

Urgency Part 12

Revelation 6:1-8 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the ^[a]seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

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

Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth

⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales^[c] in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A ^[d]quart of wheat for a ^[e]denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”

Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

⁷ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁸ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And ^[f]power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs⁹ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been 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, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, was completed.

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and [a] behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the [b] moon became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky [c] receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, [d] the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and 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 His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

1. The Antichrist- Four Horseman: The first seal is the thundering appearance of a white horse and its rider. Who is the rider? His identity is widely disputed, but the conclusion of most commentators is that he is one of two persons. But I believe that this is the antichrist. We have learned in the past few weeks that the symbol for white is purity but I believe this rider is deception. It is further argued that this horseman must relate to the other three. The picture of these four horsemen is total destruction.

First the rider has a bow. Christ possesses no bow; a weapon of war is not part of Christ being. Second, the rider is given a crown. Christ has already been crowned. Third the rider sets out to conquer. There is no specific point of time which Christ has set out to conquer the hearts of men. He has always been about salvation.

The strongest argument seems to point toward the white rider being the antichrist. How will he conquer the world? Through deception, because people have chosen a much broader road which is called sin, people will be easy to conquer. **Proclaiming peace, but it's a false peace.**

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Thought 1. What could cause men to turn this whole world over to the devil? I will tell you what. A world full of false messiahs claiming that they have all the answers, but their claims are false:

Matthew 24:5 ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

A world that is full of violence, wars and rumors of wars; these are all preparing the way for the antichrist. Millions of lives, homes, and families will be destroyed. This will cause many to turn to the aid of the antichrist. Thinking that he can bring peace. (*false peace*)

Matthew 24:6-7 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for ^[a]all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, ^[b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

A world that is rocked with natural disasters will pave a way for evil, fear will drive people to any answer that sounds good. We look at the USA right now at this moment of time, we have leadership that is paving the way for the antichrist. I Am a patriot and love this country but this country is in trouble absolutely. Weakness invites evil, that's why satan goes after the weak.

The world that is torn apart religiously will prepare the way for the antichrist. That's why religion is so bad. Jesus said your traditions make my word of no effect **Mark 7:13** making the word of God of no effect through your traditions which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Churches can't get along with each other, it ought not to be so. Do you think that God cares what denomination you are? It's not based on religion or denomination it is based on relationship, period. Religion is a big filter that you run everything through it stops the will of God. If you follow God's word and believe it, that's what we operate in, not what a denomination says. Some denominations are excepting homosexuality among many other things. Preachers need to stand in the pulpit and preach the truth no matter how bad it hurts. Not all messages are going to make you feel good. Do you think God cares about what you think? As long as your thinking lines up with the word of God you're good, if not you're in trouble. The world that falls further and further away from God, That experiences increasing sin(that just grows and grows) and a love that grows cold will prepare the way of the antichrist.

2. The second seal is the thundering appearance of the red horse and its rider. Who is this rider? He is the rider who has the power to take peace from the earth so men will kill each other. Some theologians think this could also represent communism, he is the rider of strife, violence, assault, division, abuse, anger, hate, uprising, murder, insurrection, war, bloodshed. He is the rider who divides race against race class against class neighbor against neighbor husband against wife nation against nation. He is the rider who destroyed peace on the earth.

The last days will bring very bad evil **2 Timothy 3:1-3** But know this, that in the last days ^[a]perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, ^[b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

Terrible days of war: **Matthew 24:6-7** And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for ^[a]all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, ^[b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

The devil himself is called the great red dragon:

Revelation 12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

The devil is a murderer and a liar from the beginning: John 8:30-44

John ³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Abraham’s Seed and Satan’s

³⁷ “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸ I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have ^[a]seen with your father.”

³⁹ They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.”

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

The antichrist will be a mass murderer and use the sword against Gods people and those who oppose him, this is how he brings the world into subjection.

Revelation 13: 7-8

⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every ^[a]tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 17:15-18 ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you ^[a]saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.” (This could be the European union he is talking about.)

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” Then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

3. The third horse is the black horse: (This could represent capitalism). This rider has a set of scales in his hand to measure out the food (denarius is a day's wage) The rider controls all food distribution. This happens right before the tribulation. It's probably one of the ways satins gets control, by controlling the food supply. But note there will be plenty of oil and wine, pretty much what he is saying is that only the rich will survive. It will take everything you have to survive during these times. I believe the body of Christ is still here and the rapture hasn't taken place yet because there will be a lot of people getting saved. That's why all of us need to get prepared for what is getting ready to take place.

Matthew 24:6-7

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for ^[a]all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, ^[b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

The most important thing we have to remember is that we have to stay close to the shepherd. Don't get into fear. God is going to take care of His people.

4. The fourth horse is the pale horse (Chloros which means green Horse. (This could represent Muslimism) We haven't heard the last from them. The devil has the name of death and he is about to loose devastation on the earth. How could one person kill a fourth of the earth? As we watch what is going on in Ukraine we can see that Russia has that capability. Looking in the past at what Hitler did, I believe Putin has that capability. I have a very hard time thinking about how bad it will be in the days to come. Hunger and starvation can kill a lot of people, and starving people due to the rationing of food. Pestilence is going to kill a lot of people, germ warfare (I believe we have seen germ warfare with covid19) and disease that result from unsanitary conditions.

The picture that is being painted here is very bad. Scripture tells us that it is going to happen. But as terrible as all this is, the worst still lies ahead. These judgements are the seal judgements, the trumpet judgments and the bowl judgments. May God help us to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation before the end comes.