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Revelations Six

A. The opening of the first seal. v.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.” - Revelations 6:1 - και ειδον 'οτε ηνοιξεν το αρνιον μιαν εκ των σφραγιδων και ηκουσα 'ενος εκ των τεσσαρων ζων λεγοντος 'ως φωνης βροντης ερχου και βλεπε.

1. *“And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals,” - kai eidon hote enoixen to arnion mian ex ton sphragidon. This goes back to chapter five where the Father is seated on his throne asking who is **worthy** to open the book. “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?** And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 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.” Revelations 5:1-5*

Books did not come in until the 2nd century, before that they made scrolls out of papyrus, which was taken from the pith of the bull rush plant that grew plentifully in the Nile river. Strips were cut by a sharp knife and laid vertically first, then horizontally and were pressed together using water and glue. When they dried you ended up with paper in an 8 x 10 size. If you had a lot of writing the strips were attached side by side and rolled up in a scroll. If you had a large amount to write, then both sides of the scroll were written on.

Scrolls were sealed with wax with the owner's signet ring used to make an imprint in the wax so you knew that it was his scroll. In the case of legal documents, such as the title to land, the witnesses to the signing of the deed would place their wax and signet ring imprint on the scroll's edge. If there were several witnesses at the signing, you would have several wax seals on the edge sealing the scroll.

If there was any question to the authenticity of the deed, all the witnesses would have to be there when the scroll was opened showing their signet ring and breaking their seal. If the scroll had information that was to be read sequentially and where the information would take you so far and no further, then as the scroll was rolled up a wax seal would be placed where you were to stop and only an authorized person could break the next seal. In those days under Roman law, whenever there was a will being made, or a title deed to land, then there had to be 7 witnesses to the transaction.

Now their seals had to be on the outside of the deed scroll and all had to be there to break their seal before the deed could be opened up, but what it appears that we have here is that these 7 seals are opened sequentially as the scroll is being unrolled due to the events that transpire.

2. *“And I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.” - kai ekousa henos ek ton tessaron zoon legontas hos phones brontes erchou kai blepe.*

Heard is the orist active indicative of *akouo*, **saying** is the present middle participle of *lego*, **come** is the present middle imperative of *erchomai*. This appears to be directed toward the Apostle John for him to watch what is going to occur next.

B. The 1st Seal - The White Horse. v.2

Revelations 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.*” - και ειδον και ιδου 'ιππος λευκος και 'ο καθημενος επ' αυτω εχων τοξον και εδοθη αυτω στεφανος και εξηλθεν νικων και 'ινα νικηση.

1. “*And I saw, and behold a white horse:*” - *kai eidon kai idou hippos leukos*. *Idou* is the aorist middle imperative of *eidon*, which is a commanded dramatic concept of looking and paying attention attended by wonderment and awe as to what's going on.

There have been some in the Church Age throughout the years that have thought this refers to Jesus Christ because of the use of the white horse in Revelations 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.*”

But I don't due to the following reasons: 1) in Revelation 19:11 the rider is called faithful and true; 2) he's called the Word of God; 3) the angelic armies are with him; 4) his robe is dripped with blood; 5) he has a head of many crowns (*diadem*), which speak of the rule of royalty; 6) the angel in this passage commands the rider to come, angels don't command Christ; 7) this rider wears the *stephanos*, which was the symbolic wreath of victory worn by Rome's military; 8) the close connection of this passage to the 5th seal where we have the slaughtering of the saints; 9) the Lamb, who opens the seals is not one of the riders; 10) this rider has a **bow**, Christ has a **sword** in Revelations 19:11.

2. “*And he that sat on him had a bow;*” - *kai ho kathemenos ep'auto echon toxon*. To **sit upon**, (the rider), is the present middle participle of *kathemai* and the word **had** is the present active participle of *echo*. The rider on a white horse with a bow is the astrological sign of the constellation Sagittarius, November 22 to December 21. Interesting that all of the seats of the European Union are numbered and they are all filled except for one vacant seat, which number is 666. The symbol of the European Union is a woman riding a beast, or a bull. Could it be that we will know who the antichrist is before the middle of the Tribulation by seeing who takes this seat numbered **666**?

The rider on a white horse with a bow is a sign of military power; the Parthians rode on white horses and were excellent bowmen and the significance of a white horse is one of **victory**. This is a reference to the antichrist riding on a white horse of victory as he conquers the world. We notice as the anti Christ he is trying to be a counterfeit of the true Christ.

Stephanos – the antichrist conquers for the first 3 ½ years, then he is crowned, *diadem*, in the middle of the Tribulation and rules the world for the next 3 ½ years, or actually 42 months or moons. 1) The antichrist will come on the scene as the head of a large military force. 2) He will not be allowed to come forth until the command of “go forth” is given to him in heaven. 3) The bow signifies military power, 4) The white horse symbolizes victory. 5) The wreath is the crowning symbol of military victory. 6) Telling us that the antichrist goes forth into the world leading a large military power that will emerge victorious conquering all people, armies and nations.

3. “*And a crown (wreath) was given unto him.*” - *kai edothe auto stephanos*. To **give** is the aurist passive indicative of *didomi*, which meant to give or to grant. It has the idea of the legally granting of something to someone after an action in this case.

The aurist tense is a culminative aurist, which looks at the culmination an action from a point in time. The passive voice shows that the antichrist **receives** the action, that is, he is given a wreath. This is a reference to military commanders being given the wreath of victory after they had conquered their enemy. The *stephanos* was the victor's crown; the *diadem* was the ruling crown. So the antichrist will conquer the world, then be given the victor's wreath.

The use of the word wreath here is not on the idea of ruling, but conquering; the ruling comes later. The man on the white horse will be given a wreath, but the question is by whom? History would back up the idea that it will be the Pope of Rome who will give him the wreath, as we have seen in other European rulers who were given crowns by the Pope.

4. “*And he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*” - *kai exelthen nikon kai hina nikese*. **Went** forth is the aurist active indicative of *exerchomai*; **conquering** is the present active participle of *nikao*; and to **conquer** is the aurist active subjunctive of *nikao*.

It looks like in the passage that the antichrist will be given a wreath then go out conquering. And he rode out as a conqueror for the purpose of conquering the world. When this word is used of the world system it speaks of warfare and military conquest. This is thought of as being in the first half of the Tribulation, which prompts the people of the world to say, “*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast (thērion): and they worshipped the **beast** (thērion), saying, Who is like unto the beast (thērion)? who is able to make war with him?*” Revelations 13:4

C. The 2nd Seal. v.3

Revelations 6:3, “*And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*” - *και οτε ηνοιξεν την δευτεραν σφραγιδα ηκουσα του δευτερου ζωου λεγοντος ερχου και βλεπε.*

It could be that these 4 living creatures are the same ones of Revelations 4:7, “*And the first beast (zōon) was like a lion, and the second beast (zōon) like a calf, and the third beast (zōon) had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*”, but that is speculation.

It is the Lord that opens the seals and when he opens each seal we have a living creature say come forth and it appears that these are 4 separate living creatures. I use the term “*living creature*” to distinguish them from the beast of Revelations 13:4, where the word *thērion* is used. *Therion* was the Greek word used to denote a human being that was half alien and half man, or half man and half god.

We must remember that the prophecy was that Satan would have a son, just like God was to have a Son. Christ is the seed of God, but the antichrist will be the seed of Satan. Genesis 3:14,15, “*And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between **thy seed** and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*”

D. The Red Horse. v.4

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.*” - και εξηλθεν αλλος 'ιππος πυρρος και τω καθημενω επ' αυτω εδοθη αυτω λαβειν την ειρηνην απο της γης και 'ινα αλληλους σφαξωσιν και εδοθη αυτω μαχαιρα μεγαλη.

1. “*And there went out another horse that was red:*” - *kai exelthen allos hippos purros*. To come out, or to come forth, is the aorist active indicative of *exerchomai*. The word **red** used here is not just for the color of red, but the color of red seen in a fire, a fire colored horse.

We have seen that the white horse going out refers to the antichrist conquering the world to amalgamate power under him. Any opposition to his quest will be met with destruction against those peoples and this is certainly directed at believers in Christ who will stand against him. Revelations 13:7, “*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*”

Satan tried to destroy Christ at the time of his birth, but failed. As we have seen, the woman is spiritual Israel, that is, born again believers of the 12 tribes of Israel, and the child was Jesus Christ. “*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*” Revelations 12:17

Now as the white horse, rider with a bow and the victor's wreath speak of military might and conquest; the red horse speaks of war and bloodshed. Red is also the color rage, anger and blood. The shedding of blood denotes the murder of the children of God. Revelations 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:*”

The military might to do this will be the UN's army, which the traitor Bill Clinton signed an executive order putting the American military under the authority of this UN army in case of an emergency, right now Chicago has brought in the UN's army to quell problems in the city. Could it be that a general in charge of this army will lead it on a world-wide quest to conquer the world, afterward he will be given a seat at the European Parliament; a seat numbered 666?

