

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE — AND THE ANTICHRIST — PART 6

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We've been looking at the prophecies of the coming Antichrist. We've also looked at his Enforcer — the False Prophet.

We've speculated (hopefully reasonably) about what the Image of The Beast and the Mark of The Beast might be. (When we arrive at the end-time ... these things should be obvious! At least to Bible believers!).

Many people look to Rome or Europe for the Antichrist — perhaps to the Vatican for the False Prophet?

But we have seen that Rome doesn't fulfil the Bible's conditions ... as per Daniel Chapter 2. The 4th Kingdom that "broke in pieces" all of the others was ... historically ... Islam. Starting in the 600's AD — and still around today.

While **many Bible believers are expecting two powerful evil leaders in the end-time — Islam also expects two powerful leaders — the Mahdi and Isa Al-Masih (a counterfeit Jesus).**

Believers and Muslims are both looking for two end-time powerful individuals — but the roles are "reversed"!

It seems very likely that **Islam's Mahdi will in fact be the Antichrist.** He will be **hostile to the Lord Jesus ... hostile to Christians ... hostile to Jews.** Non Muslims will have a choice — convert (worship the Image of The Beast ... take the Mark of The Beast) ... or die!!

Islam's objective is to conquer the world for Allah. Some are prepared to allow time — even centuries. Others are more urgent — conquer by revolution!

Although the title "**Antichrist**" is popular — there are **a number of alternatives in the Bible: The Beast ... Little Horn ... Man of Sin ... King of The North ... the Prince Who Is To Come.**

One that I'd like to look at more closely — in its full context — is **the White Horseman of Revelation Chapter 6**. Do the Four Horsemen of The Apocalypse — even the First 6 Seals — fit an Islamic Approach?

Revelation 6:1-2

1 Now I saw when **the Lamb opened one of the 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.**

WHITE HORSE

Though many commentaries point to Jesus — it's evidently **end-time deception**. **On a massive scale**.

I'd suggest that this may be the charismatic end-time Mahdi — the Beast or Antichrist.

He will instantly have 1.8 billion Muslims as deceived followers. Plus many more converts (Hundreds of millions? More?)

This rider goes out "conquering and to conquer". The Greek is "NIKAO" — everywhere else translated "to overcome". Could point to the rider overcoming spiritually — rather than militarily?

To understand the Six Seals ... it seems we can cross refer to Jesus' plain prophetic statements in Matthew Chapter 24?

See the slide which shows how closely they correspond!

THE COMPARISON BETWEEN MATTHEW & REVELATION

Topic	Matt 24	Rev 6-8
False Prophets and Messiahs	Matt 24:4-5	Rev 6:1-2
Wars	Matt 24: 6-7	Rev 6:3-4
Famine	Matt 24:7	Rev 6:5-6
Abomination of Desolation	Matt 24:15-16	Rev 6:7-8
Martyrdom	Matt 24:9-14, 21-28	Rev 6:9-11
Sun Darkened	Matt 24:29	Rev 6:12
Moon Darkened	Matt 24:29	Rev 6:12
Stars Fall	Matt 24:29	Rev 6:13
Sign of Sky Split Open	Matt 24:30	Rev 6:14
Tribes Mourn	Matt 24:30	Rev 6:15
Jesus Appears in the Sky	Matt 24:30	Rev 6:16

Matthew 24:4-5

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “**Take heed that no one deceives you.**

5 For many will come in My name, saying, **‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.**

FIRST WARNING! TAKE HEED!

Matthew 24:11

11 Then **many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

THEY WILL DECEIVE MANY!

Matthew 24:23-26

23 “Then if anyone says to you, **‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it.**

24 **For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 “Therefore if they say to you, **‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.**

DO NOT BELIEVE!

I don't think Jesus would warn this much unless danger is great? The White Horse rider (the Mahdi — backed up by 1.8 billion Muslims?). He will be a major deceiver.

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "**The Mahdi will be from my lineage, with a curved nose. He will fill the earth with justice and equity, just as it had been filled with tyranny and oppression. He will rule for seven years.**"

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 4285

Grade: *Sahih* (authentic) according to Al-Suyuti



Revelation 6:3-4

3 **When He opened the second seal**, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come 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.**

RED HORSE

War ... conflict. Peace of mind (?) disappears.

After a deceptive period of peace — the Mahdi initiates military conflict?

