

BEWARE THE LAMB



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Chapter 6:1-4 Seals 1 & 2

REVELATION 6

The noise of thunder: before a severe storm hits, often for an hour or more, you hear the thunder in the distance as the storm approaches.

One of the 4 cherubim - the living beings - speaks saying "come and see".

The saying could as easily be translated as "go".

The cherubim is calling and sending the 1st messenger of judgment.

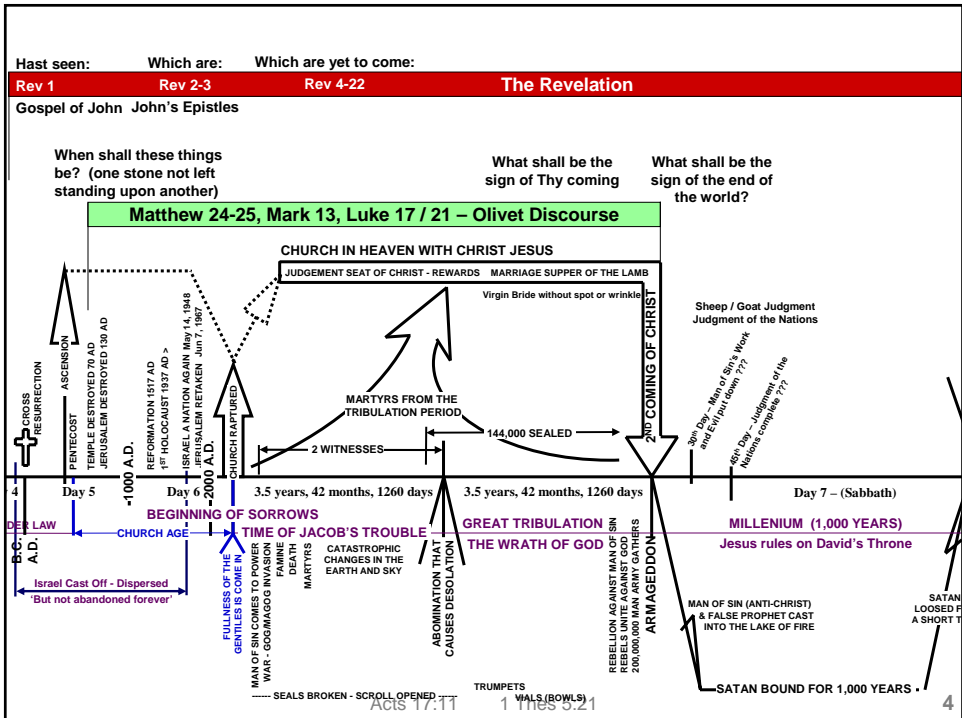
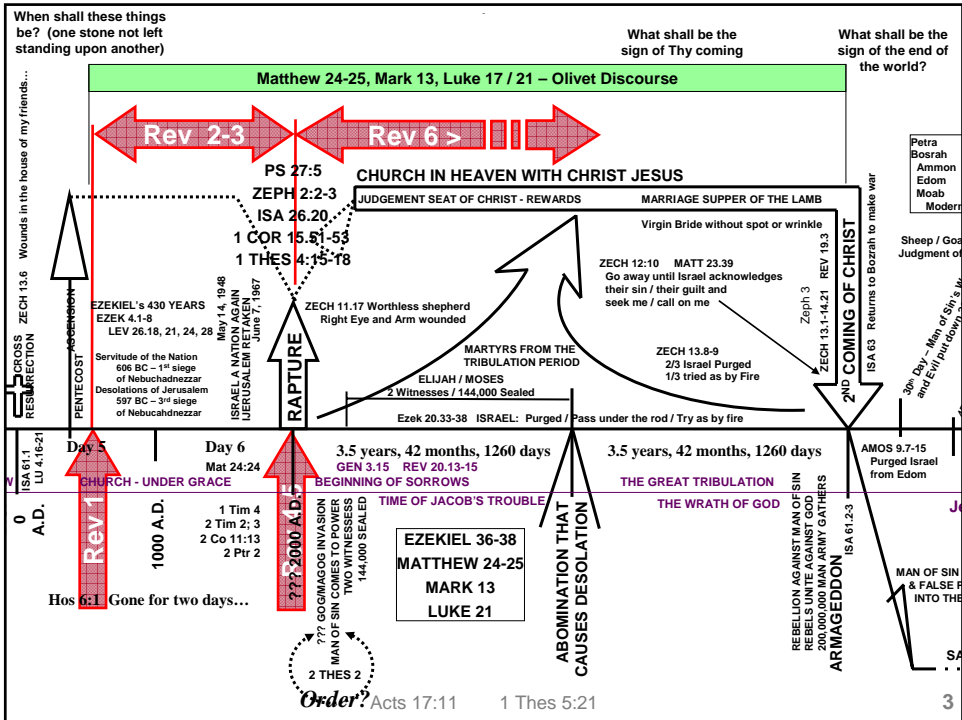
Meanwhile, on the earth...great events have and are taking place.

The church is no longer there - the restraining power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through the church is now absent.

Events have taken place which given the chaos after the rapture will be welcomed and seem good to many.

There are 3 great powers referred to in the latter days, the end times - [Dan 11:40](#)

1. Anti-christ's kingdom
2. King of the north
3. King of the south



Check your watches at the door...

The "Tribulation" does not begin immediately following the Rapture.

Note, there are no more admonishments to the Church to "Watch" – Why ???

