

## **Revelation 6 “Come ... and behold a white horse ...”**

**Revelation is an Apocopic book of visions of figures and symbols that even those who say they take them “literal” really do not ... no one who expects an antichrist do not think a “beast having 7 heads & 10 horns” will rule the world they think that symbolizes a man.**

**Chapter 4 shows the Heavenly worship of God’s as creator by beings in whom there is no sin ... 24 elders & 4 beasts full of eyes ...**

**Chapter 5 Introduces a scroll with seven seals and no one in Heaven and Earth was worthy in terms of righteousness to open the seals ...**

**Revelation 5:4-5 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.**

**then we are introduced to Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**

**Revelation 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

**In Chapter 6 is the scene of a courtroom. Testimony has been heard and the trial is over. Sentence is about to be handed down by the Judge. The plaintiff we will be introduced to us with the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal. One of the roles of a Judge is to avenge the blood of innocent victims.**

**Revelation 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth (& or land)? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto**

**them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.**

**The defendant has not yet been introduced but I submit to you we will find that she is referred to as: that great city or Babylon the Great**

**In Revelation we are introduced to two cities one is called that great city, Babylon the great, Sodom and Egypt, and other one is the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven.**

**Also in Revelation we are introduced to two women. One is a harlot, which we learn is Babylon and the other is the bride which is the church, Christ's bride. Babylon is first introduced to us later in cf:**

**Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**

**Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

**But then in Chapter 17, Babylon is introduced like it's the first time.**

**Revelation 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.**

**And in chapter 18 we see a lamentation for Babylon the Great which is destroyed and the cause of her destruction is seen in**

**Revelation 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth (land).**

**The Hebrew word *Eret* is translated Earth, world, or land. Land is best**

**The Greek word *Ge gama eta* is equally translated earth, world, land.**

**Revelation 1:7 hold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds (tribes) of the earth (LAND) shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.**

**The word “Tribes” or KJV “kindred” is the giveaway here. Tribes or kindred has to do with the land of Israel. While nations would have to do with the world or earth. The the priests, Jews were the first persecutors of all the O.T. prophets. They killed Jesus ... they **KNEW** He was the Messiah and yet murdered Him because they “would not have this man rule over us” Luke 19:14**

**Who is “that great city” also called Babylon, Sodom and Egypt?**

**Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

**Jerusalem was in a covenant marriage with God but she always played the harlot and slept around with every false god of the O.T. In the N.T. period the crooked priesthood played the harlot with God**

**John 11:46-50 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. (raising Lazarus from the dead) 47. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. 48. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. 49. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50. Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation**

**See again it was the Priestcraft ... the Sanhedrin court murdered the Christ, persecuted the Church, stoned Steven, sent Saul to kill Christians ... sent murders to kill him when he was converted, murdered James with a sword, tried to kill Peter, stoned James the**

**Lord's brother in 62AD and began all the persecution of Christians that Rome finally picked up by Nero in 64 AD after the fire of Rome.**

**Jesus knew the coming works of the Jerusalem crooked priests cf:**

**Luke 13:32-33 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected. 33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and tomorrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.**

**Matthew 23:29-33 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 *Ye* serpents, *ye* generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?**

**and now Jesus prophesies of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD.**

**Matthew 23:34-35 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city: 35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias (BAR-a-chee-as), whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. (Next 40 years, 30 to 70AD)**

**Revelation 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.**

**Revelation 19:2 For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.**

**Speaking of the 2 witnesses which is a biblical principle meaning the Church cf:**

**Matthew 18:16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

**II Corinthians 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.**

**Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (note few Jews converted to Jesus after 70AD)**

**Shows that Jerusalem is the culprit for the martyrs we saw in Revelation 6:5. Now we know who, what, when, and why.**

**Revelation 5:9 ... (Jesus) Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals**

**Chapter 6: To this point, Revelation has been relatively easy to interpret; but, beginning with this chapter, there are scores of interpretations, with multiple schools of interpreters, following all kinds of bizarre and fanciful "explanations" of what is here written.**

**Revelation 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.**

**The fourth beast we are told in Revelation 4 is having the face of a lion, which generally means conquest. So, at heaven's invitation we hear the word "come ... (is the only word in Alexandrian Text type vs KJV)" "Come ... summoning forth from the mist the first rider into human history.**

### **Conquest**

**Revelation 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

**In keeping the metaphors straight the one on the white horse is Christ signifying in a vision the representative of Christ coming in judgment using Roman armies as the rod of His judgment.**

**Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

**... some commentators point out the bow in his hand in 6 verses the sword from Christ's mouth in chapter 19. But the prophet Isaiah uses both metaphors as a simile for Christ in His judgmental power.**

**Isaiah 49:1-2 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. 2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; (Arrows)**

