

March 2018 Newsletter - Revelations Six

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 hekten.* 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 ao**rist 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.*"

Isiah 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.