all of Heaven was awed by it. Why the period of half an hour? It is the period of silent preparation for the awful judgments that were to burst forth onto the earth under the “Trumpet” and “Bowl” judgments.