"Kill" is "SPHAZO" in the Greek = to butcher or slaughter — as in sacrifice. It may be a hint that much of this killing is seen as religious sacrifice.

Though Islam is frequently referred to as a religion of peace — **its track record is approximately 270 million killed**. There are still plenty of Jihadists today!

ISLAMIC JIHAD - 7TH CENTURY ONWARDS

APPROX 270 MILLION KILLED

**120 MILLION AFRICANS
80 MILLION HINDUS
60 MILLION CHRISTIANS
10 MILLION BUDDHISTS
+ OTHERS**



In Matthew Chapter 24 ... Jesus referred to “wars and rumours of war”.

Revelation 6:5-6

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 in his hand**.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “**A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.**”

BLACK HORSE

It looks like economic turmoil ... shortages ... inflation (Jesus mentioned “famines ... in various places”)

There will be many knock-on effects of wars — even if the wars are mainly centred in the Middle East.

“Pair of scales” in Greek = ZUGOS. It can mean yoke or bondage as in slavery. A good description of life for non-Muslims — who would be treated as subjugated non-citizens.

So far — Islam fits the FIRST THREE SEALS quite well.

Revelation 6:7-8

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 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.**

PALE HORSE

The Greek is CHLOROS = Green!! Not “pale” or “sickly”!

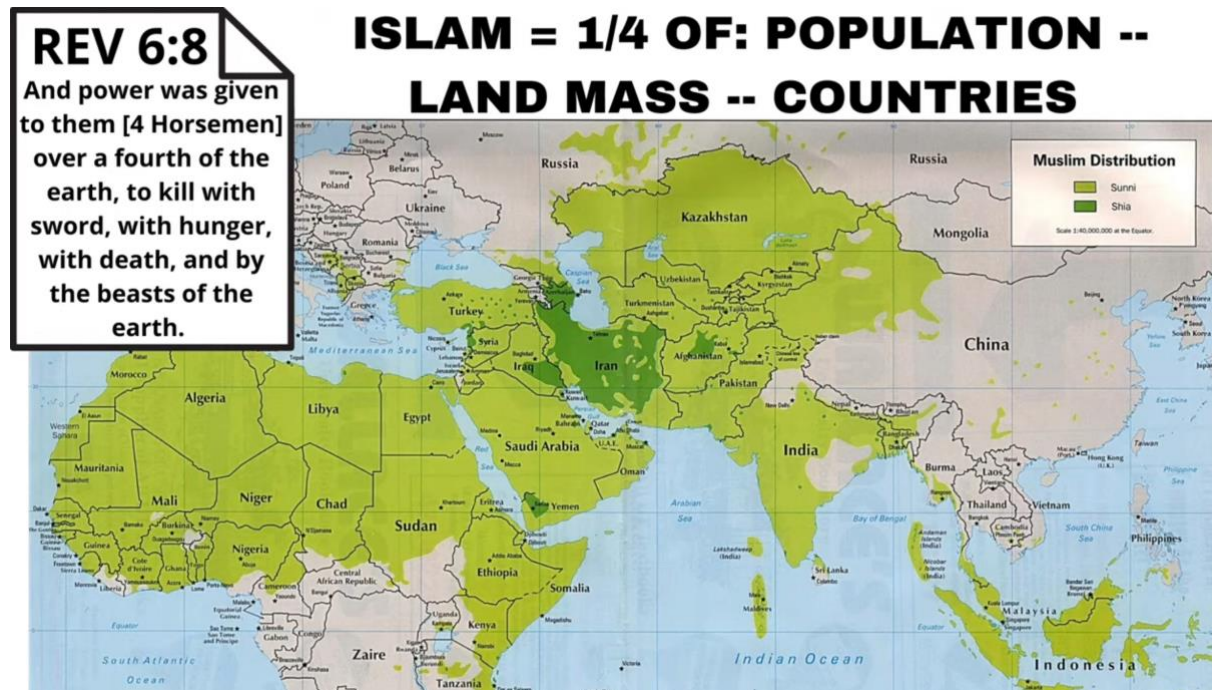
William Tyndale in the first English translation from Greek uses “Grene Horssse”.

The Greek word is used 3 other times in the New Testament — used of green grass. Is it coincidence that Green is the colour of Islam? The Quran says that the inhabitants of Paradise will wear “green garments of



fine silk” and “recline on green cushions”. Green appears on many Islamic flags.