The beginning of the Tribulation is signaled by some sort of covenant (or treaty, or agreement) being confirmed. The Antichrist, Israel, and others are involved –

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

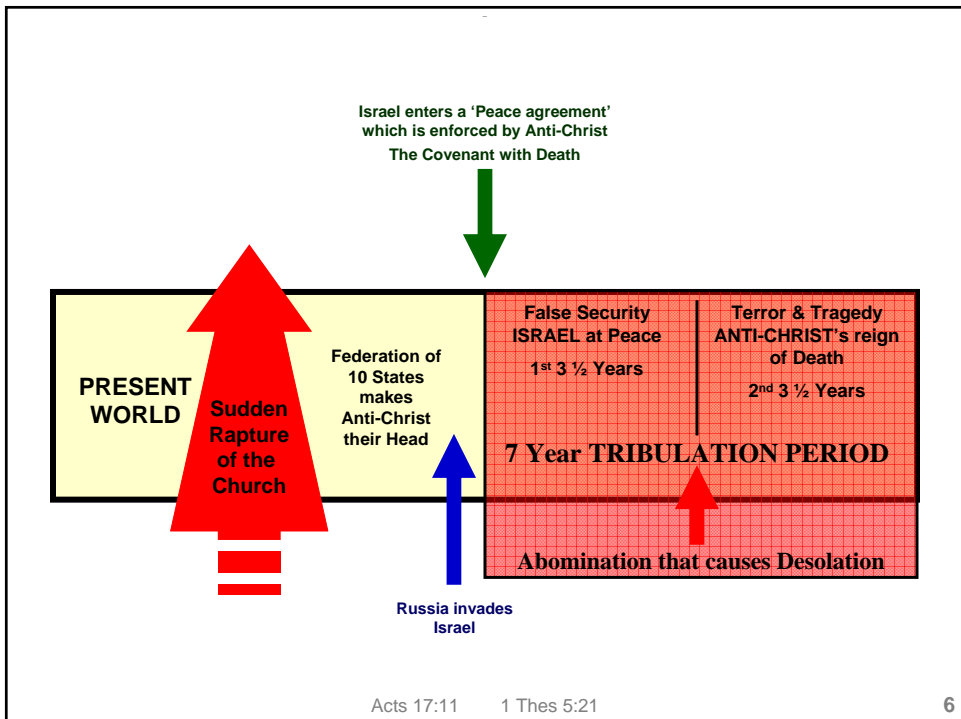
Before this covenant can be confirmed (signed or agreed to), the Antichrist must be revealed (come onto the world scene) and establish himself as a world leader.

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"How long from the Rapture to the confirmation of the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel?"

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How much longer Daddy ???

How long between the “Rapture” and the beginning of the “Tribulation” ???

...somewhere from one day to perhaps several years.

Jesus gives us a clue in Matt 24:

Mat 24:32 - 36 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: 33 **So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.** 34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.** 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

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Possible (probable) sequence of events:

- The restrainer is removed; the Church is “Harpazo’d” > Raptured *2 Thes*
- There is an ‘Apostasy’ – a falling away *2 Thes*
- The world – already seeing the events included in what Jesus called beginning of sorrows - is thrown into further chaos. *Matt 24/25*
- The Antichrist rises to power (in Europe ???).
Anti-Christ rides in on his ‘white’ horse to restore order
- Gog/Magog and his allies invade Israel to ‘take a spoil from the peaceful, well to do inhabitants of the land - *Ezek 38/39*
– Linked to Asher’s Oil ??? *Gen 49:20 Deut 33:24-25*
Before or After the covenant is signed ???
- God defends Israel and destroys all but 1/6th of the invading force.
1/4th of the world’s population die as a result of this war.
- Anti-christ signs – enforces – a 7 year peace covenant with Israel effectively grabbing control; ‘conquering’ the world at this point. *Rev 6:1-2 Dan 9:27* et al → Tribulation begins: Rev 6: The 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse – 1st 4 Seals
- Daniel’s 70th Seven begins
- The Tribulation is considered to be 7 biblical years; divided into two parts.
1,260 days, 42 biblical months (30 days each), 3 ½ biblical years each
1st half: The Time of Jacob’s Trouble / The Beginning of Sorrows
Midpoint: “Abomination that causes desolation”
2nd half: The Great Tribulation / The Wrath of God is poured out

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THE FIRST 31/2 YEARS OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

Sometime after the Rapture (which is when the believers are caught up to meet Christ in the air) the 7 year Tribulation Period will begin.

This tribulation is spoken of in Matthew 24:21, 22 as follows:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (21)

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake (the elect of Israel and of the Gentiles) those days shall be shortened." (22)

The Antichrist will be the head of the Federated States of Europe and will make his appearance before the beginning of the Tribulation Period – the last 7 years before the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this earth to establish His Kingdom and to reign at the time of the Millennium.

It is not until the middle of the Tribulation Period that Satan fully moves in and terror and tragedy begin.

Chapters 6-19 of the book of Revelation in the Bible constitutes the fullest description of the Tribulation Period in the entire Bible.

God's judgment is poured out upon an unbelieving and wicked world, first in the seven seals, then in the seven trumpets, and last of all in the seven vials.

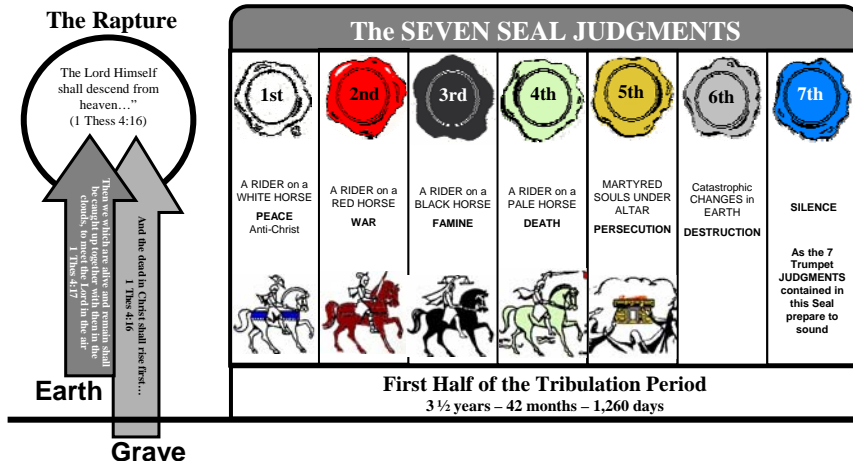
Again it is important to realize that it apparently is not the will of God to reveal to us the exact time in which each of these judgments will occur.

However, Bible scholars generally agree that the seven seals will cover the first 31/2 years of the Tribulation and that the seven trumpets come somewhere in the midst of this period and that the vial judgments will come toward the end of the last 31/2 years of tribulation.