2. “*And power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth,*” - *kai to kathemeno ep' auto edothe auto labein ten eirenen apo tes ges*. “And it was given to him who sits on the horse to take the peace from the earth”. The word **power** is not found in the original, but has been implied by the context. It would connote the idea of being authorized; he was granted the authority. To **take** is the infinitive of purpose showing the reason **why** he was sent forth.

I don't think that there has ever been a time that there has been peace on the earth worldwide, but this text tells us that there was a peace on the earth, or some specific kind of peace in view here. It is found with the definite article **the**, the peace, bringing our attention to some kind of peace perhaps arbitrated by the antichrist as per 1 Thessalonians 5:3, “*For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*”

But one would ask, why would he destroy the peace that he just made? The antichrist, as the son of the devil, could care less about peace, whether the internal peace that Christ gives, or the external concept of no more war and bloodshed. Remember, the devil is behind all the blood that has been shed on the earth! Peace, to him, is just the tool that he uses to amalgamate power and control over the people of the earth with the goal of being worshipped. Satan and the antichrist could care less about how many people they have to murder so they can destroy what God has done and get the worship!

3. “*And that they should kill one another:*” - *kai hina allelous sphaxosin*. To **slay** is the orist active imperfect of *sphazo*, which has the ideas of slaughtering or butchering, often used with sacrifice, much like what we see with the Muslims slaughtering people around the world. **Each other** is *allelous*, which means one another of the same kind. The word **they** is used with slay, they should slay.

Now some have tried to connect this passage to the slaying of Christians, but to do that one would have to use the word *heteros*, one another of a different kind. Instead we have *allelous*, which is one another of the same kind. To understand this we would have to go back to the antecedent in the preceding clause, which is taking the peace from the **earth**, which is a figure of speech for the people of the earth. So what we have is that **“the people of the earth” will be slaying each other**.

“*And there was given unto him a great sword.*” - *kai edothe auto machaira megale*. The word to give or to grant means that he was given something by someone, which in this case, was a large sword. The word for **sword** is *machaira*, which was the sword of the Roman army. This tells us that a **large** military will be given to the antichrist; a large army will be needed to do what he wants to do.

E. The 3rd Seal v.5

Revelations 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.*” - και 'οτε ηνοιξεν την τριτην σφραγιδα ηκουσα του τριτου ζωου λεγοντος ερχου και βλεπε και ειδον και ιδου 'ιππος μελας και 'ο καθημενος επ' αυτω εχων ζυγον εν τη χειρι αυτου.

1. “*And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see.*” - *kai hoten enoixen ten triten sphragida ekousa tou tritou zoou legontos erchou kai blepe kai eidon*.

2. “*And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.*” - *kai idou hippos melas kai ho kathemenos ep' auto echon zugon en te cheiri autou*.

The color **black** usually represented evil, judgment, death and mourning. Here it refers to death as the result of famine. We can take the different things that the four horsemen represent into one package. The rider on the white horse with a bow, (cupid with a bow), represents Nimrod, so this man will be a descendant of Nimrod.

He will bring about the amalgamating of power worldwide through international law, the UCC, banking system, social security, mutual treaties, free trade laws, international businesses, trade controls, insurance companies, the UN, trade embargoes, debt pressure, in essence, the entire global system and if all that fails there is always military pressure.

We saw in the 2nd seal that the red horse of war rides out with the people of the earth slaughtering each other. War brings the break down of infrastructures: people disrupted from their normal living, water and sewage systems fail, no electricity, which would be easy to do in a nation through the use of an EMP, food growth and distribution ceases, people's minds distorted by demonism and drugs, fear, anger, greed, hatred; speculators controlling the food supply causing prices to rise, gangs, thugs, out of control military all bring about disease and death in addition to the carnage.

The pair of scales brought out here are the normal type of balance beam scales where the goods are placed on one side and the weights on the other side to determine the weight of the object. This symbolizes a scarcity of food during this time, and not only a scarcity of food, but also not enough money to pay for them.

F. Scarcity of food staples. v.6

Revelations 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.*” - και ηκουσα φωνην εν μεσω των τεσσαρων ζων λεγουσαν χοινιξ σιτου δηναριου και τρεις χοινικες κριθης δηναριου και το ελαιον και τον οινον μη αδικησης.

1. “*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;*” - *kai ekousa phonen en meso ton tessaron zoon legousan choinix sitou denarios kai treis choinikes krithes denariou.*

The two grains that are brought out here are the wheat and the barley. A **measure**, (*choinix*), of **wheat** will be a **penny**, (*dēnariion*); and **three measures**, (*choinix*), of **barley** will be a **penny**, (*dēnariion*). So this shows that wheat is worth three times what barley is worth. A **choinix** was the usual daily ration of a working man making two pints or one quart. A **denarius** was the equivalent of what a working man earned in one day; the definition of a penny doesn't fit the concept at all. So what we have is a man working all day long just to get enough money to feed himself, but none for his family.

What this tells us is that there will be: 1) a scarcity of basic food items, luxury items such as steak and caviar aren't even mentioned, 2) or there will be massive inflation caused by collapsing currencies, 3) or both. The average man will be able to just barely keep himself at a level of semi-starvation, but only as he works all day long to get the money.

To put it into perspective, if someone makes \$600 per week, that's \$120 a day, then it will take that much to buy a loaf of bread, when in the 50's a loaf of bread cost 10 cents, which would have amounted to about 5 minutes work at minimum wage.

The 3rd Seal judgment will affect the wheat and barley, which are grass seed crops, but the oil and wine will not be harmed. What this indicates is that there will be a massive grass seed crop failure all over the world due to drought for droughts often hit corn, wheat and barley, which in many countries are dependent upon seasonal rainfall.. But the drought will not be severe enough to affect deeper rooted plants like vines and olive trees. This tells us that the 3rd Seal will unleash a worldwide drought that affects the grain producing regions of the world.

2. “*And see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*” - *kai to elaion kai ton oinon me adikeses*. Whenever you have an increase in the price of something, it's because there is a shortage in it. Shortages can be caused by: 1) an increase in demand, such as, an increase in population without the proportional increase in production, 2) hoarding by speculators for profit, 3) holding back production or distribution by international groups for political or financial reasons, 4) mismanagement of the land, 5) governmental bungling combined with the greed of the bankers resulting in farmland taken out of production, 6) droughts, 7) war causing a breakdown in the system.

All of these will be present in the 4th Seal judgment, they are already here to some degree now, but the main thing over which they have no control is this drought. If crops don't grow, then production, distribution, and financing are meaningless. And this drought will be worldwide affecting all the major grain producing areas of the world. It doesn't mean that no rain falls, but that the rainfall is below the level needed to grow: wheat, barley, corn, maybe rice too, or it falls at the wrong times.

According to wage scale proportions in Biblical times a man could buy 12 choenix of wheat for a day's wages, but here he can only buy 1 choenix of wheat for a day's wages, or 1/12 of what he could buy before. In the 60's a gallon of gas cost 28 cents; today it's around \$2.80 per gallon, or ten times as much, or a 1,000% percent increase. A quart of oil was 39 cents to 59 cents, now it's \$5.95, or ten times as much. A loaf of bread was 19 cents, now it's \$2.00, ten times as much. Houses were \$12,000, now they're \$160,000 for the same house. Levi's cost \$3.98, now they're \$40 and on and on. When I was in the Navy, Jo and I spent \$15 a month for food, now it's around \$400, almost 2,000% increase. So it looks like we're already in those parameters, even without a drought or war!

G. The 4th Seal. v.7

Revelations 6:7, “*And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*” - *και 'οτε ηνοιξεν την σφραγιδα την τεταρτην ηκουσα φωνην του τεταρτου ζωου λεγουσαν ερχου και βλεπε.*

H. The Pale Horse. v.8

Revelations 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.*” - *και ειδον και ιδου 'ιππος χλωρος και 'ο καθημενος επανω αυτου ονομα αυτω 'ο θανατος και 'ο αδης ακολουθει μετ' αυτου και εδοθη αυτοις εξουσια αποκτειναι επι το τεταρτον της γης εν 'ρομφαια και εν λιμω και εν θανατω και 'υπο των θηριων της γης.*

1. “*And I looked, and behold a pale horse:*” - *kai eidon kai idou hippos chloros*. The word *chloros*, from which we get Clorox or chlorine, had the idea of being a pale green, similar to the green of young grass, a yellowish green. This is the color in one's face that is associated with sickness and death. There was a picture taken in the riots of Egypt in February, 2011 of what looked like a pale green horse and a rider riding along. Some say that it was a trick of light, others say that it was too much like a horse and rider to be explained away.