Power over one quarter of the earth? Muslims represent one quarter of the earth by (a) population ... (b) countries ... (c) land mass. So it may imply the deaths are within areas of Islamic jurisdiction or ... maybe kill a quarter of the global population?



The text is ambiguous.

Most translators of verse 8 imply 4 methods of death (sword ... hunger ... death ... beasts).

However ... probably just 3. **A better translation “kill with sword ... with hunger ... with death under the authority of the Beasts of the Earth.**

The Greek for Beast is THERION. It appears nearly 40 times in the Book of Revelation. **It always refers to the Beast Empire — or its leader — the Antichrist.**

It seems to imply **the deaths are not caused by “national disasters” — but man-made — commissioned by the Beast or the Antichrist?**

The high level of deaths probably coincides with the revealing of the Abomination and beginning of the Great Tribulation? (During the 4th of the 7 years — midway).

Revelation 6:9-11

9 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.

MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS

Slain for “the Word of God”

Historically — but also future!

Once ... most of the Middle East was Christian (at least nominally).
Bibles ... churches ... theologians ... festivals ... “saints”.

Now they are all Islamic. Christianity is almost wiped out in most Middle East countries — often by the sword (convert — or else!!)

The well-known crusades of 1100–1200 AD were European attempts to defend the birthplace of Christianity — the Holy Land — against Islamic Jihad.

Revelation 13:1, 4-7

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And **I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns**, and **on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.**

4 So **they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast**, saying, “**Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?**”

5 And **he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.**

6 Then **he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.**

7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

MAKE WAR WITH THE SAINTS

Revelation 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, (*after Jesus has returned*) and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

SAINTS BEHEADED FOR THE WORD OF GOD

It will be a difficult time to be a believer. To stand for God and His Word — maybe lose your life — or accept the Antichrist and his Mark?

Many will fail the test.

Matthew 24:9-12

9 **“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.**

10 And then **many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.**

11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

12 **And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.**

BETRAY ONE ANOTHER

LOVE (AGAPE) WILL GROW COLD

NIV — Verse 11: “THE LOVE OF MOST WILL GROW COLD”

Who are “the saints” at this time? It might be fairly broad terminology — those who claim to believe in Jesus Christ — and refuse to convert to Islam and The Mahdi?

It’s possible these “saints” are facing persecution and martyrdom because they are actively opposing the Mahdi and False Prophet? Refusing the Mark?

Revelation 6:12-17

12 I looked when He opened **the sixth seal**, and behold, there was **a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the 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 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, 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?”

HEAVENLY SIGNS

“Great earthquake” is “GREAT SHAKING” (SEISMOS) — shaking of the earth ... seas and heavens.

The “natural world” is in chaos. The unconverted are terrified.

But believers can “look up”. **The celestial turmoil is our sign: JESUS IS NEAR —AT THE VERY DOOR!**

Matthew 24:29-31

29 “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.**

30 **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,** and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 And **He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

The angels are sent out to gather the saints at Jesus’ Coming.

And immediately after that ... God unleashes His Trumpet punishments on the world. **THE SAME DAY — THE DAY OF THE LORD’S WRATH HAS FINALLY COME!**

Thankfully ... the saints are delivered from this wrath!

We are still waiting for the First Horseman to ride. When?— is the \$64,000 question!

SPECULATION: Daniel’s 70th Week represents the final 7 year period.

It seems possible that each Seal is opened in each of the 7 years?
 The White Horse is Year 1. The Red Horse in Year 2 ... etc. so the 7
 Seals span the final 7 years of Daniel 9:27?

THE 7 SEALS OF REVELATION						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
WHITE HORSE	FIERY RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	GREEN HORSE	SOULS OF MARTYRS CRYING OUT FOR JUSTICE	HEAVENLY SIGNS...PEOPLE HIDE FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB	SILENCE IN HEAVEN - THEN THE 7 TRUMPETS
<p>.....</p> <p>THE ANTICHRIST & THE DRAGON DOMINATING AND DESTROYING... SAINTS BEING KILLED</p>				<p>.....</p> <p>GOD & THE SAINTS START FIGHTING BACK</p>		

If so — when the Mahdi comes on the scene — and Islam rejoices — we'll be at the beginning of the final 7 years!