

THE FOUR HORSEMEN  
OF REVELATION  
  
OR  
THE COMING ANTICHRIST

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## THE PRESENT

*1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists, by which we know that it is the last time.*

*1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

*1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, of which ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world.*

At the present time in history we are living in the dispensation of grace, or, the church age.  
( ref. Ephesians 3:1-6 )

This present dispensation began on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts chapter two.

It will come to an end when Christ gathers His church together at what many call the rapture. ( 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 Ephesians 1:10 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 2 Thessalonians 2:1 )

NOTE: The church is not a denomination. It is made up of people who hear and believe the simple gospel. Christ died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of sins. Faith in Christ is what defines the New Testament church.

When Christ gathers His church together, those who have died, and those who are alive at the time, this dispensation will end.

## THE FUTURE

In Revelation chapters four and five is a picture of the church in heaven immediately following the rapture, or, the gathering together of the church.

There are two things we need to point out in this portion of Scripture.

That is, the twenty four elders, and the seven sealed scroll.

## The Twenty Four Elders:

These people are symbolic of the church. They have received the promises given to the church. They are sitting on thrones Revelation 4:4 with Revelation 2:26,27 and 3:21

They are dressed in white raiment. Revelation 4:4 with Revelation 3:4,5

They have received their crowns. Revelation 4:4 with Revelation 2:10 and 3:11.

And, they are a multitude. Revelation 5:11  
Many Bible scholars believe the number twenty four in the Bible is also symbolic of a multitude.

## The Seven Sealed Book: ( Scroll )

Before the tribulation begins we see Jesus Christ holding a seven sealed scroll in His right hand. ( Rev. 5:1 )

This represents the Old Testament law of redemption of the land. ( Leviticus 25 especially verses 23,24 )

The land God gave to Israel is an eternal possession. ( Deuteronomy 1:7,8 Joshua 1:2 and many more )

However, Israel temporarily lost possession of their land because they refused to believe in their coming Savior, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ the Lord.

It took a special person to redeem the land. He had to be a kinsman, he had to be willing, and he must be able to pay the price. ( see Jeremiah 32:6-15 )

Jesus Christ paid the price with His blood, He went to the cross willingly, and He was born in the genealogical line of David.

He is the only one who could redeem the land. When John thought there was no redeemer he wept much, because he was aware of the Old Testament law of redemption.

## THE SEVEN SEALS

The seven year wrath of God will begin when Christ opens the first seal.

The first six seals will be opened during the first half of the tribulation.

The seventh seal will begin the last half of the tribulation, and is made up of seven trumpet judgments, and will be more devastating than the first half.

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

*Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ( Mark 13:19 Luke 21:23 )*

Nevertheless, our theme in this short book is concerned with the first four seals of Revelation chapter six.

## THE FOUR HORSEMEN

In Revelation chapter six, verses one through eight, is a glimpse of riders on four horses.

These riders are the same person. He is not literally riding a horse. The horses are symbolic of his personality and the events that take place when he arrives on the scene. He will be the Antichrist.

In Revelation 6:1,2 the first seal is opened and the tribulation, the wrath of God, upon an evil world, begins; with a rider on a white horse.

*Revelation 6:1,2 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.*

*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;*

No doubt John literally saw a rider on a white horse. It is symbolic of the arrival of the Antichrist to begin the seven year wrath of God.

### WHO WILL HE BE?

He will be: the king Israel chose 3,000 years ago.

After Joshua died, Israel was left to make decisions on their own. When they failed God would send a judge to deliver them, the last judge was Samuel.

In 1 Samuel chapter eight Israel decided they no longer needed God to rule over them.

1 Samuel 8:5b ..... *"now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."*

Samuel was not pleased with their request and prayed to the Lord.

The Lord's answer was.....

1 Samuel 8:7b .... *"they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."*

In verses 8 through 18 Israel is told what their king they have chosen will be like.

*1 Samuel 8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen; and the Lord will not hear you in that day. ( read vs. 19 through 22 )*

The Antichrist arrives on the scene when the first seal is opened. The world will love and admire Him.

He will promise peace. ( the white horse )  
( Daniel 8:24,25 11:21-24 )

Israel will accept him as their long awaited Messiah , and he will establish the covenant with Israel. ( Daniel 9:26 )

He will be the master of deceit.

The Lord Jesus Christ gives him a bow but no arrows. He is given a crown, which means he will be the ruler. He went forth conquering and to conquer. That means the hearts and the minds of the people.

He is called the “prince that shall come,” In Daniel 9:26.

*1 Thessalonians 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a women with child, and they shall not escape.*

The prince, or king, Israel has already chosen, will promise peace and safety, then sudden destruction, and they shall not escape.

*Revelation 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 on it to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another; and there was given unto him a great sword.*

The rider on the first horse promises peace. That is something the world has been looking for.

After he is accepted he will bring war and destruction. Notice, ‘power was given to him,’ and a, ‘great sword.’

Also they would kill one another.

