THE 4 HORSEMEN OF APOCALYPSE

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Historic Fulfillment

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The 4 Horses revelation that the Lord gave the apostle John is embedded within the Seven-Seal revelation in the chapter 6th of the book, where the four horses correspond to the first 4 seals.

As John himself writes at the beginning of the book, Jesus starts revealing him first what's going to happen in the near future: "1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass;" "4:1...I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."

Therefore, the first group of revelations about the future that the Lord

delivered in chapter 6 started to unfold wonderfully since it was given to the apostle John on the island of Patmos. So let us open our bibles to

The First Seal



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.

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.

Now, who or what is represented by this first white horse?

...While there are similarities with Jesus and his white horse in Revelation 19, they do not refer to the one and the same event.



The diadems that Jesus is wearing in chapter 19 are regal crowns.



And He doesn't carry a bow, but a sword.



He is coming with all the armies of Heaven to tread down wickedness and iniquity, and to usher in the Kingdom of God upon the Earth. He is entirely different from the other white horseman in Revelation 6, the way He is dressed, the people who are with Him... and His whole appearance is different. The only connecting link is that He ids red and white, and that the horse is also white.

We also need to bear in mind that John was told in Revelation 1:1 that he was going to be shown "things which must shortly come to pass;" ... not way out 2,000 years in the future. He was being shown something that was going to happen right away, in his own day, and the realm of 96 AD.

So, who is the white horseman in Revelation 6?

These horsemen of the seals, all represent a pagan heathen power, contrary to, and in oppposition to God's people.

Now I'm going to give you a couple of examples just to make things clear.



Exodus 15:21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

(Talking about the Egyptian empire of their day)

Ezekiel 23:6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, <u>horsemen riding upon horses</u>. (Talking about the Assyrian empire of their day)

Jeremiah 51:21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; (Talking about the people of God and the Babylonian empire of their day)

Haggi 2:22 ... and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. (during the Persian empire, talking about the future end of the Antichrist 's last Great Babylon and the Armageddon Battle)



In John's day, the power that ruled was the pagan Roman empire of the Caesars, this is the same empire that Nebuchadnezzar saw as the legs of Iron in his dream vision in Daniel 2, the same Roman empire in Daniel 7 which the prophet saw in vision formed as a great and dreadful beast, with great iron teeth, breaking and grinding the nations into pieces.



The people of ancient Rome worshipped a great array of gods and goddesses, and they worshipped the god of war, Mars.



The animal that was dedicated to the war-god Mars was the horse, and the white horse was always laid in triumph into the temple of Mars when the Romans had their great festivals and celebrations.



To summit this point, we find the Romans engrave the horse and the rider on the back of their coins. The horse and the rider was their symbolism of their power and authority. Consequently, these four horsemen represent different phases of the pagan Roman Empire.

There are three specific aspects to this white horseman:

- He had a bow.
- He had a crown,
- And he went on conquering and to conquer.



The bow corresponds to a specific time period:

There was a whole succession of emperors in Rome who were called **the Cretan emperors.** The first of them was an emperor called Marcus Nerva. He had come from the isle of Creta, off the coast of modern Greece or Turkey. And the four emperors who succeeded him, each of whom was adopted by his predecessor, were known as the Cretan Dynasty. Now those emperors were *Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antonius* and *Aurelius*. And **each of those men had the bow as his symbo**l, and **the bow stands upon the coins of ancient Crete,** which became a part od the Roman empire **in around 66 BC.**

Cn. Plancius. 55 BC. AR Denarius



Now here's something interesting: if you go to your old testament, and search it out, you will find that ... David, the king of Israel had a whole bodyguard of Cretan mercenaries, bowmen and archers who fought for him on his behalf in the armies

of Israel. The Cretans believed they had received their knowledge of archery and the use of the bow from the pagan goddess Diana.



• Get yourself a concordance and look up "crown" in this verse: it is not a crown of gold, like a king or queen wears with diamonds and precious jewels studded in it. It's a laurel wreath.



That identifies him again as a pagan Roman emperor: the Caesar with his wreath of laurels upon his brow, and he is described as going forth conquering and to conquer.

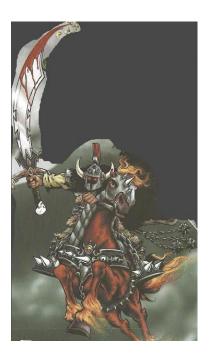


Now you need to read your Bible with your history book. I have a volume of history books called "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" By a historian called Edward Gibbon. Gibbon describes **this period of the Cretan empire as a period of conquest. Rome was at the height of the power, and prestige.** She had subdued <u>Arabia</u>, the areas of <u>modern Armenia</u>, and she pressed up into <u>Rumania</u>. The white horse was going out conquering and to conquer.