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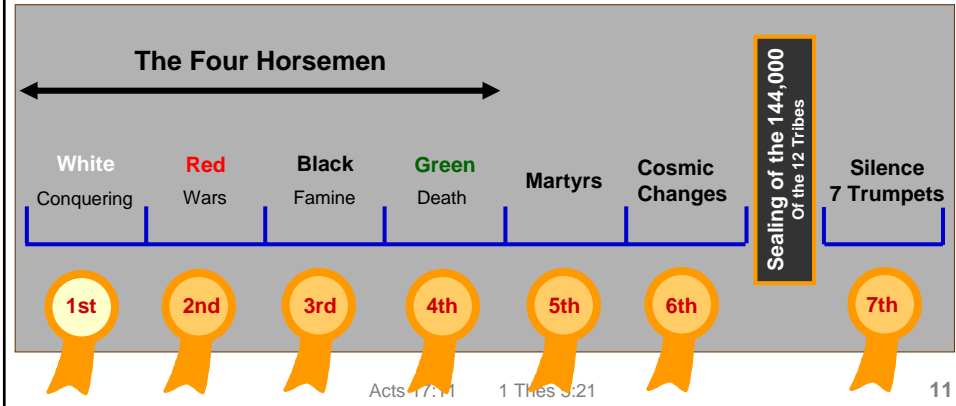
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#1: The Seven-Sealed Scroll

Chapters 6 & 7

6:1 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.

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.



Seal 1 - Peace: A Rider on a White horse



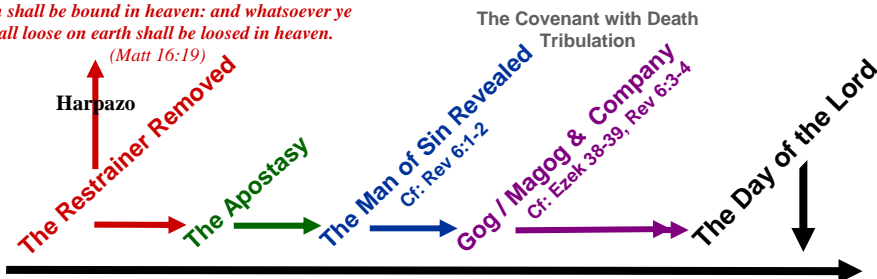
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God allows a man to appear on earth who will pose as a "savior of the world."
the Man of Sin: Anti-Christ see **2 Thes 2** **"The Restrainer" is gone...**

Matt 18:18
Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(Matt 16:19)



For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first v.3
He who now [restraineth] will [restrain], until He be taken out of the way v.7
And then shall that Wicked One be revealed v.8,

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This is the 1st of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

These 'horsemen' must be symbolic.

Heavenly messengers do not need horses to rider upon.

This 1st horseman is different from the others - no disaster is associated with him or attributed to him.

Note:

* The 4 horsemen are released to begin their rides by the Lamb of God.

* They are sent to execute God's judgments upon the earth and the wicked men upon the earth.

Anti-christ himself is the most wicked of men.

The man of sin, Anti-christ, attempts to conquer the earth but is limited and is eventually conquered himself - by the rider on the white horse

Revelation 6:1

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 living creatures saying, Come and see":

When the subject concerns heaven, the elders speak.

When it concerns the earth, the living creatures speak.

"Come" {*erkou'*}: Proceed.

Proceed: *erchomai* {er'-khom-ahee}

The middle voice of a primary verb (used only in the present and imperfect tenses; to come, of persons, to come from one place to another, and used of persons arriving, to appear, make one's appearance, come before the public; to come into being, arise, come forth, show itself, find place or influence; be established, become known, to come (fall) into or unto; to go, to follow one.

Horses = judgments

2 Kgs 6:15-18; Jer 46:9-10; Joel 2:3-11; Nahum 3:1-7; Zech 1:8-11; 6:1-7



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He is carrying a bow.

- If this a bow as in 'bow and arrow', it may indicate that when he comes to power, he will supposedly be on a mission of peace – carry a bow but no arrows... a diplomat of a sort
- The color of his horse portrays his supposedly holy, pure, and peaceful pretenses.

But it also says he went forth conquering and to conquer – it is his intention to conquer and he is successful arrows or not. The lack of mention of arrows does not mean that he had none

The usual weapon of a horseman was a sword or spear – although some like the Scythians were renowned for their bowmanship skills from horseback.

- The bow here may refer to a 'rainbow'; the symbol of a covenant; a covenant of peace. Different Greek words are usually used of the two items – a single common Hebrew word is used for both.

Some believe Revelation was written in Hebrew and translated to Greek – which would explain the 'rough' generally poor Greek grammar found in the Greek texts of Revelation.

Rev 4, Ezek 1 - the 'bow' is mentioned as being present around God's throne

Gen 9:12-14 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

Personally, I prefer the 'rainbow' use of the 'bow' in this case...but I can't dispute a 'bow and arrow' usage either...

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Sat on a White horse: Symbol of a military or national Leader: White the symbol of power; peace
had a Bow: no arrows ??? – a rainbow = the symbol of peace

A Crown was given to Him: elected to position ??? Authority surrendered to him; Martial Law ??

This 1st rider on a white horse is the only rider with a crown.

He is 'given' a crown; a stephanos – he didn't have it before

...indicating that he is given authority and comes to power.

The Church has already received their stephanos crowns.

– stephanos: G4735; A victor's or conquerors crown / a crown that is won

- not a Diadema; G1238 the ornament of royalty. Christ will wear a diadema, the crown of a sovereign, reigning monarch (Rev 19:12).

This rider is NOT Christ: this guy keeps bad company.

He will resemble Christ;

This rider is ordered into action by the living creatures; hardly fitting if it's Christ.

Went forth to conquering: *via charisma, a diplomat; conquered by words rather than military force and forced servitude*

And to Conquer: *It was his purpose to take control and rule everywhere He went*

The word 'conquer' is the same word used for 'overcome' in the letters to the churches.

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2 Thes 2

- 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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1 Cor 15:51-21 1 Thes 4:16-18

1Co 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Th 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 8 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

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Who's Going With Us ??? Matt 25:1-13

When the Rapture happens, there will probably be many people not taken that thought they would be.