2. “And his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.” - *kai ho kathemenos epano autou onoma auto ho thanatos kai ho hades akolouthei met' autou.*

In the Old Testament whenever God judged his people it was always with these four judgments: the sword, famine, plague and wild beasts. 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?”

The 4th Horseman of the Apocalypse is aptly named Death for death follows in their wake with Hades following close behind, Why? Because these are unbelievers and when they die they go directly down to Hades or Hell. **Followed** is *akoloutheo* and it meant to follow after, or to accompany. Used also with *meta* the word for **with** tell us that death comes and Hell is in company with him.

Akoloutheo is found in the imperfect tense used to denote an activity in the past that carried on for a period of time, then stopped. When the 4th Seal is loosened and the 4th rider on the yellowish-green horse sweeps across the earth bringing death to countless millions, then Hell follows after him for a period of time, until ¼ of the people of the world are killed.

3. “And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth,” - *kai edothe autois exousia apokteinai epi to tetarton tes ges.* And power or authority was given to them to kill upon the fourth of the earth.

The word **power** here is *exousias*, which meant authority telling us the riders were given the legal right to do their actions. These 4 Seals are the beginning of God's judgment on the earth; they are not the end. They are the signs and judgments that precede the end. They have been authorized to occur by God out of his judgment of the earth. Why?

Because they unsaved refused God; they refused his Son, they refused his grace and forgiveness; they refused the truth, instead choosing to believe the lie; they degenerated to the place of worshipping the devil; and because the people of the earth were killing his children. So now it's time for them to be judged for their actions.

In this judgment brought by the 4th Horseman one fourth of the world will die. Their deaths will be the result of: 1) the sword, the first being the ruin and destruction caused by the antichrist's forces. 2) the sword, the second sword will be the destruction caused by the insanity of civilization gone mad. 3) by famine, brings starvation, war, blood frenzy, drought, shortage of food. 4) plagues as the result of war, sickness, death, starvation, disease, plus a general breakdown in health services and clean water. 5) wild beasts of the field coming back into areas where men have lived causing more deaths.

4. “To kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth” - *en rhomphaia kai en limo kai en thanato kai hupo ton therion tes ges.* The sword that is used here is not the *machaira*, which was the shorter sword of the Roman military, but the *rhomphaia* a broadsword of 4-6 feet in length used by many of the nations outside of Rome. It was used by the Germanic tribes from the north and was also used by Middle Easterners for fighting and judicial beheading.

The *rhomphaia* was also used to describe the flaming sword the Cherubim used to guard the way back into the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:24, “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” The *rhomphaia* refers to the judgment of God on his enemies.

It is also the sword wielded by Jesus Christ: 1) Revelations 1:16, “And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged **sword**: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.” 2) Revelations 2:12, “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;” 3) Revelations 2:16, “Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” 4) Revelations 19:15, “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” 5) Revelations 19:21, “And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

But in the *rhomphaian* sword used here it is used in the sense of slaughter, murder and execution. Many will die as the result by the hands of crazed mobs, the one world government military and execution. Which makes sense for under the 1st Horseman the antichrist and his army will go out and conquer. This implies a major conflict for there will be many who do not agree with him and will oppose him. Many of those who oppose him will die as the result.

This will leave two groups alive who will still keep on opposing him: 1) those who have survived the conflict (war) and will be taken alive as prisoners of war. 2) those, perhaps, who lived in various parts of the world and did not oppose him, but still refuse his will. Both groups will be rounded up to be later killed by “judicial” execution – the *rhomphaia*.

Out of these two groups, who actually comprise one group, there will be classifications of people: 1) those who are saved, 2) those who are not be saved, but will be later on. Both have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Many of the earth's inhabitants will believe that the antichrist is an incarnate god, or a deified man and worship him; they will also gladly take the mark of the beast, but many will not.

The next word we see that causes death all over the world is **hunger**, *limos*, which isn't saying that people will be hungry, but death by starvation. Many will die in war; many will die by execution and many will die by starvation because of the breakdown of food production and distribution. Even now government officials and preppers are laying up enough food that will last them 6 months to 2 years.

The next word is **death**, some translations have plague, but the word is *thanatos* and it does mean death, but death as the result of plagues, which will be abundant worldwide. Plagues always break out in a time of war because of the lack of proper hygiene and clean water, then there is the disease of the dead bodies of humans and animals.

And the last is wild animals, or **beasts of the earth**, *therion tes ges*. When man civilizes an area so that people can live in it, one of the first things he does is push the wild animals back into the countryside. Sometime that are hunted down, other times the animals just stay away from humans. But when these settlements become smaller with less people, the wild animals start coming back. Sometimes they can become even more aggressive toward humans.

I. The 5th Seal. v.9

Revelations 5:9, “*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:*” - και 'οτε ηνοιξεν την πεμπτην σφραγιδα ειδον 'υποκατω του θυσιαστηριου τας ψυχας των εσφαγμενων δια τον λογον του θεου και δια την μαρτυριαν 'ην ειχον.

1. “*And when he had opened the fifth seal,*” - *kai hote enoixen ten pempten sphragida*. Jesus Christ is now opening the 5th seal, which unleashes the end allowing the following to occur.

The 1st horseman denotes the antichrist going out into the world to conquer bringing all the world under his control. It will be the control of a corporation with he being the CEO of this corporation. It will also be the rule of a monarchy because he will be a king. So we have a king as the CEO of a corporation. This entails, obviously, military conquest to get to this place, along with apolitical and economical conquest, which are just as enslaving.

War and bloodshed are unleashed on the world against those who are opposed to the antichrist. The 2nd horseman appears to be general anarchy and murder in addition to military conquest against those who oppose his rule. The 3rd horseman bring a famine caused by a drought, probably as the purposed or accidental result of the HAARP project and chemtrail engineering, hoarding, speculation and withholding of of basic foodstuffs of: corn, wheat and barley resulting in starvation. The 4th horseman unleashes public plagues all over the world, wild beasts and death by “judicial” executions, which could bring in the idea of beheadings, but not necessarily restricted to it.

2. “*I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain*” - *eidon hupokato tou thusiasterious tas psuchas ton esphagmenon*.

The word *thusiasterious*, **altar**, was used for: 1) the altar of incense, 2) the altar of burnt offerings, 3) and the altar of God in the heavenlies. The altar of incense is where the OT priests burned incense to God. The altar of burnt offerings is where they burned the sacrificial offerings to him. These were also a copy of those things found in heaven. Hebrews 8:5, “*Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.*”

Revelations 8:3-5 has the golden altar of incense before the throne of God in heaven. Revelations 9:13 appears to be the same altar of incense. Revelations 14:18 has the altar with fire. And Revelations 6:8 has the altar with the souls under it. One major thing that stands out is that all the souls of those who have believed on Christ and were sacrificed are under this altar making it huge in size.

In the Hebrew system of worship the animal was slain and its blood was poured out and it was then placed on the altar as a sacrifice to God. In the Church Age we have these believers in Christ being slain for their testimony for Jesus Christ and their stand on the Word, their souls were poured out for Christ, as Christ's soul was poured out for them; their souls are their “life's-blood”. Paul stated that he was being poured out as a drink offering to *Yahweh*. 2 Timothy 4:6, “*For I am now ready to be offered, (spendō - poured out as a drink offering) and the time of my departure is at hand.*”

3. "For the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:" - *dia ton logon tou theou kai dia ten marturian hen eichon*. These were believers who refused to abandon their testimony for Jesus Christ and because they held to the Word of God. Not because they held to religion, but the Word of God.

They **held** is the imperfect active indicative of *echo*, to have and to hold, which describes an activity that was going on in the past, but came to an end. While they were alive they were holding to their witness for Christ and the Word of God, but when they died it all ceased.

These believers paid the highest price for their faith in Christ, but this has been going on since the beginning of the Church Age. Countless millions of Christians, known only to God, have had their lives taken away from them by Babylon. What was their crime? It was believing on Christ and wanting to study Bible Doctrine and live by it.

These believers gave up their lives for the sake of Jesus Christ and Bible Doctrine, but most believers today won't get up off their couches, turn off the TV or games, get in the car and drive down to a church that teaches Bible Doctrine! They'll erupt in cheers when their favorite team scores a point, but could care less about a point of doctrinal truth that has been made.

The world's hatred of Jesus Christ, his Word and those who believe in him actually prove the reality of his existence! If Jesus Christ was not real, then why does unsaved man hate him so much? Why would men have such a pathological, diabolical hatred of a man, if he never existed? If we believed in a fairy tale like elves and leprechauns, men would just laugh at us, not hate us and the Savior we love.