And you know what happened? It always fascinates me when I read Scriptures and compare them with historical studies. The Cretan emperor Aurelius, had a metal coin depicting him riding forth on horseback, crown with a laurel wreath around his head, and going forth conquering and to conquer. The white horse in this case represents the pagan Roman empire at the height of its power and conquest, as it was in the day when John got his revelation on the isle of Patmos. So this is not too hard. Things explain themselves.

Second Seal



Apocalipsis 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 thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.



We are studying firstly the immediate and progressive historical fulfillment of these 4 horsemen revelation, and we find that **the second phase of the Roman empire was an era of bloody conflict** which is symbolized by the color red, and by the fact that the horseman is carrying a sword in his hand.

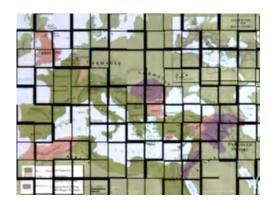


When the Cretan Dynasty of emperors came to an end, this marked the beginning of Rome's downfall. Rome went into a phase of revolution and civil war, and in a space of 90 years there were something like 32 different emperors and 27 contenders for the throne. This one would assassinate that one, and this one would poison another one. One legion would march against another, and so one. There was conflict, bloodshed and civil unrest, and the mighty Roman empire although they looked strong on the outside, internally was being torn apart.



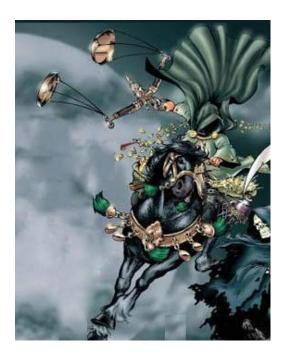
Now the sword in this verse has significance, because **the sword was also a symbol of the imperial power and authority**, and the sword represented the fact that the legions of Rome were now coming to the forefront, contending one against the other for power. In addition, the Roman custom was for the emperor to present a sword to the head of the Praetorian Guard as a symbol of his authority, and **swords were also given out to the governors of the provinces.**

And the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome: 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil



The trouble was, that they had reached the phase where they sought after their own gain and benefit, and they were tearing the whole empire apart using the violence against each other, bringing down the empire to ruin and to destruction.

Third Seal



Apocalipsis 6: 5, 6 - 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.

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.

Understand that when there's conflict, bloodshed and violence, the people begin to suffer economically, and that was happening at this time in the imperial Rome.



It is also interesting to note that the pair of balances and scales, just as the horses were also stamped on the coins of the imperial Rome.



Now the items actually mentioned in verse 6, oil, wine, wheat, those were the items which the provincial governors collected the taxes on, which were passed on to Rome.



Due to all the fighting and conflict, the taxes were increased, and the burden of finances got heavier and heavier upon the people. The people were ground down, and the economy suffered. Agriculture went into decline, and the people were in the most terrible distress.



The legions of armies were feeding and preying on the people.



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. (V.6)



And you see the prices that John gives there for the wheat, the barley and the oil, they were the exact prices in the market place during the reign of the emperor Severus Alexander (222 – 235 AD). That helps us to date the prophecy, yet once against he Spirit of God pinpoints it exactly to the date, and you know what is well worth noting, that once a nation goes into decline, as the imperial Rome did, certain things begin to happen:



The people begin to lose their individual personal liberties and freedoms.



 There comes a breakdown in justice, law and order, and corruption and bribery come into the courts.



 There is increased taxation, inflation, economic poverty and oppression on the poor. What was taking place in the declining Roman empire is exactly what is taking place in the declining nation of USA today. It is placed the same hallmark of decadence, decay and apostasy.





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



Now if you had civil war and revolution, economic and agriculture ruin, heavy taxes and poverty, you know what the next stage would be: it results in the complete breakdown of society, sliding into famine, plague and death.



At one point there were 5,000 people a day dying of plague in Rome.



During **248 and 292 DC** the pale horseman rode forth, and the Roman empire crumbled into the most dreadful state of disorder and chaos.



The historian Gibbon confirms the Scriptures by stating, "During that era one quarter of the population of the entire Roman Empire died of famine, plague, pestilence, and of violence."