Mat 25:1-13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

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Thyatira Rev 2:18-29

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 **Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.** 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 **But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.**

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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Sardis Rev 3:1-6

Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. **If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**

Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Philadelphia Rev 3:7-13

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

11 **Behold, I come quickly**: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him my new name*.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Laodicea Rev 3:14-22

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

It's not What you've done – but Who's you are... Luke 13:23-30

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved?

And he said unto them, 24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out. 29 And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Who's Your Daddy !!! Matt 7:13-27

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

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Antichrist: 4 x in Scripture

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

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

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

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

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Antichrist: Who is that masked man ???

SATAN...MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

2 Cor. 11:14 ... for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Anti-christ: son of Satan, THY SEED - Gen 3:15 (literal or figurative???)

Genesis 3:15 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.

Jesus returns at the close of the Tribulation on a white horse.

Rev 19:11-13 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. 12 His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

That white horse and rider is not to be confused with this one.

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Antichrist: Comes (Goes forth) **Daniel 8 (:23-27)**

Dan 8:23-27 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

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ANTICHRIST TAKES OVER

An extremely proud, boastful, intimidating, imposing person. He is unique. He arises out from among ten kings, rulers, or representatives who yield to him their authority and power.

Most believe these kings represent the European Union or at least what it will become...

He takes over and becomes the confederations leader.

This puts him in the position to confirm (or sign) the covenant (or agreement, or treaty) with Israel and others.

At the time he is taking over or at some time shortly thereafter, he plucks up, causes to fall, or overthrows three kings (rulers or representatives of nations).

??? because they oppose him in some way ???

The ten kings, or rulers, have not yet received a kingdom and have not yet begun to rule, but will receive authority as kings for one hour with the Antichrist. They hand over their power or authority to the Antichrist.

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ANTICHRIST TAKES OVER Daniel 2, 9:26

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

This was the Roman Empire.

Nebuchadnezzar's image confirms this, as do many other visions in Daniel and passages in the Revelation.

Daniel 2:33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel 2:40-43 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. [41] And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. [42] And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. [43] And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.


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Daniel's Visions Compared

Daniel 2

Daniel 7

Gold		Winged Lion	Babylon
Silver		Bear on side	Persia
Brass		Leopard	Greece
Iron		Terrible Beast	Rome I
Iron + Clay		10 Heads...	"Rome II"

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ANTICHRIST TAKES OVER Daniel 7:1-7

[1] In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

[2] Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. [3] And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. [4] The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. [5] And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. [6] After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

[7] After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. [8] I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

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ANTICHRIST TAKES OVER Daniel 7:9-17

[9] I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. [10] A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

[11] I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

[12] As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

[13] I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. [14] And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

[15] I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. [16] I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

[17] These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. [18] But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

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ANTICHRIST TAKES OVER Daniel 7:19-

[19] Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

[20] And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. [21] I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; [22] Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

[23] Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

[24] And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. [25] And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

[26] But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. [27] And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. [28] Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

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ANTICHRIST: THE 10 KINGS Rev 13:1-9

[1] And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. [2] And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

[3] And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

(Zec 11:17) Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

[4] And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? [5] And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. [6] And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

[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. [8] And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. [9] If any man have an ear, let him hear.

ANTICHRIST: THE 10 KINGS Rev 13:10-18

[10] He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

[11] And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. [12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. [13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

[14] And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

[15] And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. [16] And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [17] And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

[18] Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Read [Daniel Chapter 3](#): note the parallels

ANTICHRIST: THE 10 KINGS Rev 17:1-7

[1] And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: [2] With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

[3] So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

[4] And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: [5] And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

[6] 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.

[7] And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

ANTICHRIST: THE 10 KINGS Rev 17:8-18

[[8] The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9] And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. [10] And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. [11] And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

[12] And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. [13] These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

[14] These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

[15] And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

[16] And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. [17] For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

[18] And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

ANTICHRIST CONFIRMS THE COVENANT - THE TRIBULATION BEGINS -

This day (day one of the Tribulation) is a special date.

Some form of a covenant, treaty, or agreement will be confirmed for seven years.

The two main parties involved that are mentioned in the Scriptures are Israel and the Antichrist.

Others will also be included, but who they are is not certain.

The provisions of this agreement are not made clear in the Scriptures, however, it appears, it may be some form of peace treaty of protection agreement.

The exact day that this covenant is confirmed, or enforced, is the first day of the Tribulation.

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Isa 28:14-22 ...15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

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- THE TRIBULATION HAS AN APPOINTED TIME - ISRAEL THINKS IT IS NOW DWELLING SAFELY 1 Thess 5:1-11

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

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.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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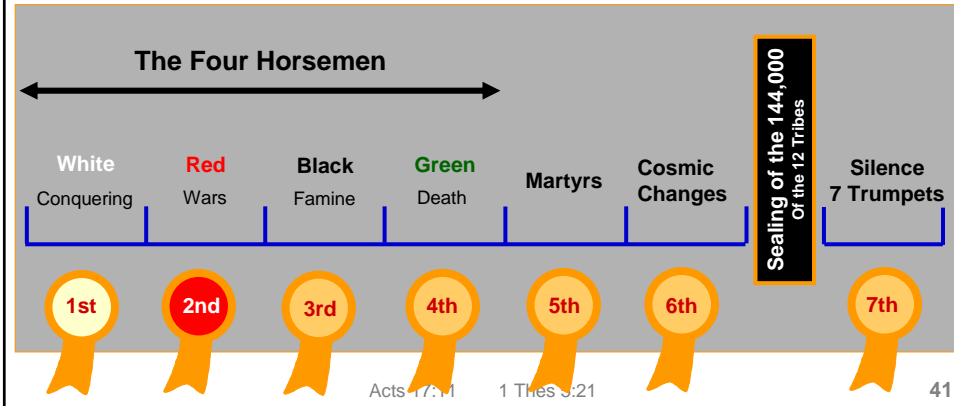
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#2: The Seven-Sealed Scroll

Chapters 6 & 7

6:3 *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come and see.*

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.*



A RIDER on a
RED HORSE
WAR



Seal 2: War Rider on a Red Horse

"Then He (Christ) unrolled the scroll to the second seal ... This time a red horse rode out. Its rider was given a long sword and the authority to banish peace and bring anarchy to the earth; war and killing broke out everywhere" (Revelation 6:3,4 Living New Testament).