J. Demand For Justice. v.10

Revelations 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?" - και εκραζον φωνη μεγαλη λεγοντες 'εως ποτε 'ο δεσποτης 'ο 'αγιος και 'ο αληθινος 'ου κρινεις και εκδικεις το 'αιμα 'ημων απο των κατοικουντων επι της γης.

1. "And they cried with a loud voice, saying" - *kai ekrazon phone megale legontes*. **They** here refers to all the martyred believers in Christ, those men, women and children who opposed the antichrist. And how did they oppose him? 1) by rejecting his one world religion of the New Age movement. They rejected the lie that he is god, or that men are gods. They would not recant their confession that Jesus is the Christ the Savior of all mankind, who died for our sins, was buried and resurrected and is coming back to earth. And they did not abandon the Word of God - the Bible.

2) By rejecting his economic system, which included taking the mark of the beast. The foundations for this are already in place with bar code scanners, the massive computer in Belgium with the 666 code and with all the computers in the world connected to this computer.

3) And by rejecting his political system. God wants us to obey the "laws of the land", except if they conflict with his law. The believers in those days will not submit to international law because it is evil and satanic and prohibits us from obeying and serving the Lord. And because these believers will not submit to Satan's control over them he will send forth his armies to kill them.

Now we see their souls in heaven calling out with a loud voice for God to avenge them. These believers will be destroyed by Rome's imperial army by one of three ways. 1) Dying at the hands of the UN, which will operate in conjunction with the armies of nation states. 2) Dying at the hands of the general populace in random mayhem and blood frenzy. People who will be under the influence of drugs and/or so brainwashed that they believe that Christians are to blame for everything. 3) Those that survive will be brought before international tribunals, found guilty and executed - murdered.

These believers are the last of a long line of Christians who have been murdered for the sake of Christ at the hands of the antichrist institution that began with ancient Babylon in the OT. Revelations 18:20, "*Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath **avenged** you on her.*" Revelations 18:24, "*And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of **all that were slain upon the earth.***" Hebrews 11:37,38, "*They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*"

2. "*How long, O Lord, holy and true,*" - *heos pote ho despotes ho hagios kai ho alethinos*. *Pote* is an adverb of time to denote when something is going to happen, or how long will it be when it does happen. *Heos* is a temporal conjunction concerning a period of time. Together the question is how long is this period of time going to last, the time period where those who were holding to the testimony of Jesus and his Word were being killed, **how long is this going to last** until you avenge their blood?

The word *despotes* refers to the one who has absolute authority over an individual. Here it is God the Father who is over all of us. In trying to understand the difference between Lord, *kurios*, and Master, *despotes*, *kurios* was the authority over an individual and in wielding this authority it was for their good, and in the case of people, as with Abraham and Sarah, who called her husband her Lord, she realized that his lordship or authority over her was for her good. But in the case of *despotes* it exercised a more unrestricted power and absolute dominion conferring no restraints or limitations.

Here these martyred believers recognize God the Father as the absolute master of their lives. The use of the definite article tells us that he is **the** Despot, the Master of their lives, not Satan, nor the son of Satan the antichrist. All believers are to recognize that God the Father is the absolute master of their lives and they are to obey him and do what he tells us to do. Even if it conflicts with what man tells us to do, or governments tell us to do, we are to obey him. Which they did because they held to the doctrines of God's Word and for their testimony concerning Christ.

3. "*Holy and true*" - *ho hagios kai ho alethinos*. We could say, the holy one and the true one. The word *hagios* for **holy** tells us that the person is pure and righteous totally without any sin or evil, but also that he is separated from these things. Such is our God and so are we to be in our lives in our personally conduct and those things we allow in our lives. 1 Peter 1:15,16, "*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye **holy**; for I am holy.*"

With the use of the definite article **the** found here it tells us that God is **the** holy one, the only one that is truly holy, and as such, he is separated from all sin and evil and he removes all sin and evil from his presence, which becomes the basis for the Great White Throne judgment at the last day where he will throw all unbelievers into the Lake of Fire. We have God's holiness imputed to us through Christ.

As we have seen the word for **holy**, *hagios*, means to be separated from something, namely, to be separated from all forms of sin and evil. The doctrine of separation is applicable to all believers in Christ. 2 Corinthians 6:17, "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye **separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*" To **separate** here, *aphorizo*, is to put a boundary or limit between yourself and that which is unclean.

The word *alethinos* has been translated as: true, genuine, real, trustworthy and dependable. Here we should take it as the passage has as **true**. *Yahweh* is the true one. True what? The true God. Our context demands this because we have countless numbers of believers in Christ refuting Satan's claim as being god and his son, the antichrist as being a god as well. The penalty for non-compliance is death, so these believers are holding to their testimony that *Yahweh* is the true God - not the antichrist.

4. "*Dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*" - *hou krineis kai ekdikeis to haima hemon apo ton katoikounton epi tes ges*. To **judge** is the present active indicative of *krino*; to **avenge** is the present active indicative of *ekdikeo*; and **those that dwell** is the present active participle of *katoikeo*. "*How long will you not judge and avenge our blood from those who live on the earth?*"

The word to **judge** brings in a courtroom scene where God sits as the judge over all his creatures and charges are being brought before him. The charge is murder and these believers are placing their charges against the inhabitants of the earth demanding justice from him. The word **avenge**, *ekdikeo*, denotes that which proceeds from justice. They murdered these innocent believers simply because of their testimony for Christ, his Father and the Word, so they are demanding justice in the matter.

Murder is the willful taking of innocent life with malice in the heart. The penalty for murder is that the individual forfeits their life. Vengeance is not about an irrational emotional impulse, but about what is right and fair before the Law. You take a life, you lose your life. And note that all these believers in Christ are yelling out with a loud voice the same thing - "*avenge our blood*".

We note that this slaughter takes place through the first four seals. Seal One we have the antichrist going out and conquering, which certainly opens the door for the murder of God's people. In the second seal we have the peace taken from the earth and people killing one another. In the third seal we have hyper inflation and scarcity of food. In the fourth seal we have more deaths because of military action and hunger.

To dwell, *katoikeo*, simply refers to those who live fixedly in one place, here the one place their are dwelling on is the earth. This tells us that it's not just the antichrist, or the antichrist institutions that are to blame, but all the people of the earth as well. Because these people will have rejected the truth and accepted the Beast's lies and accepting everything found in the Beast's system, they will go on a murdering rampage against God's people.

And all of this goes back to Babylon's influence on the people of the world. Revelations 17:5,6, "*And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 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.*"

K. The full number of martyrs. v.11

Revelations 6:11, "*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 fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*" - και εδοθησαν 'εκαστοις στολαι λευκαι και ερρεθη αυτοις 'ινα αναπαυσωνται επι χρονον μικρον 'εως 'ου πληρωσονται και 'οι συνδουλοι αυτων και 'οι αδελφοι αυτων 'οι μελλοντες αποκτεινεσθαι 'ως και αυτοι.

1. "*And white robes were given unto every one of them;*" - *kai edothesan hekastois stolai leukai*. To **give** is the aorist passive indicative of *didomi*. The first thing we want to note is the use of the word *hekastos*, which denotes that every single one of these believers were given a white robe. Just as everyone of Christ's sheep will be saved and not lost, and everyone of them will be raised from the dead, and everyone of them will be given a white robe.

The color **white** symbolizes the ideas of righteousness, purity and victory of these believers. The idea behind a **robe** symbolizes the ideas of rest, relaxation and the cessation of war and conflict, also a time of festivity and the enjoyment of life. When the Roman soldier went off to war he wore his armor, but after the battle he came back home, took his armor off and donned a robe. He was back with his family and friends far from the clash of battle and put on his robe to rest and enjoy himself.

So it is with all Christians; we are to don our armor each and every day of our lives because we are at war in the Angelic Conflict, but at the end of our lives, when we go to be with the Lord, it is then we will be given a white robe to wear, and that will be to each and every believer in Christ. That is the one thing all believers need to keep at the front of their minds, that there is a spiritual war going on of Satan and his demons fighting against God, his angels and believers in Christ. We must not get to the place in our thinking where we are free from this war. We are in it until we go to be with the Lord.

The word for **robe** here is *stolē* and it was not just an outer garment, but a long robe with a train used only by men of rank, or by those in the priestly order. Which fits Christians very well in both categories because we are men of rank in that we are king, but the priests of God as well. Revelations 7:9, "*After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and palms in their hands;*" Revelations 7:13, "*And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and whence came they?*" Even Yahweh has a white robe, a robe with a train so long that it fills his temple. Isaiah 6:1, "*In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his **train** filled the temple.*"

2. "*And it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season*" - *kai errethe autois hina anapausontai eti chronon mikron*. The word **said** is the aorist passive indicative of *eipon* and the word for **rest** is the aorist middle subjunctive of *anapauo*.

