

April 2018 Newsletter - Revelations Six

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 ολυνθους 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 the 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 shelf's 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 demonstrate 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 orist 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 orist 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 orist tense is a culminative orist 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 *spelaiia* 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 *spelaiia* 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 when he comes back to the earth.

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