The Second Seal, which is the Red Horse, is the attempt of Russia to march into Israel and take it by force.

When this great army of occupation moves into Israel to take possession of the land, no battle, as such, will be fought.

The Western Powers seemingly will only make a protest, unable to respond.

But God will intervene and cause great disasters which will kill all of the enemy forces and throw the Russian forces into utter confusion in which "every man's sword shall be against his brother" ([Ezekiel 38:18-22](#) and [Ezekiel 39:2-4](#)).

REVELATION 6:3-4

'And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come. 4 And there came forth another, a red horse; and it was given to the one that sat on him to take the peace from the earth, in order that they might kill each other; and there was given unto him a great sword.

"I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (John 5:43)

The true character of the rider on the white horse is not hidden for long.

When he takes possession of the power over the nations, he is swiftly followed by the judgment of God.

After the white horse there comes the red, the black and the livid (green or pale) horsemen.

As they ride out war is loosed, famine breaks out and death stalks the earth.

It is not without reason that the Holy Spirit calls the Antichrist "The Beast."

- He comes out of the abyss (Rev 17:8),
- His character is that of a beast (Rev 13:2-3),
- His power, his throne and his authority are from Satan, (Rev 13:2).
- God finally deals with him as a beast (Rev 19:19-20).

From him we see the nature and the character of this rider of the white horse, for at first the world will take him to be Christ, the Messiah. He is, however, the counterfeit Christ, the anti-Messiah.

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Dan 11: Anti-Christ's Palestinian Campaign

The order of events follows closely the Lord in answers in Matthew 24

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:5).

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars . . . for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom . . ." (Matt 24:6, 7).

The Old Testament often portrays narrative in which the Holy Spirit leads a prophet to talk about some event that is taking place in his own day and then, suddenly, without so much as a break in the paragraph, the Holy Spirit carries the writer forward 2,000 or 3,000 years to the time of the end and speaks of prophetic events which have some similarity with those taking place in the prophet's own time.

Daniel describes Anti-christ's campaign.

- We see two kings pushing against the Antichrist (Dan. 11:40). His army is first seen marching forward in the neighborhood of Asia Minor and Syria. *"He shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (vs. 40).*

This might be the campaign that united the former Roman Empire.

- Next we see him enter Palestine,

"He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown" (vs. 41).

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Dan 11: Anti-Christ's Palestinian Campaign

Daniel shows us that as Anti-christ comes from Syria into Palestine the situation in Egypt becomes urgent.

He does not have time for a thrust against the Arab people.

"These shall escape out of his hand, even Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (vs. 41).

He reaches Egypt and conquers it.

Some of his forces break over Ethiopia (vss. 42, 43).

But it is a wave that has dashed itself too high upon the shore and must break and recede,

"Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth [out of Africa] with great fury to destroy, and utterly annihilate many" (vs. 44).

His headquarters were established in Palestine,

"Between the seas in the glorious holy mountain" (vs. 45).

Russia leading her forces and those of the Germans she has absorbed; Persia turned from other influences and swinging into line with the great northern confederacy; the Arab peoples uniting to join with them; republics turning to kingdoms;

Western Europe, in dismay at the power of the coalition that rises in the north and east, melts together under the rule of the Antichrist.

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Revelation 6:3-4 2nd Seal: Red Horse—War

3] "And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come and see": The four horses and riders are each summoned by one of the four living creatures.

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":

Red is associated with terror and death:

the *red* dragon (12:3) and
the *red* beast (17:3).

Cf. Mt 24:6,7; Mk 13:7,8; Lk 21:9,10; Dan 11:36.

"Sword": (*Machaira*). Ezek 38:21; Jer 25:15-33 (29); Micah 7; Dan 11:33



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Asher's foot in oil – Polite or Prophetic ???

Gen 49:20 Deut 33:24 Ezek 38-39

As he was dying Jacob called his sons around him and prophesied about them and their descendants. When he got to Asher he simply said...

Genesis 49:1-33 20] Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

Moses as he departed from Israel commented on this prophesy and blessing. Regarding Asher he said the following:

Deu 33:24-25 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil. 25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

When in history past have these blessings and prophesies concerning Asher been fulfilled?

Asher or Aser (as the NT calls him) is mentioned 45 times in 43 verses in the whole of scripture

The 2 verses above are the only ones I have found that do not simple deal with his descendants genealogy, the position of his tribe's encampment or his inclusion in a listing of with the other 12 tribes.

!!!! Gen 49:20 and Deut 33:24-25 have simply not yet happened but they will... !!!!

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Asher's foot in oil – Pieces to the puzzle ???

Gen 49:20 Deut 33:24 Ezek 38-39

Very soon, the world's "power structure" is going to be changed.

Throughout the 20th and 21st century, the United States has been the dominant power.

It has also been the dominant energy consumer; led by its consumption of oil which for the most part comes from oil fields in the Middle East.

Europe has been in second place as far as energy consumption is concerned and is now leading the way in alternative fuel development today

– wind and water, nuclear etc.

Regardless, its oil demands are increasing.

India and China have announced new programs to modernize and industrialize

– put a car in every household that wants or needs one.

Think what this will do to oil demand around the world.

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Asher's foot in oil – A Giant Sucking sound...!!!

Gen 49:20 Deut 33:24 Ezek 38-39

China's population is about 1.3 billion;

India's is about 1.1 billion;

Combined – just the two of them together – have a population about 8 times the current US population which is now about 300 million

Together they represent 33% of the world's total 6.4 billion population.

Oil prices will sky rocket. Supply is going to shrink to a trickle due to increased demand.

Competition for available oil reserves will be harsh, bitter and violent. Availability as we have know it will cease.

Existing industries and entire national economies and infrastructures will collapse.

Russia would be particularly hurt if this situation were to develop. They do not have the capital to compete for the limited oil supply.