The word **said**, *eipon*, carries with it the force of a command. The word for **rest** here means to take a break, to have an intermission, to pause. With the middle voice it has the idea of they're finally at rest and they're to enjoy their rest. These believers have just come from a war zone on earth with the wrath of the antichrist directed at them now they're in heaven and God wants them to rest.

We want to notice that even though the conflict is over for them, and they are now in heaven, and they are in the presence of God himself we see that there is one thing on all of their minds and that is vengeance! Kind of goes against the modern theology we see today, but what they are all crying out for is to have God avenge their blood! His reply to them is for them to enjoy their rest now and let him handle this matter of settling accounts.

A little season is *mikron chronon*, denotes a space of time, whether long or short, characterized by certain things transpiring in it. With God time is of no consequences, so he is telling them this for their sakes, so when he uses the word *mikron* he's telling them that this is going to be a very short time that transpires before he avenges their blood. What characterizes this time that they have to wait for? The fulfillment of the killing of their brothers in Christ by the world.

When the full number of believers have been saved and go through martyrdom, for which they will all receive a martyr's crown, (we all have to die at one point or another, and by one means or another, so it is to our advantage that we receive an additional crown reserved for martyr's). When all that is finally finished then the world we see the wrath of God like they have never seen before!

If the wrath of God is directed at those who do not believe on Christ as their Savior, how much more wrath do you think there will be when God avenges the blood of his dear children on those who murdered them? No wonder the unsaved of the world cry out to the mountains to fall upon them to hide them from the wrath of God and the Lamb!

Revelations 6:15-17, "*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; 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: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*"

3. "*Until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*" - *heos hou plerosontai kai hoi sundouloi auton kai hoi adelphoi auton hoi mellontes apokteinsthai hos kai autoi.* The word **completed** is the aurist passive subjunctive of *plēroō*; the word **about** is the present active subjunctive of *mellō*; and the word **killed** is the present passive infinitive of *apokteinō*.

The word *heos* is used to denote the end of a period of time; it looks forward to that end by saying **until**. How long will it be? How long will this period of time last? **Until**, then it describes what will take place in the interim. Until the number of their fellow servants to be killed is completed as they were killed. **Mello** in the participial form tells us of an event that is to take place in the future, and when followed by the present infinitive it tells us that it is on the point of happening. From their perspective it tells us that the rest of those about to be killed is about to take place.

The words *sundeloi*, **fellow servants**, and *adelphoi*, **brothers**, tell us that there are many brothers in Christ that are all over the world and they all are suffering for the sake of Christ. And they, like us, are fellow servants in the Lord, that is, we are all doing the will of God. Like the OT prophets of God, who were servants of God, they too were murdered in the service of the Lord. Those believers in the OT were killed by the same murderous system that is killing believers today - Mystery Babylon.

The advent of Dispensationalism, which had its roots around 1833 by an Edward Irving of the Catholic Apostolic Church, who had translated a book by a Jesuit priest named Lacunza from Spanish into English brought into the Christian scene certain doctrines, which had not been taught before, which had a profoundly negative effect on Christianity.

Doctrines such as: 1) The doctrine of a secret rapture of the Church, which would occur at a secret coming of Christ for his Church. 2) That the antichrist was not an institution of men presided over by one man, but a man who would not come on the scene until the end of the Age and that we be after the Church was raptured. 3) Anyone who did not believe in their theory did not believe in the return of Christ and was in serious error with the implication that they probably were not Christians.

Now what this theory did for the Christian Church over the years and up to this present day was divert our attention from the present day antichrist institution of the Roman Catholic Church and the papacy with the pope presiding over it to something that would take place a long time in the future and that after the Church was removed from the earth!

Once the Christians started to believe that the antichrist spoken of in prophecy no longer applied to them because they were going to be removed from the earth, they stopped watching what Rome was doing in the lives and nations! Continuous vigilance of the Roman institution was no longer needed and observed. By the way, if the Church here in America had been vigilant of the evil influences of the Roman Pontiff over our country, the Civil War might have been prevented because it was the Catholic Church who was behind the North as well as the South! Abraham Lincoln brought that out.

Another problem along with the antichrist institution is the concept of Babylon. Following their line of thinking Babylon would have to be revived once again at the end of the age and this would mean a Revived Roman Empire along with the antichrist. Babylon doesn't need to be revived; it is already here in the Vatican and its agents - Rome is Babylon! And the Roman Empire doesn't need to be revived it has been operating continuously to this day. And the papacy is the antichrist institution and the pope is the head of that institution making each pope antichrist.

Perhaps an understanding of terms will clarify this. The word *anti* in the Greek has the following ideas: 1) **Equivalence** - where one person is the equivalent of, or equal to another. 2) **Exchange** - one person has been exchanged for another person. 3) **Substitution** - one person has been substituted for another person and he now is in the place of the other person. The one person has taken the place of another place and he now functions in his place.

And that's where we get the idea of the word **antichrist**, which most translate it as he is against Christ, which is true, but it doesn't really tel us what is going on. Now when going from the Greek over to the Latin we don't have the word *anti*, but the term **vicar** is used, which the pope arrogates to himself with his blasphemy of taking the place of Christ.

The pope's official title is the Bishop of Rome, the Vicar of Christ. In the Latin it's Vicarius Filii Dei, the Representative of the Son of God here on earth. He who is the equivalent of Christ; he who has been exchanged for Christ; and he who has been substituted for Christ. He claims to be able to pardon sins; he claims to be the Head of the Church over all Christendom; he claims to own all the earth and the people on it including even their souls. His title in the Latin adds up to 666!

L. The 6th Seal. v.12

Revelations 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;" - και ειδον 'οτε ηνοιξεν την σφραγιδα την 'εκτην και ιδου σεισμος μεγας εγενετο και 'ο 'ηλιος εγενετο μελας 'ως σακκος τριχινος και 'η σεληνη εγενετο 'ως 'αιμα.

1. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal," - *kai eidon hote enoixen ten sphragida ten hektēn*. As we had said before, the opening of the 7 seals are the beginning of God's judgment upon the ungodly of the earth and the beginning of the end. They mark the consummation of God's eternal plan. We know that these events are sequential, that they do follow one another, but the one thing we do not know, (among many other things), is the amount of time between each one.

2. "And, lo, there was a great earthquake;" - *kai seismos megas egeneto*. The word **was** is the arist middle indicative of *ginomai*, which signifies a change of condition, state, or place, something now has taken place that was not there before. And there came to be a great earthquake.

Seismos is a shock, or shaking, from the idea of to move to and fro, hence the idea of shaking the earth, or moving it to and fro. This is not the same earthquake mentioned in the escalation of **earthquakes** world wide Matthew 24:7, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and **earthquakes**, in divers places.", but one that comes later one that is really large. These earthquakes are but the beginning of birth pangs. Matthew 24:8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." And a great shaking (of the earth) came.

What this tells us is that upon opening of the 6th seal there will be a great, or massive earthquake, or a great shaking of the earth, which, at this point in time in our study, could be caused by: 1) a large body striking the earth, 2) or a larger celestial body passing close to the earth, 3) or as the result of internal upheavals that wrack the entire earth causing it to shake.

1) A large asteroid striking the earth would certainly cause this, as well as causing a massive tsunami.
2) A planet, such as, the speculation of Nibiru coming close to the earth could create such a strong gravitational pull on the earth that it would cause it to shake. And 3) the shifting of poles, or magnetic anomalies could cause serious internal upheavals causing the earth to shake. So there will be famines in different places, pestilences in different places and earthquakes in different places, but Revelations 6 tells us that there is going to be a **great** shaking (of the earth). But this shaking is going to have an impact on the visibility of the sun and moon, so what would cause that?

When the angel came down from heaven to roll back the stone from the tomb, there was a great earthquake. Matthew 28:2, "And, behold, there was a great **earthquake**: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

The prison doors of Paul and Silas were caused to open by a great earthquake. Acts 16:26, "And suddenly there was a great **earthquake**, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed."

Under the 7th seal and the 6th trumpet a tenth of the City of Jerusalem collapsed killing 7,000 people.

Revelations 11:13, "And the same hour was there a great **earthquake**, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven."

When God's temple in heaven was opened, it resulted in: thunder, lightning, rumblings earthquake and a great hail storm. Revelations 11:19, "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an **earthquake**, and great hail."

When the 7th bowl of wrath was poured out by an angel an earthquake so great, the greatest earthquake ever to hit the earth, split the Great City, Jerusalem, into three parts and collapsed all the other cities of the world, along with all the mountains. Revelations 16:17-20, "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a **great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 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. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."