**Not only is this representing the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Christ using the Roman Armies as His surrogates ... but Christ sending the Gospel forth throughout history. Satan causes persecution to follow from the sea beast godless government; false religion the land beast both persecutes the saints. Christ will then judge the persecuting powers, using immoral pagan governments war, famine, pestilence, death and hell naturally follows ... until the next revival.**

**Daniel 4:17 ... to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.**

**Isaiah 10:5-6 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. 6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.**

**1. "The white horse ..." The color here is significant, for its contrasts with the colors of the other horses; and nowhere in Revelation is**

**white used otherwise than as a symbol of purity, holiness, & glory. In the book of Revelation, white is never used of anything evil." The white throne upon which God sits is an example.**

**2. The choice of a "horse" in this symbolism means "war." It is a righteous war, for the horse was white, indicating truth and righteousness. "This war began when Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, and his disciples began to go everywhere at his commandment of the Great Commission. Christ gave the Jews 1 generation 30-66AD to repent before the white horse**

**3. The rider wore a crown which was "given to him," not a crown extorted through the atrocities of war, but a gift of God. A "crown" in the Scriptural sense upon the head of some profane conqueror is impossible to believe. Only Christ fits the picture, not some antichrist.**

**4. The rider on this white horse went forth "conquering and to conquer," expressions used extensively elsewhere in the New Testament of Christ. "We feel sure that had you never heard another interpretation you would at once have said, `This is the Conquering Christ.'"**

**5. The conqueror in Revelation 19:11 is also crowned and rides upon a white horse; but he cannot be mistaken. His name is given: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." Can this conqueror be any other? Notice in Chapter 19 He is crowned with "many crowns" showing many victories throughout history until His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming in power and glory. As Roberson said, "All efforts to separate the white horse of this vision from that of Revelation 19:11 are futile.**

**The reluctance of some to bracket Christ on the first horse with others symbolizing War, famine, and pestilence is due to a failure to see all four (even the preaching of the gospel) as a divine series of judgments upon mankind. They are operative continuously and simultaneously throughout the earth until the end of time. If it is asked why, then, do they "follow" one after another in the vision; it must be replied, "because they do follow." The gospel is preached,**

**and the failure to obey its holy teachings causes bloodshed, famine, and death. The great paradox of the Christ is that the Prince of Peace should bring, not peace, but a sword**

**Matthew 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.**

## **War**

**Revelation 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> beast in Revelation 4 is represented as having an ox head which would represent the killing in this war was like a sacrifice**

**Revelation 6:4 And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.**

**“they should kill one another” kill not the regular Greek word for kill but *sfad’-zoto* butcher in sacrifice. Only the Apostle John uses word.**

**given unto him a great sword” sword not the regular Greek word for sword but *makh’ah-rah* a knife a sacrificial knife. Septuagint says Abraham took the “*makh’-ah-rah*” to offer up Isaac as sacrifice.**

**The Red horse not only means war but the madness of bloodlust, civil war & conflict ... “insanity every man’s hand against the other”**

**Josephus War ii XViii:2 ... even with the Jews in the multitude of the men whom they slew; for they killed those whom they caught in their cities, and that not only out of the hatred they bare them, as formerly, but to prevent the danger under which they were from them; so that the disorders ... were terrible, and every city was divided into two armies encamped one against another, and the preservation of the one party was in the destruction of the other; so the day time was spent in shedding of blood, and the night in fear, which was of the two the more terrible; ... they had the Judaizers in suspicion also; and as**



**each side did not care to slay those whom they only suspected on the other, ... Moreover, greediness of gain was a provocation to kill the opposite party, even to such as had of old appeared very mild and gentle towards them; for they without fear plundered the effects of the slain, and carried off the spoils of those whom they slew to their own houses, as if they had been gained in a set battle; and he was esteemed a man of honour who got the greatest share, as having prevailed over the greatest number of his enemies. It was then common to see cities filled with dead bodies, still lying unburied, and those of old men, mixed with infants, all dead, and scattered about together: women also lay amongst them, without any covering for their nakedness; you might then see the whole province full of inexpressible calamities, while the dread of still more barbarous practices which were threatened, was every where greater than what had been already perpetrated.**

### **Famine**

**Revelation 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Beast in Revelation 4 is represented as having the face of a man. The Black horse is representative as plague, famine and pestilence. God warned Israel by Moses in the blessings & curses cf:**

**Deuteronomy 28:53-58 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: 54. So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave: 55. So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. 56. The tender and delicate woman among you ... 57. And toward her young one that cometh out from**

**between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. 58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, The Lord Thy God;**

**During the siege of Samaria by Assyria in 722 BC, II Kings 6:28-29 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son tomorrow. 29. So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.**