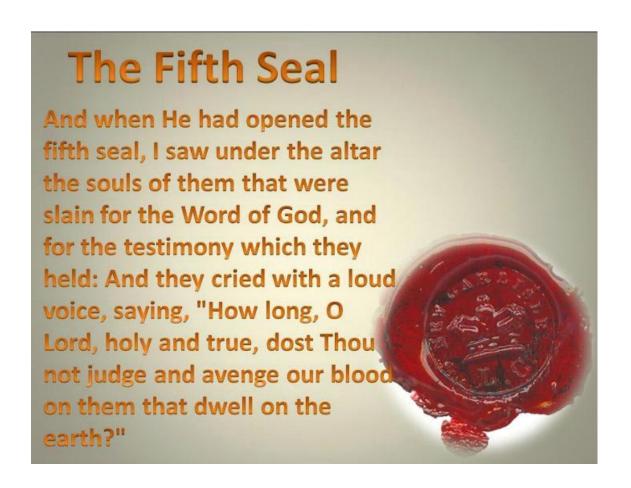
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The Four Horses in the Coming Last Seven Years of Our Modern History

If the Lord, as always, never leaves a single iota of His Scriptures without fulfillment yesterday, today and tomorrow, whe can then ask the following:

Could these 4 horse riders of Revelation have a final fulfillment during the previous days of His the Second Coming?

Let's go back again to the inexorable prophecy of the Seven Seals of chapter 6, four of which we have already finished studying, and let's go on in a succinct way with the next seal:



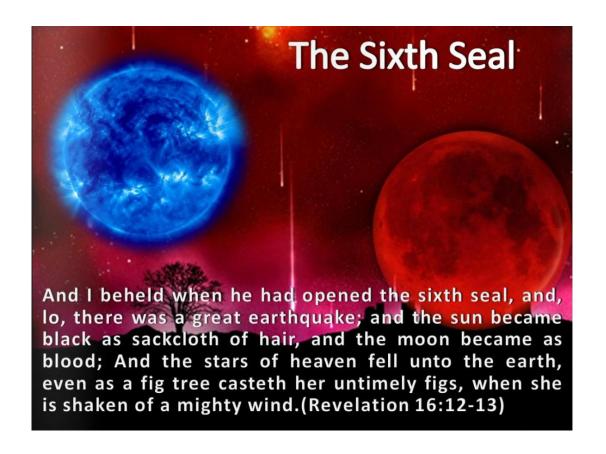


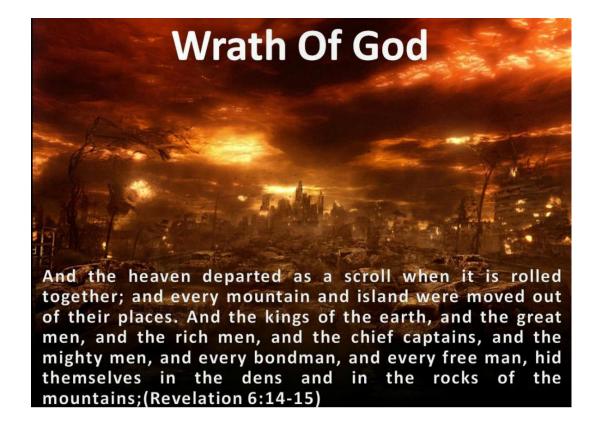


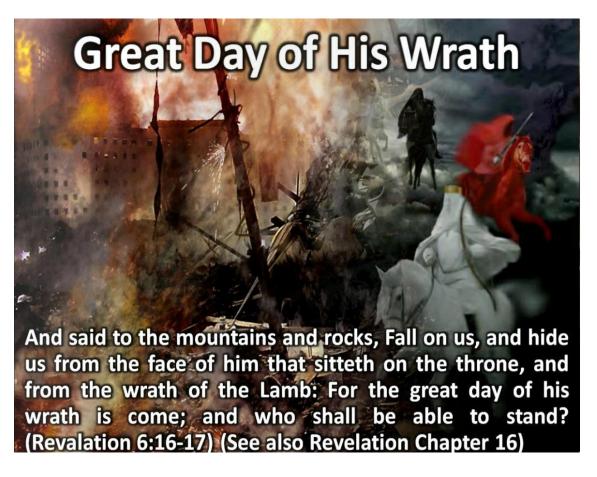
And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. (Revelation 6:9-11)

We can then infer that **the judgment and revenge that the first martyrs**, that are under the altar and in front of the Throne of God, **are begging for** – since Stephen until the ones of the last persecution of the Roman empire-, **occurs in the Sixth Seal**, and therefore, "the little season" that they must wait, must happen between the Fifth Seal during the fall of the Roman Empire, and the Lord's retribution in the Sixth Seal, in other words, is a period of about 2,000 years.

The events of the Sixth Seal match surprisingly to the ones of the last Vial of the Wrath of God in Revelation 16, and to the prophecy of Isaiah 24:20, when due to the wickedness of the inhabitants of the Earth, the Lord will cause—such a tera- earthquake—that will turn the planet poles into the Equator, and the equator into the poles, casting at last to the—ground the whole Global ,pagan and wicked human System, also named by the Lord as "Babylon the Whore" (Chapters 17 and 18), and preparing it for His immediate invasion and takeover of the planet that He himself will do in the Battle of Armageddon (chapter 19).