This was also prophesied about where it says that God's voice, when he gave the Law from Mt. Sinai, literally shook the entire earth! He also promised that the earth, the entire planet, would be shaken once more, but also the heavens! Hebrews 12:26-29, "Whose voice then **shook the earth**: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I **shake not the earth only, but also heaven**. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which **cannot be shaken** may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

This is also seen where not only the earth will be shaken, but also the heavens with stars falling from the sky; the sky receding like a scroll, every mountain and island moved from its place, along with the darkening of the sun and moon with the moon turning blood red, which will probably be caused by the by the atmosphere being darkened by smoke, fire and dust. The word for **stars**, *astēr*, refers to any celestial body, asteroids, meteors, etc., Revelations 6:12,13, "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; 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."

This was also foretold by Jesus Christ, when he stated that after the Tribulation and before his coming the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light. stars will be falling from the sky and the heavenly powers will be shaken. Matthew 24:29, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"

The shaking of the earth and the heavens before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord in the return of Christ to earth to take possession of his inheritance and to establish his kingdom was also prophesied in the OT:

Haggai 2:6, "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will **shake** the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;"

Isaiah 13:9-13, "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will **shake** the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger."

Isaiah 34:4, "And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree."

Isaiah 51:6, "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished."

Ezekiel 38:18,19, "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a **great shaking** in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground."

What these OT passages show, which were quoted by Jesus Christ, (Isaiah 13:10; 34:4), and by the writer of Hebrews, (Haggai 2:6), is the validation of the idea that at the return of Christ to earth, and the judgment of God on the earth and its inhabitants, there will be great and cataclysmic events, (the shaking of the earth and the heavens), which will have disastrous repercussions not only on the people, but the earth as well. The sun will be darkened, the earth will be cast into darkness, or semi-darkness, the moon will be blood red in color; "stars" will fall to the earth causing great fires and destruction world-wide; islands will sink beneath the sea; mountains will be removed from their place, etc..

3. "And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;" - *kai ho helios egeneto melas hos sakkos trichinos kai he selene egeneto hos haima*. The words **became** are both in the aoist middle indicative of *ginomai*, which signifies a change of condition, state, or place. Here it's a change of condition; they have become something they were not before.

First of all, I believe we need to take these two phenomena concerning the sun and the moon as the result of one event taking place. That is to say, whatever the forces were that caused the sun to turn black were also the thing that caused the moon to turn blood red. By the way, the word for **black** here is *melas*, which meant **dirty**. So what this is saying is that the appearance of the sun will go from being bright yellow to one of becoming dirty looking.

Secondly, we need to look at this not from the perspective of this is what happened to the sun and the moon, but how one perceives them to be from the perspective of the earth. That is, standing here on the earth the sun would appear to be dirty and the moon would appear to be blood red. Otherwise, you are only left with the alternative that the color of the dirt on the moon would now be blood red and the sun's color would change to being dark and dirty. Both ideas are highly unlikely for if the sun was plunged into darkness the earth would go into subzero temperatures in a few minutes.

So what we have to look for are natural events occurring here on earth that would so change our atmosphere that the sun and moon would take on these new appearances. The only thing that could accomplish that is if the skies were so choked with thick blinding smoke, combined with dust, all around the world that they darkened the sun making it look dirty and the moon would appear to be blood red in color.

Which could only be caused by: 1) massive fires worldwide, 2) coupled with massive volcanic eruptions all over the world, 3) meteors, meteorites, or asteroids striking the earth throwing millions of tons of debris into the sky and causing forest fires. A few of these happening around the world would be sufficient to do this, but a worldwide phenomenon would guarantee it! If an asteroid or meteor struck the earth it would fuse nitrogen and oxygen together making nitrous oxide causing a thick red smog to cover the earth.

The word for **black** here, *melas*, allows for that interpretation because it is not the word for blackened, blacker, true blackness, utter blackness, or gloomy blackness, but has the idea of being **dirty**! The sun became blackened, that is, it became dirty in appearance, not clouded in absolute blackness, which is apparent because the moon, which reflects less light will still be visible from the earth, but red in color.

So we have to ask ourselves, is this talking about an eclipse? Obviously the answer is no. Is it talking about the sun being extinguished? No, for one could not even see the moon either. If the moon is the lesser of the two lights and reflects the sun's light, then we wouldn't be able to even see the moon. So what would cause the sun to appear dirty and the moon to appear blood red? And we have already seen three phenomena that could do that.

So the next question is what natural phenomena caused by God would trigger volcanic eruptions all over the world and forest fires? If the earth was pelted by hundreds or thousands of meteors it would be easy to see how they would start forest fires all over the world, especially if the world had been in a drought and become a tinder box.

If the earth suffered a massive earthquake this could trigger volcanic eruptions worldwide and a large asteroid striking the earth, or a comet, meteors, meteorites, or bolides would not only shake the earth, but also trigger volcanic eruptions and forest fires as well. Revelations 8:7,8, "*The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a **great mountain** burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*" Revelations 8:10,11, "*And the third angel sounded, and there fell a **great star** from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*"

There could be a significance here in the use of *selene* for **moon**, instead of *noumēnia*, which is the word for a **new moon**. *Noumenia* signifies a new moon, which introduces a new month. But *selene* emphasizes the brightness of moon suggesting a full moon. Which would suggest that these things happen on or about when there is full moon on the earth, or at least over Israel.

But we know that there will be a great earthquake that shakes the whole earth and that there will be extensive forest fires circling the globe, which, of course, will darken the sun and the moon. The earthquakes and volcanic eruptions will be caused by two things: 1) a great internal upheaval of the earth's magma core, and/or: 2) the earth being struck by one or more large objects from outer space. We also need to consider that the thousands of satellites (stars?) could be falling to earth as well.

If large objects strike the earth there will be fragments of them that will also strike the earth in their trail. These fragments will burst into flames as they enter the atmosphere; thousands of flaming objects striking a drought ridden earth starting fires all over the world polluting the atmosphere causing the sun to appear darkened and the moon appearing to be blood (darkened).

Not only that, it supports the idea found in Isaiah 13:13 of the earth being shaken from its place, "*Therefore I will **shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place**, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.*" This gives the idea that a large object from space will strike the earth so hard as to not only cause a violent shaking of the earth, (literal translation), triggering volcanic eruptions all over the world, and forest fires because of the spatial debris in its trail, but will literally shake the earth from its place. This could mean: 1) a moving of the earth from its orbit, 2) or knocking the earth off its axis, 3) or both.

Immanuel Velikovsky in his books shows by scientific evidence and native culture and history that this has already been done before in history and is still possible today. But this was prophesied in Hebrews 12:26, "*Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet **once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.***"

If a large object struck the earth above or below the equator it would cause the earth to face the sun from a different angle thus changing the axis of the earth and even changing the earth's orbit around the sun. Such an event would wipe out much of the life found here on earth and unleash all the things described in prophecy, such as, forest fires, massive earthquakes, the leveling of mountains, islands sinking in the seas, monstrous tsunamis, etc..

M. The falling stars. v.13

Revelations 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.*" - και 'οι αστερες του ουρανου επεσαν εις την γην 'ως συκη βαλλει τους ολωνθους αυτης 'υπο μεγαλου ανεμου σειομενη.

1. "*And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,*" - *kai hoi asteres tou ouranou epesan eis ten gen*. First of all, the word **stars** is in the plural telling us that not just one star falls from heaven to the earth, but many. Figuratively the word **star** was used to refer to Christ, the angels, the sons of Israel and Pastor-Teachers. Literally it was used to denote: the sun, moon, stars and every other heavenly body.

Asteroids: also called a planetoid, or very small planet with diameters ranging from 1 mile to 480 miles. It is thought that there are 30,000 - 40,000 planetoids in our solar system with most of them having their orbits between Mars and Jupiter. Their orbits are fairly stable, but they could be changed by deviations or changes in the planet they orbit around. A change in Mars or Jupiter could cause a disruption in the asteroids encircling them causing one or more to strike, or just come close to earth.

Meteorites: a small mass of matter in space, which at times strike the earth's atmosphere causing them to burst into flames. Most of them burn up before they strike the earth's surface. These are called meteors; the ones that make it to the earth are called meteorites, which are commonly called falling stars. There are too many of these to number, but a big one did strike Arizona years ago and it left a crater that was 600 feet deep and 4,000 feet across.

Comets: a comet is not a solid ball of matter, but is made up of rock, ice, metal, debris and gasses. One man put it as something being as close to nothing and still have something. It forms a tail always pointing away from the sun as the result of tremendous solar activity. If the earth went through its tail, it would shower the earth with many "shooting stars".

Bolides: are a very brilliant shooting star, especially one that explodes. They have happened before with a light bigger and brighter in the sky than the moon. Often they are called a fire ball. The bolide is actually a very large meteor that upon hitting the atmosphere blazes so brilliantly that it can be easily seen in broad daylight. An object that is this large, if it does not dissipate in flames, could certainly cause the impacts mentioned in Revelations.