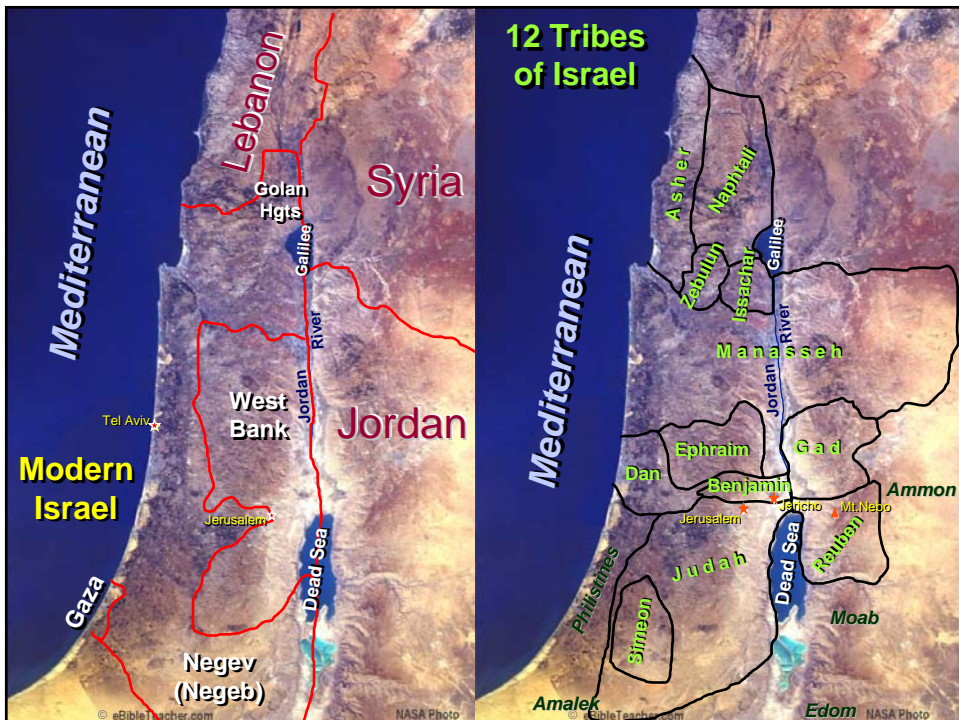
shat would happen if into this situation, massive, untapped oil supplies were to be discovered within Israel.

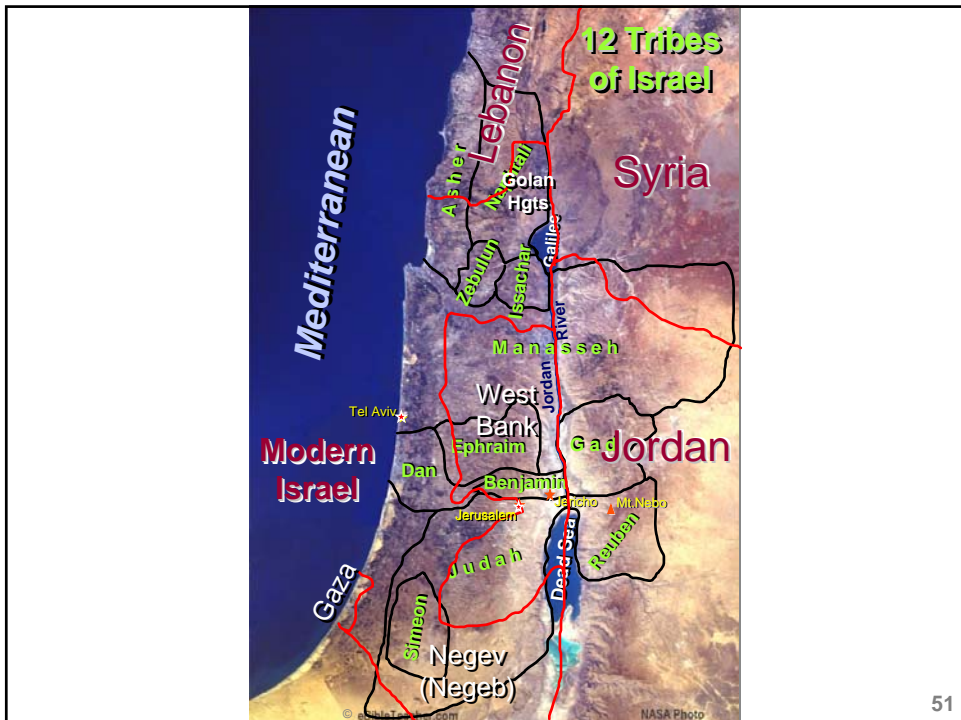
(Oil exploration within Israel in recent years has been in the ancient area of Asher.)

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Asher's foot in oil – Give Me Oil in My Lamp...

Gen 49:20 Deut 33:24 Ezek 38-39

Gen 49:20 *Out of Asher his bread shall be fat,* (plentiful and rich ???)
and he shall yield royal dainties. (luxuries !!! ; the result of exports ???)

Note it is out of Asher these things come to his brethren.

Deu 33:24-25 *And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children;*
let him be acceptable to his brethren, (popular with the rest of Israel !!!)
and let him dip his foot in oil. (is this is crude oil or salad dressing ???)

- or – is it just a flowery old blessing phrase that means nothing ?

25 *Thy shoes shall be iron and brass;* (are we talking about oil wells & drilling tools ???)

26 *and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.* (unlimited supply ???)

What would happen if God somehow – e.g. by earthquake – suddenly dried up the Arab oil fields and opened them up in Israel.

Even if the existing Arab oil fields did not dry up, the impact on their ability to satisfy world supplies with India and China becoming major world oil consumers and the anger within the Arab nations at having Israel as a new competing crude oil supplier would drive the OPEC and the Arab nations to the breaking point.

Asher's foot in oil – Gone, No holds barred... Gen 49:20

Deut 33:24 Ezek 38-39

At some point before of during all these events, The Restrainer – the Holy Spirit working through the church – is removed. 2 Thes 2; 1 Cor 15

This alone will result in world-wide chaos.

Many born-again Christian people who previously filled key leadership and influential positions around the world are suddenly gone.

The US, which arguably contains the highest percentage of Christians in the world today, will be crippled.

Russia and the Arab nations, having a great need and seeing an opportunity, launch an unprovoked attack against Israel 'to take spoil'.