**Same thing happened at fall of Jerusalem Babylon 586 & Rome 70 AD**

**Job 30:30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.**

**Lamentations 4:8-9 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. 9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.**

**Revelation 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.**

**Sounds like a produce man selling off the back of a wagon.**

**A measure” is 1 pound, a days food “for a penny”; a “Denarius”, a days wages ... the famine in Jerusalem was so bad that you would give all you had to eat for one day.**

**Joshephus Wars Book 5 Chapter 10 v 2 but in reality that the robbers might get what they had. The madness of the seditious did also increase, together with their famine, and both those miseries were every day inflamed more and more. For there was no corn which any**

where appeared publicly; but the robbers came running into, and searched men's private houses; and then, if they found any, they tormented them, because they had denied they had any: and if they found none, they tormented them worse; because they supposed they had more carefully concealed it. The indication they made use of whether they had any or not was taken from the bodies of these miserable wretches: which if they were in good case, they supposed they were in no want at all of food: but if they were wasted away, they walked off, without searching any farther. Nor did they think it proper to kill such as these: because they saw they would very soon die of themselves, for want of food.

Many there were indeed who sold what they had for one measure: it was of wheat, if they were of the richer sort; but of barley, if they were poorer. (He almost quotes Revelation 6:6 exactly ????)

“... A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;” Josephus was not a Christian, was not reading Revelation”

When these had so done, they shut themselves up in the inmost rooms of their houses and eat the corn they had gotten. Some did it without grinding it; by reason of the extremity of the want they were in: and others baked bread of it, according as necessity and fear dictated to them. A table was no where laid for a distinct meal: but they snatched the bread out of the fire, half baked, and eat it very hastily.

Ezekiel 4:9-12 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. 10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin (a Hebrew unit of liquid capacity equal to approximately 5.5 quarts (5 l): from time to time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes,

**and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.**

**hurt not the oil and the wine... just outside the gates there was plenty only in the city was there famine.**

**One leader of the Zelots named John Geshala raided the Temple and took the Sacred Oil & Wine**

**Josephus Wars Book 5 chapter 13 V6 Whereas this man, who was a Jew, seized upon what were the donations of foreigners: and said to those that were with him, that it was proper for them to use divine things, while they were fighting for the divinity, without fear: and that such whose warfare is for the temple, should live of the temple. On which account he emptied the vessels of that sacred wine and oil, which the priests kept to be poured on the burnt offerings, and which lay in the inner court of the temple: and distributed it among the multitude. Who in their anointing themselves, and drinking, used [each of them] above an hin (5.5 quarts) of them**

**The black horseman of this seal still rides in the world today, the fact being that at perhaps no other time in human history were more people threatened by the specter of starvation than at this very moment. Is the present, therefore, in any exclusive way to be identified with the rider? No. The black horseman has been riding in all generations and will continue to do so until the end. As Lenski said:**

**Men attempt to abolish war without abolishing the sin, wickedness and injustice in their hearts; so they determine to abolish ... injustice and poverty ... without abolishing the moral cause back of them. The black horseman is ever riding in the whole world.**

**The progression of these visions is one that exhibits the following: (1) God permits people to continue the enjoyment of freedom of their will. God will not force obedience. (2) The progression of disastrous human calamities is not permitted to ravage without limitation, but each of them is limited, a fact that will often recur in subsequent visions. (3)**

**Nor are these terrible riders permitted to go alone. At the head of the van is the white horse with its crowned rider; and all of the others "following" him means that they are not permitted to destroy except under the rules of divine restraint. Moreover, that first rider carries the news of the everlasting gospel, capable of saving all who were ever born on earth. It has the double quality, however, of making even worse those who hear it and reject it, a quality which fully entitles the Rider of the first seal to take his place with the other "judgments" upon mankind, indeed not as their equal, but as their king and leader. For "Neither does the Father judge any man, but he hath given all judgment unto the Son" John 5:22.**

### **Death & Hell**

**Revelation 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.**

**Revelation 6:8 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 sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.**

**Not the usual Greek word for death ... than'-ato-s but "pestilence"**

**"behold a pale horse" pale is really light green. Here death & Hell are personified with 4 ways to kill**

**Ezekiel 5:17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee: and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.**

**Ezekiel 14:21 For thus saith the Lord God; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?**

**Leviticus 26:18, 21,24 & 28** And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. ... **21** And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. ... **24** Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. ... **28** Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

**Leviticus 26:26** *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

**Revelation 6:9** And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

**Revelation 6:10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

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The dispensationalist and futurist say they have the “high road” because they interpret the Revelation strictly literally. Do they really?

**Revelation 6:12** 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;

**Revelation 6:13** And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

**Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.**

**Revelation 6:15 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;**

**Revelation 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:**

**Revelation 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**

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