So that the "**stars**" falling to the earth would have to encompass one or more very large objects as we have mentioned, with thousands and thousands of smaller ones all ablaze accompanying them. These would obviously start forest fires around the world. One or two very large ones striking the earth could shake the earth out of its orbit, or its rotation and trigger volcanic eruptions all over the world. If they hit land mass, we would expect to see that, but if they hit the oceans they would trigger enormous tsunamis that would flood the world's coastal areas.

One must also keep in mind the idea of a **figurative** use. It says that there will be a great shaking and the stars will fall from the heavens. If we use the figurative use here it would tell us that God is shaking the heavens ridding them of Satan and his fallen angels who will now be cast down as falling stars. Which is the idea found in Revelations 12:7-9, "*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*"

I don't think the figurative use is found here, but one needs to keep in mind that in ancient times people regarded those physical things that happened in the skies as portents, or signs of what was taking place on a heavenly, spiritual level. Which, with a guarded view in mind, one could surmise that these terrible events on earth, the fires, volcanoes erupting, the earth being shaken out of its place, falling stars hitting the earth could signal that the earth was also being invaded by fallen angels! These passages tell us that the earth will be struck by at least three large bodies from space, whether meteorites, bolides, comets, or asteroids and they will cause total destruction around the planet.

If an **asteroid** or **bolide** struck the earth there would be one large body with perhaps smaller pieces accompanying it. This would fit the idea of a **large mountain** or **blazing star** in Revelations 8:8-10, "*And the second angel sounded, and as it were a **great mountain burning with fire** was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a **great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp**, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*"

But if a comet struck the earth, which is composed of ice, gas, metal and rocks of varying sizes then it would result in what is found in Revelations 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;*" and Revelations 8:7, "*The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*"

This appears to describe the effect of going through the tail of a comet, The head of a comet would provide enough mass to shake the earth and the millions of rocks in the comet "falling" from the sky would certainly come across as what we call "falling stars" as they catch on fire entering the earth's atmosphere. The gases in the comet's tail would catch on fire causing fire to dance all over the ground igniting everything around them.

Now as to the feasibility of things happening in the future all we have to do is look to the past and we will see that these things have already occurred several times in the past and are probably the way that God dealt with ancient man in his judgments. The earth is dotted with craters 1 mile across all the way up to 20 miles across, 50 miles across and one a 100 miles across caused by meteorites. God said that he had shaken the earth before and he's going to do it one more time.

The September 1989 issue of the Smithsonian had an interesting article on comets and asteroids; what they are, how they have impacted the earth before, and a computer scenario of what kind of damage one of them would do having sufficient size they would cause to the earth. Also the feasibility of how likely this scenario would be occurring again in the near future.

With all these facts in mind, scientific data, historical precedence and biblical prophecy we can deduce with certainty that some time in the future during the antichrist's reign God will judge the world by causing one or more comets, asteroids, or bolides to strike the earth. And, once one understands the scientific nature of comets, asteroids and bolides and their impacts on the earth, one can conclude with certainty that the events of Revelations 6:12;8:7 are describing these bodies striking the earth.

- 1) If a comet 30 miles across struck the earth traveling at 100,000 mph its momentum would carry it several miles down into the rock.
- 2) Thus triggering a tremendous shock on the planet, (shaking it); it would also cause fractional stress along fault lines setting off earthquakes all around the world with resultant volcanic activity.
- 3) When it hit it would explode unleashing 100,000 times the energy of the world's entire global nuclear arsenal.
- 4) A plume of pulverized and vaporized rock would shoot up into the atmosphere at over 3,000 MPH

heating the surrounding air to 3,100 degrees over an area the size of Africa.

5) The nitrogen and oxygen in the atmosphere would combine to form nitrous oxide, which would be a red smog darkening the sun (making it appear to be dirty), and causing the moon to appear blood red.

6) The pulverized rock and dust would be slowly pulled back because of the earth's gravity where it would fall upon the earth's atmosphere to an equivalent of one inch around the world.

7) Tidal waves, earthquakes, mountains and islands being moved, continental shelves collapsing, forest fires, the darkening of the sun, moon and stars would all result.

8) This is the scenario of Ronald Prinn professor of Meteorology at MIT. This is not fantasy, but scientific fact and it has already happened in the past, although not to such a large extent.

9) Each day 20 tons of pea-sized meteorites pelt the earth, some larger ones occur occasionally.

10) March 23, 1989 an asteroid 1/2 mile across traveling at 44,000 mph narrowly missed the earth by half the distance between the earth and the moon.

11) If it had hit the earth, then its impact would have released the energy of 20,000 1 megaton hydrogen bombs leaving a crater 5-10 miles across and 1 mile deep!

12) The Meteorologist also stated that an asteroid known as 1989 FC orbits the sun in a regular elliptical orbit and will, sooner or later be slung away by earth's gravity, or hit the earth.

13) When the asteroid did cross earth's orbit, it missed us by 6 hours!

14) They are able to track asteroids and meteors by camera as they move through space, but if one is coming straight at us, then they would miss them.

15) In 1968 the asteroid Icarus came so close to the earth that scientists considered sending up a rocket with a nuclear charge to nudge it out of the way.

16) In 1937 the asteroid Hermes barely missed us.

17) In 1908 an object the size of a small office building exploded in Siberia with the force of 12 megatons of TNT leveling an area of 750 square miles.

18) As mentioned before, there are approximately 30,000 to 40,000 asteroids in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and Gene Shoemaker estimates that over 1,500 of them are over 1 kilometer in diameter that could easily cross our orbit and collide with the earth.

19) Large asteroids or meteorites have already struck the earth in the past. In Arizona one left a crater almost 1 mile across. In Canada there is one crater 2 miles across and a monster crater 60 miles across in north east Quebec!

20) Some scientists believe that the ice age and extinction of the dinosaurs were caused by the earth being hit by one or more very large asteroids or meteorites killing many as the result of the direct shock on the earth with the rest dying as the result of the cooling down of the earth's surface because of the dust that choked and clouded the atmosphere.

21) Some believe that Manson, Iowa was the site of one of these impacts causing mass extinction. Bore hole samples show an underground crater 25 miles across.

22) Some have thought the asteroid to be 5 miles across, which is demonstrated by the presence of the rare metal iridium and shocked quartz. Others found the presence of soot all around the world at certain levels, which would show evidence for worldwide forest fires, which also is the scenario we find in Revelations.

23) There are two sources for such "stars": 1) the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, 2) and outside the orbit of Pluto there are many comets. Galactic tidal forces, or the passing of stars can cause these comets in distant space to come into orbit close to the sun, thus bringing them into close proximity with the earth.

24) Another way is for orbiting asteroids to collide with one another or be acted upon by one of the planets thus sending it on with a collision course with the earth. Both prospects are highly likely and will occur again.

Now that we've seen the scientific facts, the probable scenario, the historical evidence and the biblical testimony, we can deduce that the earth was shaken once before in history, (maybe more than once), and it was most probably caused by comets, asteroids, or meteorites striking the earth. Which is also borne out by ancient cultures that stated God used the "stars" to judge men on earth.

We know also that God is going to do it again and that "stars" are going to fall from heaven to earth and the damage that is described in the biblical text is in keeping with the phenomena of comet, asteroid and meteorite strikes on the earth. We also know that just because God uses a natural phenomena it doesn't rule out divine intervention.

This brings us to "the day". There is a day that God has picked out for his return to earth, judgment and the meteor and asteroid strikes on earth. Which means that one day, on a particular day in the future an asteroid's path will cross the earth's orbit and impact the earth, Or that an asteroid(s) will be guided into the earth's orbit.

2. *"Even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." - hos suke ballei tous olunthous autes hupo megalou anemou seiomene.* "And the stars of the sky fell upon the earth like a fig tree casts its figs when shaken by a mighty wind." The word *suke* is for the **fig tree**; *olunthos* is the word for a **fig**; *anemou* is the word for **wind**; and *megalon* is the word for **mighty**.

Now the fig tree bore different crops. The first crop began to form in March and was ripe by the end of May. The second crop, known as the late figs, which are the main crop, ripen in late summer and are harvested from the middle of August to well into October. After winter the fig tree starts to put forth leaves, when it does this it also puts forth its young figs of the first crop showing forth above the leaves. So that, when one found leaves on the trees he expected to find fruit, even if the fruit was not mature. (The Lord's cursing of the fig tree was symbolic of the Lord's curse on an unfruitful Israel.

It was said that the *olunthos* was an unripe fig which grew in winter and fell off in spring, which would fall even more readily if shaken by a great wind. If this is true, it could be telling us that the 6th Seal would occur in spring time. The other thing it could be telling us that Israel would be involved here in some way.