(Note: The attack will happen. The timing is the subject of varying opinions.)

Re-read Ezekiel 38:11-12. The purpose of this invasion is to 'take spoil'.

I cannot believe this invasion will happen to give the attackers greater access to olive oil, figs, oranges and flowers...

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The Magog Invasion Allies

Ezekiel 38 & 39

Eze 38:2 Son of man, set thy face against **Gog**, the **land of Magog**, the chief prince of **Meshech** and **Tubal**, and prophesy against him,

Eze 38:15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts,

- **Gog of Magog:** Leader of Russia
- **Meshech:** Moscow: E of Urals
- **Tubal:** Tubolsk: W of Urals

Eze 38:5 **Persia**, **Ethiopia**, and **Libya**

- **Persia:** Iran
- **Cush:** Ethiopia / Sudan
- **Phut:** Libya

Eze 38:6 **Gomer**, and all his bands; the house of **Togarmah** of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

- **Gomer:** Eastern Europe
- **Togarmah:** Turkey / Armenia

Eze 38:13 **Sheba**, and **Dedan**, and the merchants of **Tarshish**, with all the **young lions** thereof,

- **Sheba and Dedan:** Saudi Arabian Peninsula nations ???
- **Tarshish with all the young lions thereof** British Commonwealth nations ???

Eze 39:6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among **them that dwell carelessly in the isles**: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

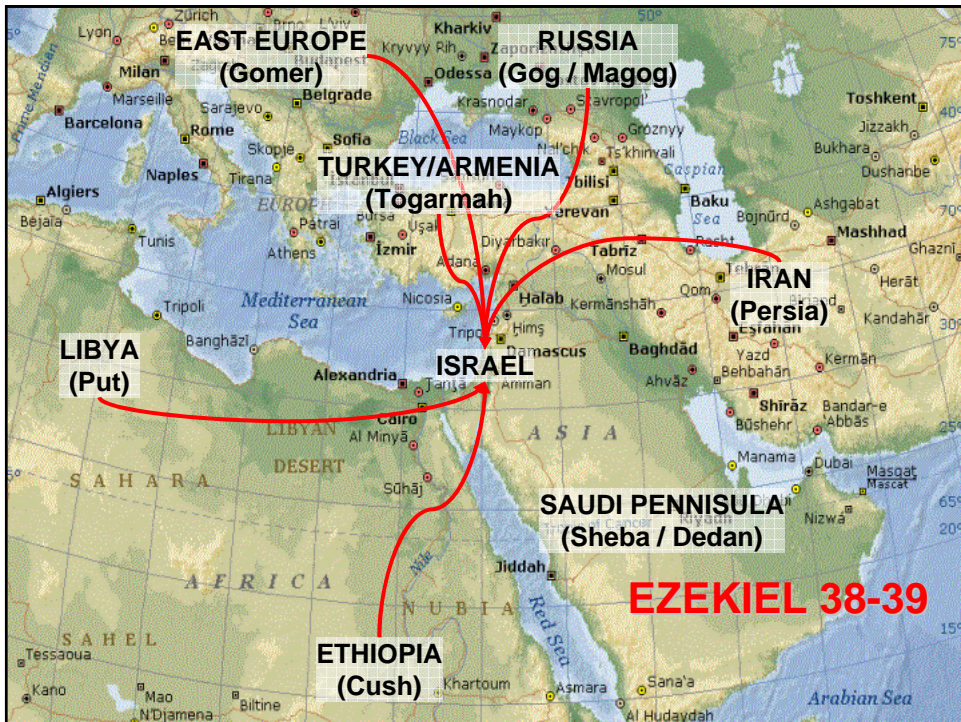
- **Them that dwell carelessly in the isles** Western Hemisphere: USA ???

Who is missing?

- **Babylon:** Iraq
- **Kings of the East:** Far Eastern nations
- **Western Europe:** Area already under anti-christ's span of control

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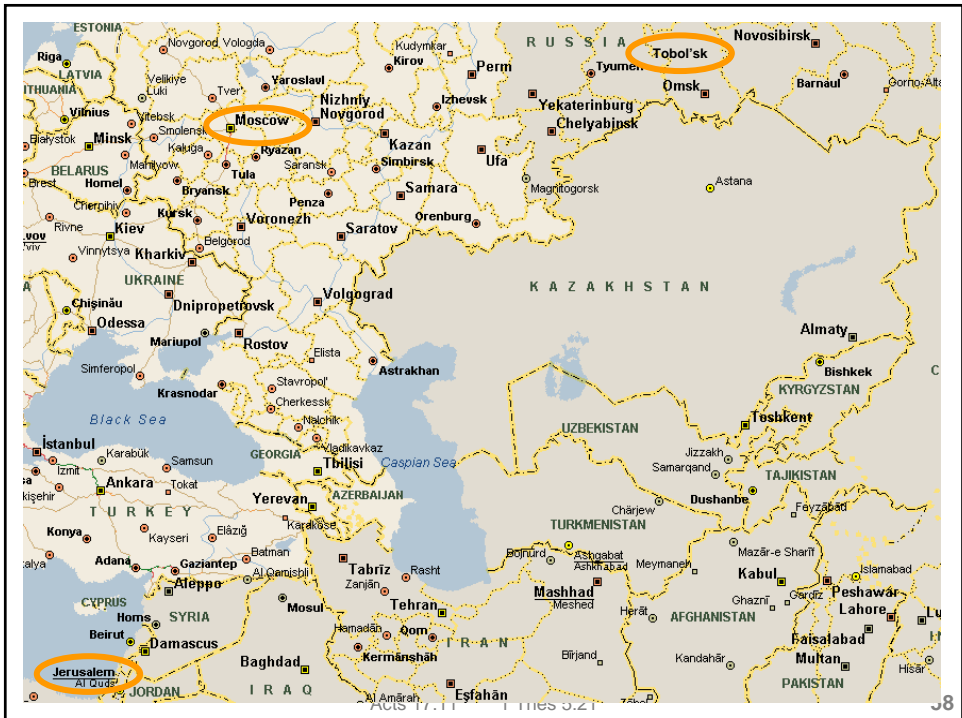
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The Magog Identity

- Hesiod, Greek Didactic Poet, 8th century BC
 - Magogians = Scythians
- Herodotus, “Father of History,” 5th century BC
 - Scythians (10th - 3rd century BC)
- Philo, Josephus, et al
 - The Great Wall of China: “Ramparts of Gog & Magog”
- Soviet Archaeologists’ discoveries
- From the “Uttermost parts of the north”

“From the North parts...”