Let's retake for a while the famous prophecy of the Seventy Weeks of Years of Daniel 9 in its verses that matter the most to us in this age:

9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

9:27 <u>And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week</u>: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

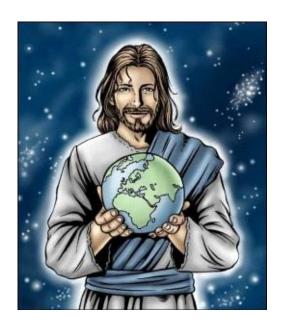
This means that <u>during the last 2,000 years of history</u>, between the early persecution to our Christian forefathers and the coming pouring of the Wrath of God after He will lift us up in the Rapture, there will be a constant event:

<u>Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple will be destroyed, flooded and desolated in a constant and steady war against them,</u> something that has occurred and will keep on happening until the last day.



This same prophecy specifies another very particular and outstanding event: the Antichrist is very clearly going to rule during the last 7 years of the human dominion on the Earth. (1 hour in the Heavenly timetable according to Rev.18:12)

In March 2012, Peter Braveheart, (a fellow missionary from the Children of David), asked the Lord about the significance of the bright star Venus and Jupiter in conjunction and the 3 other bright planets of Mercury, Mars, Saturn, during Feb-March 2012, and this is the answer he received from the Lord:



"Just as at My birth there was a bright star announcing the coming of a great King and ruler, the King of Kings, so this conjuncture shows **Venus ascending**, **as the Brightness of my Love and True church is ascending to shine very brightly in these the last days of man's reign on earth before my 2nd Coming."**"I am the bright and morning star.

"The planets and their corresponding constellations in which they are passing through do indeed have very great significance."

"First of all <u>Mercury</u> is a herald going first to herald what is about to come, and was to the Romans a herald for their gods. <u>Venus</u> being immensely Bright is signifying the wonderful brightness of My love and true church shining in the midst of the great adversity that is very soon to come.

<u>Jupiter</u> descending in it's proximity to Venus represents, the return of the King of the gods or Anti-Christ descending. (Father of the gods to the Romans), who tries to befriend Venus, but is actually out-shone by her in brightness. After passing her by, Jupiter descends out of site down below the horizon.

Satan the imitator of the King of Kings, would seek to usurp my throne and dominion"

"The significance here is that <u>Jupiter</u> represents the Anti-Christ or the White horse* of Revelation Chapter 6, who tries to woo the "True church" but is

rejected by her and he passes on in his decent!"

"Followed by him in the sky is Mars, the god of war, and the 2nd RED horseman of Revelation chapter 6."

"After him comes <u>Saturn</u> who is indeed symbolic of the 3rd BLACK Horseman of Revelations 6." (Note: <u>Saturn in astrology has influence on Wealth</u>)
"<u>Pluto</u> or the 4th horseman in this case has gone on first, close to the herald Mercury as <u>Death</u> and <u>Hell are already close</u> on the horizon."

"So my children you can see that *looking at the planets and stars can have very important meanings if you ask Me*, there is nothing I will not reveal to My obedient children. I love you so much and *need you to research and find the secrets of many topics, by coming to Me, and directly asking Me for the answers.* As I have said in My Word, "Surely, the Lord God will do nothing except He reveal His secrets unto His servants the prophets"

This last and very definite modern prophecy received by this dear brother in the Lord is therefore a confirming seal from Heaven telling us that today, on the date when I'm writing this esssay, June 2012, we are about to see again in the world scene this white horse rider embodying this time the Antichrist himself, and entering the the last-7-year scene of the Endtime, followed by his other 3 buddies: his military machinery (the Red Horse), the commercial one (The black horse) and the eugenics one (The Pale Horse) that will trigger this time as a result, the death of the fourth part of the entire population of the planet during this coming first 3 and a half years before the curtain of the last scene of the Endtime- or great Tribulation- will raise. 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. (Rev.6:8b)



Most likely all of this could be happening on par with the fall of the capitalistic and savage empire of the United States, - or first strike to the Great Whore – described in chapters 17 and 18, which would give room and facilitate the Antichrist and his followers to continue with his international conquests and invasions, especially to Israel and Jerusalem, which are very clearly foreseen in Daniel 11 and Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Do not miss on "1 Week for Armageddon" that will finish giving you a clear and concise vision of the coming last seven years of the history, which will start as soon as the man of wickedness confirms the International Holy Pact for 7 years.