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2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"

8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

10 They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,

13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

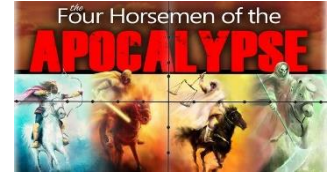
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REVELATION 6

11-26-23

INTRO: In Chapter's 4-5 we've seen John, around the throne in heaven...the worship is extravagant. We've seen the Son of God glorified as He was counted worthy to open the scroll. Now, from Chapter's 6-19 we'll see the events, the judgments of God for those who reject Him. In Chapter 6, six of the 7 seals were opened and the contents revealed. The 7th seal in chapter 8 begins the TRUMPET JUDGMENTS spoken of in Chapter's 8-9. The BOWL JUDGMENTS follow in Chapter 16.

The first four seals reveal what many refer to as the **4 horsemen of the apocalypse**. **APOCALYPSE** means the complete final destruction of the world, as described in the **biblical** book of Revelation, which will usher in a new kingdom with Jesus as KING!!!



As we begin chapter 6, I am reminded of the Covid years--great uncertainty...fear... anxiety. Fear of the unknown; fear of dying; fear of the inability to breathe until death. Literally, most people seemed willing to do anything to escape the "monster" around us! What we're about to see in Rev. 6, makes Covid look like a little scrape on the knee.

<https://yrm.org/four-horsemen-apocalypse/>

Revelation 6:1-17 (NIV) I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. **THE LAMB, no longer bound by the false accusations of the religious leaders and no longer under the eye of the evil Roman political system. King Jesus is about to unleash the birth pangs of final judgment.**

Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

Note that one of the mighty angels said COME...showing God is in complete control.



RIDER ON WHITE HORSE—held a bow, wore a crown, rode out as a conqueror on conquest (to subdue). Because in Rev. 19:11 Jesus return shows him on a white horse, people believe this rider of Him also.

NOPE—This is the antichrist...the counterfeit Christ—coming to subdue the whole world.

ANTICHRIST WILL SEEK TO SUBDUE IT FOR WORLD PEACE, WORLD HEALTH, SAVE THE CLIMATE.

Jesus comes at the end of the Tribulation, not beginning. The Antichrist government begins with a time of peace

- **ANTICHRIST HAS A BOW --- JESUS CHRIST COMES WITH A MIGHTY SWORD**
- **ANTICHRIST HAS A CROWN – JESUS CHRIST WEARS MANY CROWNS**
- **ANTICHRIST INSTITUTES WAR – JESUS CHRIST COMES WITH THE ALL-SAINTS ARMY TO END WAR**
- **ANTICHRIST INAUGURATES GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD – JESUS CHRIST ENDS GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD**

7 year treaty to bring peace (Israel, mid-east, and more)—probably will come with an agreement to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem (after 2000 yrs)

Antichrist's "mask" will come off after 3½ yrs. He will proclaim himself to be God.

- **Daniel 9:27** "He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him".
- **Matthew 24:15-16 (NIV)** "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand--¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

The Antichrist, end-time Satan-possessed ruler, will come as a man of peace, bringing peace. He'll probably have a big, white smile! Be charismatic. Assuring. This wolf in sheep's clothing will deceive many. He'll bring economic stability, world peace...HE WILL DECEIVE MOST PEOPLE!!!

DANIEL 8:23-25 "...a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. ²⁴ He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. ²⁵ He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power.

³ When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a great sword.



In other words, the Lord has the power to bring peace to the earth! At His birth angels announced PEACE ON EARTH! As this mighty angel becoms the demonic "Rider" to come! He was given POWER to take PEACE from the earth. HAMAS—VIOLENCE...

SLAY = BUTCHER – a great sword (short sword/dagger)—division/civil unrest as in hand to hand combat! Bloodshed! WHAT YOU'VE SEEN FROM HAMAS IS ONLY A FRACTION OF WHAT'S TO COME.

We are now experiencing the spirit of antichrist in small measure in our world. The antichrist will bring peace...then... in the middle of the Tribulation, his true colors will show. When the seals are broken and the end-times world events are unveiled...it will be the time of "Jacob's trouble" as the Bible says.

Jeremiah 30:1, 3-7 (NIV) ¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD... ³ The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their forefathers to possess,' says the LORD." ⁴ These are the words the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah: ⁵ "This is what the LORD says: "'Cries of fear are heard-- terror, not peace. ⁶ Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale?

⁷ How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it. "Jacob" is a reference to the people of Abraham/Isaac/Jacob... the Jewish people of Israel.

Matthew 24:21-22 (NIV) "For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again. ²² If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. **Tribulation = great pressure... the likes have never been/nor will be!**

Today like no other is a day to reach as many people as possible.

⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a BLACK HORSE. Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"



The black horse represents FAMINE AND DEATH, as famine is the inevitable aftermath of war. World currencies will crash—inflation will skyrocket. MATT. 24:7 "famines & earthquakes in various places"

The rider has a set of scales to measure out the wheat or barley, the basic food for people in John's day.

It will take a day's wages to buy enough food for a day. Food strictly controlled...even rationed.

Chaos will reign, day & night. The hunger, pain, anguish will be overwhelming.

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PALE = greenish-pale... sickening! **DEATH TAKES THE BODY – HADES (HELL) TAKES THE SOUL**

Currently 8 billion people on earth—through sword, famine, plague, wild beasts == 2 billion will die!

Matthew 24:8 This is the "beginning of sorrows..."



ENDING THE FOUR HORSEMEN... NOW THE 5TH SEAL IS OPENED.

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Slain – butchered. Who? Martyrs...slain because of the Word of God & testimony maintained. The rapture took the

first bunch to heaven. Now, those who come to the Lord during the Great Tribulation, must suffer...even by killed for their faith.

Martyrs have a special place in God's heart. In the OT Tabernacle, the altar was where the blood of animals was spilt for the sins of the people. The 2nd altar was the altar of incense, where the prayers of the saints ascended to God. These Christians cry out for mercy...for justice! **Just like today Jews are hated, and dying, JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE JEWS! This will be true for Jews AND Christians!**

The length of time causes "their blood" to cry out for justice. How long, O Lord???

IN GEN. 4:10 **WHEN CAIN KILLED ABEL (BLOOD SHED), Genesis 4:10 (NLT2) "...the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!"**



The Lord gives them white robes (righteousness) saying justice will come. JESUS STILL WANTS PEOPLE TO TURN TO HIM.

¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, **¹³ and the** stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. **¹⁴ The sky** receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. **¹⁵ Then the** kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. **¹⁶ They called to** the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

6th seal = EARTHQUAKE

Smoke from the great earthquake—sun turned black (hidden)! Both heaven & earth feel the judgment of natural catastrophes.

Haggai 2:6 (NIV) "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

Joel 2:10-11 (NIV) "Before them the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. **¹¹ The LORD** thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?"

Stars or meteorites of varying sizes fall from space. **Luke 21:25-26 (NIV)** "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **²⁶ Men will faint** from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

JOEL 3:14-16 "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. **¹⁵ The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.**



¹⁶ The Lord will roar from Zion [<https://tenor.com/view/lion-king-king-of-the-jungle-gif-12669459>] and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the heavens will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Young and old...everyone!!! Hid in caves/among the rocks of the mountains, trying to hide "from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

THE GREAT DAY OF WRATH HAS COME...AND WHO CAN STAND!!!