Asher's foot in oil – Now, cut that out... !!!

Ezek 38-39

The western world would be powerless – politically, economically, and would be suffering an unimaginable leadership void.

Couple this with a World oil supply crisis and the 'Western World' would be helpless to stop it.

They couldn't do much more than send protests....

Note the response of those called "Dedan, Sheba, Tarshish and all the young lions" – diplomatic notes (Ezekiel 38:13).

Many believe these references include Britain and those nations (the young lions) that grew out of the British empire – who's national animal symbol is a Lion.

If the US and most other western nations are crippled by the Rapture of the church and are in the midst of a major economic and industrial shutdown due to a critical oil shortage they wouldn't be able to do much else but send diplomatic notes.

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Asher's foot in oil – Primitive weapons –almost !!!

Gen 49:20 Deut 33:24 Ezek 38-39

If the invading nations don't have access to crude oil fuels they can't use the conventional ground armor, transportation and war machines we are used to seeing on the evening news.

However, mounted cavalry – yes real horses – could be brought into the equation. They would have to revert to more primitive energy forms to transport troops.

Also, the solid fueled rockets and the missiles, many horse drawn tactical nuclear warheads, could and would still be available to use. See Ezekiel 39:3.

Could these 'bows' be the rocket launchers and could the 'arrows' be the missiles and rockets?

God causes them to 'fall out of their hands'.

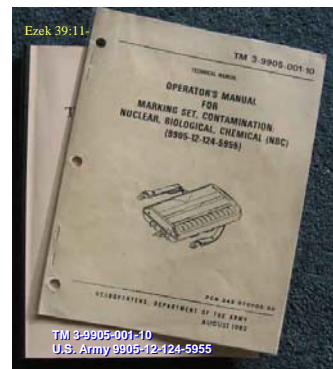
Could this be God causing the tactical warheads to explode in their launchers?

The later passages in Ezekiel 39 seem to describe a cleanup effort such as would follow nuclear contamination of some sort.

It will take 7 months to clean up the land and the 'weapons' will be 'burned' for 7 years...

Could this be due to nuclear contamination has God swats the missiles out of the sky to fall back on the invaders; contaminating themselves and dying of radiation sickness?

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Nuclear Weapons?

- Left-over weapons provide all the energy – are burned - for the nation Israel for 7 years
- Professionals are hired to clear the battlefield
 - They wait 7 months; then clear for 7 months
 - Bury the dead east of the Dead Sea (downwind)
- If a traveler finds something the professionals have missed, he doesn't touch it:
 - he marks the location and
 - lets the professionals deal with it.

Asher's foot in oil – I've arrived !!!

Ezek 38-39 Dan 7, 9, 11-12

Israel and the whole world will recognize that Israel's being saved from this invasion was God's miraculous doing – a divine intervention. It is the event that begins Israel returning her one true God.

At this point anti-christ comes on the scene, perhaps claiming that Israel's survival and the massive defeat of their invaders is his doing.

The US appears impotent or unwilling to respond
Anti-christ is already the leader of a multi-national alliance in Europe,
Russia and the Arab nations have been devastated,

He will assume leadership and control of the western world and the middle east.

He enforces – or at least tries to enforce - a 7 year 'peace treaty' with Israel in the Middle East (not too difficult if all Israel's enemies have been devastated).

Israel without local opposition rebuilds the Temple on the Temple Mount and Daniel's 70th week – the tribulation period – begins.

The rest of the world fall into line quickly as anti-christ now effectively controls the entire world oil supply and which is probably how and why 3.5 years later he can claim to be god, demand allegiance and force anyone who wants to buy or sell to swear allegiance to him and take his mark.

Asher's foot in oil – Enforce peace ???

Ezek 38-39 Dan 7, 9, 11-12

Toward the end of the 7 years, the kings of the east (remember the growing industry and power in India and China) finally rebel against anti-christ and march on Jerusalem where he has for 3.5 years controlled and 'ruled, claiming to be god' from the rebuilt temple.

But, before they can arrive (the Euphrates stops them - no oil – primitive transportation), God dries the Euphrates.

Jesus Second Coming is announced and these enemies unite as allies in a foolish final attempt to defeat the Lord Jesus.

This is what Armageddon is about;

God gathering the nations to execute His retribution on them. (See Psalm 2; Joel 3)

Nearly everything about the reason for and some of the sequence and timing of these events I've laid out is speculation and simply my opinion.

Only what comes from God's word is a sure thing.

My sequence and timing may be all wrong;

God may have a totally different series of events in mind.

But, looking at the world condition today (which could change tomorrow) and until I see in scripture where I've gotten it wrong – it seems to make sense to me.

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Expect and look for the Lord to return at any time.

And since we live in the time of the signs, watch the signs of the times line up to God's plan and purposes as He laid out in scripture 3,000 years ago...

- Watch for a hollow, tenuous peace in Israel and the middle east in general
- Watch for Israel to prosper economically (I'm looking for oil discovery...)
- Watch for a power shift within the oil consuming nations; Follow supply and demand...
- Watch for closer and secret ties between Russia and the Arab nations as Russia moves to try to protect her oil supply.
- Watch the economic development and industrialization in India and China.
- Watch for US policy to continue its blind arrogant assumption that its position as the influencer and enforcer in world events is sure...

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A Disturbing Hint?

And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 39:6

Who is it that would be described as 'dwelling carelessly in the isles' ?

Carelessly: Safely, Securely, without a care... H983 בִּטְחָה 'betach'

If the US can respond with ICBM's, typically not petroleum fueled, launched from nuclear submarines for example, could this be a warning?

Remember the whole scenario about a world petroleum crisis is only my conjecture...

What God's Word says will happen, will really happen...

The how and why and when conjectures where scripture is silent is only a possibility – as long as it doesn't contradict what scripture does say...