After Israel accepts him as their long awaited Messiah and king they feel at peace. Then he attacks Israel with a large army. This is a fulfillment of Ezekiel chapter 38. It is called by Bible scholars the Battle of Magog..

Actually it is the first Battle of Magog.

Notice in Ezekiel 38:11 concerning Israel, “They shall dwell safely, all of them.”

And in verse 11, “it is a land of unwalled villages,” they are, “at rest,” and, “dwelling without walls.”

Also in verse 14 Israel feels safe.

In Ezekiel 38:1-6 we are told who will attack Israel under the leadership of the Antichrist.

In verse 2 and 3 Magog is Russia, and Gog is the prince of Russia.

In verses 5 and 6 we have the armies that follow Magog. They are, Persia = modern day Iraq and Iran. Cush = present day Ethiopia. Put = Libya.

Gomer = present day Germany. Togarmah = Turkey.

Almighty God Himself shall intervene and destroy the armies. ( because he wants the world to know He is God. Ezekiel 38:16,17 )

All of this is taking place while the rest of the world is killing one another.

*Revelation 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 beast 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.*

When Christ gathers His church together, every saved person, including the Holy Spirit, is removed from the earth.

The seven year tribulation will begin with only those who are lost and with the antichrist mentality.

The world will easily be manipulated by the rider on the four horses.

John sees a rider on a white horse that promises peace. Then, immediately a red horse with wars and murders. ( Matthew 24:4-13 )

Then a black horses with a pair of balances, which means food will be rationed, because it will be scarce. That is only logical because of the wars and murders.

All a person has to do is consider the past wars and the destruction of land and rationing of food and gas and things we took for granted.

The difference is, it will be far worse than we can image.

*“see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.”*

Over the years I have heard many explain the meaning of the oil and the wine. The one we hear the most is that the oil and the wine are the rich.

I disagree! I would like to give my interpretation. You may disagree if you wish. Each of us have the right to our own interpretation of Scripture.

It cannot be the rich because in Revelation 6:12-16 when the sixth seal is opened the rich suffer along with every one else on the earth.

Since Revelation is a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy, the Old Testament has the answer.

In Numbers 18 and Deuteronomy 18 the Lord promised the priesthood that they would receive from the people the best of the first fruit.

*Numbers 18:12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first fruits of them which they shall offer unto the Lord, them have I given thee. ( also Deuteronomy 18:3,4 )*

In Revelation chapter seven, 144,000 Jews are sealed by God to serve Him.

They are twelve thousand out of each of the tribes of Israel.

These are the first to be saved out of the tribulation. Therefore, they are the first fruits, and the oil and the wine of 6:7.

The gospel will be preached during the tribulation. First by the two witnesses. ( ref. Revelation 11:3-13 )

Then by the 144,000 Israelites, then notice a multitude in heaven, ( Revelation 7:9-12 )

( the gospel preached during the seven years Matthew 24:14 Revelation 14:6,7 )

The Antichrist will be the king Israel has already chosen in 1 Samuel chapter eight and the prince that shall come in Daniel 9:26,27.

He will also be the man of sin in 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4.

He will be a personification of Satan with all the evil attributes. ( John 8:44 )

He hates humanity, particularly Israel. He hates the gospel and Jesus Christ the Lord.

He hates the Bible, which is the truth, and the Word of God.

*Revelation 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.*

When the fourth seal is opened with a manifestation of the pale horse, one fourth of humanity will be killed, by wars, starvation, plagues and pestilence, and animals.

We can only imagine trying to deal with all the dead bodies. That alone will bring diseases.

*John 7:7 The world cannot hate you but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that it's works are evil.*

*Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father,*

If the world was evil during the time of Christ, and now during the church age, imagine how evil with the Holy Spirit removed,

## THE WORLD

There are only two ethnic groups of people on the planet. They are Jew and Gentile.

God does not look at skin color or nationality. There is only His chosen nation of Israel and the Gentile nations.

Out of those two nations there are only two kinds of people who die and leave this world. They are the saved and the lost.

The world is full of people; good people, bad people, moral people and evil people; but in the end, they are either saved, or lost.

The gospel has been preached throughout history. It is a distinct message, and very simple.

Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sins, to all who believe.

NOTE: This ministry has written many books on this subject.

Therein lies the reason for the seven year wrath of God upon humanity.

Israel was given the gospel. However they would rather try to please God by obeying the law and their traditions. ( Romans 10:1-4 with Isaiah 1:11-17 65:1-5 )

*Jeremiah 9:15,16 Therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.*

*I will scatter them also among the heathens, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.*

*Jeremiah 9:24,25 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord who exerciseth loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.*

*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will punish all them who are circumcised with the uncircumcised.*

*Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a day of destruction from the Almighty shall it come. ( also Joel 2:1,2 )*

We could quote Scripture upon Scripture in order to make our point, but it is not necessary.

Someday God will punish the lost world, Jew and Gentile alike, because they have rejected the gospel of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

Satan has always wanted to be as God. ( see Isaiah 14:12-17 )

Since the fall of man, he is the unseen ruler, or shall we say, manipulator, of this world.