N. The receding sky. v.14

"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." - και ουρανος απεχωρισθη 'ως βιβλιον 'ειλισσομενον και παν ορος και νησος εκ των τοπων αυτων εκινηθησαν.

1. *"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together" - kai ouranos apechoristhe hos biblion heilissomenon.* The word for **heaven** is *ouranos* and is the word for the sky. The word for **departed** is the aorist passive indicative of *apochōrizō*, which means with *apo* prefixed to it, to separate from something, to pull apart. It has the idea of splitting or separating. The word for **scroll** here is *biblion*, a small scroll. And the word for rolled together is the present passive participle of *heilissō*, which denoted the idea of rolling up something, such as, one's garment for traveling.

This phenomenon certainly allows for the idea that heaven is in another dimension, which is accessed, or vice versa as we have here, by the physical, material sky rolling back like a scroll. The sky would spilt apart rolling back like a scroll and the Lord with his angelic army comes through.

2. "*And every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*" - *kai pan oros kai nesos ek ton topon auton ekinethesan.* The word for **place** is *topos* and it has a variety of definitions, but they all center around the idea of an area, place, or region. In the context the idea of position is best represented.

Mountains and islands, which are mountains having their bases underwater, all sit in one spot, that is their position and from that position they will be moved. This is not saying that the mountains will shake, which they will, but that they will be moved from the positions they are sitting on. One cannot even imagine the magnitude of this worldwide phenomenon. Perhaps the best way of looking at this is the leveling of the mountains where they will collapse.

One cannot even fathom the massive tsunamis that this will unleash at the same time where giant waves hundreds of feet tall will sweep all over the earth. What would cause such an event? A comet, meteor, or asteroid striking the earth would certainly do that, or if several of them hit. Not a meteor shower, which could easily start forest fires around the world, but a large body from outer space.

One scenario is that a large asteroid is going to intercept the earth and impact it in its orbit. The scientists have determined this, so they send up a rocket with a nuclear warhead to nudge it out of the way. The US government and scientists have plans in place for this. They strike the asteroid, but it breaks up into several large, very large chunks, and they with smaller pieces strike the earth.

O. Hiding from God. v.15

Revelations 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;*" - *και 'οι βασιλεις της γης και 'οι μεγαστανες και 'οι πλουσιοι και 'οι χιλιαρχοι και 'οι δυνατοι και πας δουλος και πας ελευθερος εκρυψαν 'εαυτους εις τα σπηλαια και εις τας πετρας των ορειων.*

1. "*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,*" - *kai hoi basileis tes ges kai hoi megistanes kai hoi plousioi kai hoi chiliarchoi kai hoi dunatoi kai pas doulos kai pas eleutheros.*

The word for **king** is *basileis* and it was the title given to the highest person in a nation, whether he was the king, or the Caesar of Rome, or the President of America. The word **great men** is *megistanes*, which is related to *megistos*, the superlative of great, or the greatest, was the next order of rank. Under the king of a nation there was the next order of people who would be the greatest among men in a nation, but under the king. The next level would be the **rich**, *plousios*, which denoted those who had an abundance of gold, silver, property and possessions. The next would be the *chiliarchos*, which is literally the leader of a thousand soldiers, and it denotes the **military**, who exist to keep the rulers in power. Then we have the **mighty**, *dunatos*, the **slave** and the **free man**.

2. "*Hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;*" - *ekrupsan heautous eis ta spelaia kai tas petras ton oreon*. The word to **hide** is the aoist active indicative of *krupto*. Now *krupto* did not refer to going to some place for shelter, but had the idea of making a concerted effort to conceal oneself, to hide oneself, to cover oneself with the idea of secrecy involved in it.

The aoist tense is a culminative aoist revealing the idea of there was some type of activity involved in making a place to hide oneself and it got to the point of culmination. The action takes place at a point in time, which would be on or about the return of Christ to the earth, but it would point to the idea that the action of hiding would have involved some type of prior preparation.

Krupto meant to hide, to conceal oneself, but why does one want to hide? Although there are several reasons for hiding or concealing, one of the main reasons why one would want to hide is for protection. The word for **caves** is *spelaia* and had several ideas connected to it: 1) it was a place of shelter from the external environment, 2) a tomb, 3) a cavern, 4) an underground grotto, 5) a refuge, 6) a den for thieves, 7) a safe place of refuge for the privileged.

In the **rocks of the mountains** is *petras ton oreon*, but this gives cause for pondering. It just seems a little odd to word it that way. Why the reference to both rocks and mountains? *Petras*, **rocks**, here is the accusative plural of **petra** and **mountain** is in the genitive plural. **Petra** denotes a massive rock, or a mass of rocks, or, as we would say, "solid rock".

It allows for the idea of underground bunkers. At the beginning of the list we have kings, mighty men, politicians and the military, so we have the elite of society in view. So where do you think that the rich and powerful, the politicians and the military are going to hide themselves? In deep underground bases and bunkers that they had already prepared long before this for them to hide and ride out the storm. These bases already exist!

There are many of them throughout America with each of them designed to be self-supporting indefinitely. They can grow their own food, filter their own water and recycle the air to clean it. They are carved out of rock, or sedimentary deposits and have been designed to house and shelter the leaders of the country and their families in case of nuclear war, or some other problem including up to, as they would call it, the apocalypse. This is in addition to something else called DUMB, which is an acronym for Deep Underground Military Bases. One of them is located under the Denver Airport. Those in the know say these underground bases are connected by underground high speed magnetic levitation trains across the country.

This is the word used in Matthew 21:13, "*And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a **den of thieves**.*" where Christ said that they had turned the temple of God into a place where thieves hide! Remember *spelaia* meant a place of shelter, refuge, a place where one could be concealed, a place where they wouldn't be found, or found out! So they were hiding in, or behind, the respectability of religion to make money off the people of God.

The Greenbrier Inn in West Virginia is one of them, but there are many more and buried deep underground They were built to house and protect the leaders of industry, the government, military and those with money and connections to protect them from: 1) nuclear war, 2) riots in the nation, 3) pandemic outbreaks, 4) even asteroid strikes, 5) and even invasion from space by UFO's!

P. The enthroned one and the lamb. v.16

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:" - και λεγουσιν τοις ορεσιν και ταις πετραις πεσετε εφ' ημας και κρυψατε ημας απο προσωπου του καθημενου επι του θρονου και απο της οργης του αρνιου.

1. "And said to the mountains and rocks," - *kai legousin tois oresin kai tais petrais*. This phrasing expresses the fear and terror that the unsaved will have in the last days when Christ returns to earth. They would rather be buried alive than have to face the wrath of God. The word **said** is the present active indicative of *lego*.

2. "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:" - *pesete eph' hemas kai krupsate hemas apo prosopou epi thou thronou kai apo tes orges tou arniou*. The word **fall** is the aoist active imperative of *pipto*; the word **hide** is the aoist active imperative of *krupto*; and the word **sitteth** is the present middle participle of *kathemai*.

The aoist imperative is a call for an action to be done **now!** These people are so frightened that they want to die now by the hands of their rock shelters falling upon them, but to no avail for they will be brought before the king of glory and be judged.

The one **seated** on the throne is a reference to *Yahweh*, God the Father, the Ancient of Days, Creator of all things. The Lamb refers to his Son, Jesus Christ. The word lamb is usually referenced to the ideas of: love, gentleness, kindness, meekness, the softer virtues. But here we see him pouring forth wrath on the world. The word for **wrath** is *orge* and it denotes the manifestation of anger. The wrath of Jesus Christ comes from his offended righteousness and now it is directed on the world.

Q. No one can withstand. v.17

Revelation 6:17, "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" - 'οτι ηλθεν η ημερα η μεγαλη της οργης αυτου και τις δυναται σταθηναι.

1. "For the great day of his wrath is come;" - *hoti elthen he hemera he megale tes orges auton*. To **come** is the aoist active indicative of *erchomai*. Now I don't know why the KJV, along with others, translated this as "**his** wrath", when it could have also been translated as "**their** wrath" for two reasons. 1) because we have a compound subject in the preceding verse concerning the Father and the Son, from "him that sitteth on the throne" and from the "wrath of the lamb". And 2) because the word in the passage is found as *auton* in other manuscripts, which is the genitive plural - *their*.

2. "And who shall be able to stand?" - *kai tis dunatai stathenai*. The word **able** is the present passive indicative of *dunamai* and the word **stand** is the aoist passive infinitive of *histemi*. *Dunamis* is a power word meaning that one has the power to do something. While *histemi* is used in a wide variety of settings from to stand in court, to take one's stand for something, to stand on the battlefield, or to stand against some kind of force, for it takes power to stand against some kind of force, which we use the word **withstand**. No one has the ability to withstand the power of Christ's judgment.

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