Daniel 9:26 calls him the prince that shall come.

In John 12:31 Jesus calls him the prince of this world.

He tries to imitate God in every way. He causes people to believe a religious lie, any religion, as long as it is not the simple gospel of Christ. ( John 8:44 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

NOTE: These words in 2 Corinthians must be read very carefully )

Since Almighty God became manifest in the flesh, ( Jesus Christ the Lord: John 1:14,18 1 Timothy 3:16 ) so to will Satan be manifest in the flesh.

He will arrive on a symbolic white horse and promise peace to the world..

## ONE WORLD ORDER

At this present time in history world leaders are attempting to bring about a one world order

George Bush Sr. before his death stated in an interview, “We are looking for a new world order.”

John McCain stated, “ They are ruining our plans for a new world order.”

Politicians like Hillary Clinton claim, “We need a borderless society.”

The 'they' John McCain was referring to are those in America who believe in our national sovereignty, our heritage, our constitution, our patriotism, and most of all, our freedom.

The Eutopia these globalist are looking for will not come until the reign of Jesus Christ.

First the world must face the seven year wrath of God, and the Antichrist, who will be Satan manifest in the flesh.

He will promise peace, and the socialist agenda will reach fruition. The world will praise their new leader, or shall we say god.

The fact is, there is to much evil in the world for a perfect environment.

Since all are sinners and fall short of God's perfection, how can the world possibly be a eutopia.

NOTE: Before we continue we must answer two questions everyone seems to ask. When will he arrive, and where will he come from?

When will he arrive? No one knows. We only know he will arrive immediately following the rapture of the church, and no

one knows when that will be. ( ref. Matthew 25:13 Mark 13:32 )

Where will he come from? We may only conclude he will be Jewish because he will be the king they have chosen, ( 1 Samuel 8 ) and he will confirm the covenant with Israel in Daniel 9:26,27.

## THE WITHHOLDER

*2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*

That is the rapture of the church! Then, Paul states, that the day of the Lord ( the wrath of God ) shall not come until a falling away comes first. Personally, I believe that is the rapture. And then, *“that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.”* ( verses 2 and 3 )

*2 Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he, as God,*

*sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

Satan has always wanted to be God. ( see Isaiah 14:12-17 )

During the seven year tribulation he will have the opportunity to rule as God.

The only thing that has held him back so far is the Holy Spirit of God.

He, the Holy Spirit, is called the withholder in 2 Thessalonians 2:6,7. When He is taken out of the way..... ( vs. 7b )

*2 Thessalonians 2:8,9 And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming,*

*Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

When the church is gathered together by Jesus Christ, the withholder, the Holy Spirit, will be removed, and the man of sin will be revealed.

At this point it is necessary to make an important point.

God is a trinity. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is a trinity; a Holy Trinity.

God the Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, makes the Father and the Spirit visible, or, made seen in the flesh. ( John 1:14,18 )

It is called the mystery of Godliness. ( 1 Timothy 3:16 )

The Antichrist will be Satan made visible, or, manifest in the flesh. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3 he is called the “son of perdition.”

2 Thessalonians 2:7a For the mystery of iniquity doth already work.....

Just as God manifest in the flesh is the mystery of Godliness, so Satan will be manifest in the flesh and is the mystery of iniquity.

In Revelation chapter thirteen there are two beasts mentioned. The first beast is the Antichrist, ( Rev. 13:1-10 ) and the second beast will be the false prophet. ( vs. 11-18 )

Therefore we have Satan as the anti-type of God; Antichrist, the son; and the unholy spirit; the unholy trinity.

## HIS NAMES

He is called the man of sin and the son of perdition. 2 Thessalonians 2:3

He is called that wicked one. 2 Thessalonians 2:8

He is the beast. Revelation 13: 1-10

He is the Antichrist.

He is Israel's chosen king and prince.

## HIS ATTRIBUTES

He will be an oratorical genius: Daniel 11:21  
2 Thessalonian 2:9

He will be a political genius: Daniel 7&8  
Revelation 13&17

He will be an intellect: Daniel 8:23

He will be a military genius: Revelation 6:2

He will be a religious genius: 2 Thessalonians 2:4  
Revelation 13:8

He will be a financial genius: Daniel 11:43  
Revelation 13:16-18

He will possess all the attributes of Satan.

He will be crafty: 2 Corinthians 4:3

The opposite of Christ: 2 Corinthians 11:4-14

And much more.

John saw four riders on four horses.

The white horse and the promise of peace.

The red horse and he takes peace

The pale horse and famine

The black horse and death and plagues.

The Antichrist arrives with death and destruction upon a deserving world.

If he arrives today will you be faced with the wrath of God? Or, will you be gathered together with the Church and Christ?

If you believe Christ died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of your sin you will be in heaven for eternity.

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*2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

A closing thought: Probably the majority of the preachers and politicians in America today reveal the antichrist personality.