

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 6:1-2

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 6:1-2

You Might Remember That;

When you were in school - you had a **predetermined time table** to meet. It might have been a two year requirement, maybe a four year, some of you, had an eight year requirement of advanced education! Regardless, A Time Table was Set, and The Requirements were Met.

Whatever the Time Table,
as You Approached the End, the Exams Got tougher. The Tests, they became more frequent - - until The End had Come!

Here in Chapter 6 of the Book of Revelation;

We are Given Yet Another Key To Understanding the Book.

Chapter 6 gives us a View from Heaven,
of Those Events of a Specific Seven Year Period Known as The Great Tribulation. It is at The End of the Seventh Year, That Will Usher In the Return of Jesus Christ to Earth = The Second Coming!

This "Seven Year" Period or Time Table

is a Time Reserved Specifically by God for; Global Judgments. And God's Revisitation to the Nation of Israel!

!!! Keep Your Eye on Israel at All Times !!!

"Israel is the Time Table"

This Seven Year Period of Global Judgments;
begin rather benign, calmly and with great world interest, because it all begins on a certain day. There will be one day in a week, a week of a year that is recorded on a calendar - that will begin the ticking of the prophetic time clock.

**The Bible Speaks of Those Seven Years,
Beginning on a Certain Day;**

And on that Day - Something very Terrible will begin that will usher in a time of great deception that begins with a Middle East peace treaty with the Nation Israel and her surrounding enemies.

That time will begin with a united need for political reform
And
A universal cry for financial prosperity...

And One Man Will Be Able to Provide It.

That Man is Called in the Bible, The Beast, The Son of Perdition,
The Worthless Shepherd, The Anti-Christ.

(I believe that this man is alive today and unaware to him, he is being groomed for his unveiling)

Remembering Our Divine Outline

Revelation 1:17-19

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. :18 I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. :19 **Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.**

Write The Things "Which you have Seen"

Revelation Chapter 1

Write The Things "Which Are"

Revelation Chapters 2-3

Write The Things "Which Will Take Place After These Things"

Revelation Chapters 5-20 (6-19)

As We Zoom-In With Our Biblescope, We see

Revelation Chapters 6 thru 19

Giving Us Very Specific Details Regarding Those Seven Years of Great Tribulation!

To The Serious Bible Student; Note that the events recorded here in chapter 6,
Are in exact alignment with Jesus' own words in Matthew 24!

Matthew 24:1-10

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. :2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." :3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: **(In agreement with the first horsemen - deception)** "Take heed that no one deceives you. :5 For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many.... :6 **(in agreement with the second horsemen – open warfare)** And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for *all these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. :7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And **(in agreement with the third horsemen – death and sickness)** there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. :8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. :9 **(in agreement with the fourth horsemen - persecution)** "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. :10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Do You Remember?

Revelation 5

And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

Do You Remember?

one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." Then He, Jesus Christ, came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb,
(Title Deed to the Earth and its Redemptive Requirements)

Do You Remember?

The Glorious Multitude in Heaven Shouted

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing // *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Revelation 6:1-2

I saw, when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and **I heard** one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." :2 And I looked, and behold, **a white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

We Come Now to The Infamous;

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Why Does This Have to Happen?

Righteousness – Because God is Right

Judgment – Because God is Holy

Vengeance – Because God is Fair

Revelation 6:9

When Jesus opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. :10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You **judge** and **avenge** our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" :11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were*, was completed.

Remember, The Scroll and What it Means.

Remember What Must Take Place Because of a Christ-Rejecting World

THE FIRST RIDER OF THE APOCALYPSE

I.) The advent of evil in human flesh

vv. 1

THE WORD APOCALYPSE

IS A GREEK WORD MEANING — TO UNVEIL OR TO UNMASK

Revelation 6:1-2

I saw, when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

The advent of evil in Human flesh...

1st Evil does what evil is

v.1

I saw, when the Lamb (Jesus Christ) opened **one of the seals**

Evil is Personified

In the Existence of Lucifer, Satan

(I believe that this man is alive today and unaware to him, he is being groomed for his unveiling)

Revelation 6:1-2

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If God is Love
Satan is Hate

What Does It Mean, To Have The Seal Opened?

...that Jesus is overseeing the events and timing!

What Will Occur When It's Opened?

...evil is allowed to be what it is!

Hasn't It Already Been Opened?

...not even, but it's starting to stir!

"The Advancement of Evil"

"like the daylight at noon time, you never think about it until it begins to set. Then how fast it's gone and the darkness spreads across the land."

"one of the seals"

meaning that Jesus was qualified to open it, having met the requirement for this seal, seal number one.

And what was it about? – Letting Evil Loose

The advent of evil in Human flesh...

2nd Evil has its limits – it's being metered by God v.1

and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder,
“Come and see!”

Don't Be Mistaken Here.
The Heavenly Creature **is not** Telling John to Come and See,
But Rather, He is Commanding the White Horse to:
“Bring Forth The First Rider and Go to the Earth!”

“Come and see!” in the Greek language is more, “Come Forth and Go!”

The Unveiling or Advent of the Antichrist *Is being held back right now by God the Holy Spirit...*

2 Thessalonians 2:4

who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. :5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? :6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. :7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. :8 And then the lawless one will be revealed,

When the Rapture Happens, Then What?

(1) The Holy Spirit will resurrect the new physical bodies of those who died believing in Jesus. (2) The Holy Spirit will Hand the baton of the church over to Jesus Christ in the Atmosphere. (3) The Holy Spirit will stand aside, letting evil go unrestrained. (4) The Holy Spirit will come upon the nation of Israel

(1)

The Holy Spirit will resurrect the new physical bodies
of those who died believing in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have died in Jesus, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who died in Jesus... :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 up into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...

(2)

The Holy Spirit will Hand the baton of the church over to Jesus Christ in the
Atmosphere.

1 Thessalonians 4:15

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who have died. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. = John 14:1-3

(3)

The Holy Spirit will stand aside, letting evil go unrestrained.

2 Thessalonians 2:6

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. :7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. :8 **And then** (not until the 'Then' happens) that the lawless one will be revealed,

Like Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 19:22

And the angel said unto them, Hurry, leave this place.
For I cannot do anything until you arrive there...

(4)

The Holy Spirit will come upon the nation of Israel

Ezekiel 36:27

And I will put **my spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. :28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Acts 2:16

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: :17 *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. :18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. :19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. :20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. :21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved."*

THE FIRST RIDER OF THE APOCALYPSE

II.) *The deception of Satan upon the world* vv. 2

Revelation 6:2

And I looked, and behold, a **white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Satan's deception upon the world

1st *Don't be fooled by people riding white horses* v.2

And I looked, and behold, a **white horse**

Now a white horse in history and in the Bible,
Was Always Ridden by a Commanding General of Forces.

That Victorious General would Always Ride a White Steed into the City which he had conquered as a Display of His power and might!

**The Only Problem Here is;
This Isn't Jesus Christ – It's an Impostor Christ**

The First Rider is the Anti-Christ
Bringing a False Peace into the World.

Matthew 24:24

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect =

Those converted to Jesus Christ during the tribulation period

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when **they** say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they** shall not escape.

2 Thessalonians 2:5

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? :6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. :7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. :8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. :9 The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

Jesus Spoke of this Impostors Coming

John 5:43

I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

This is Forming Right Now as I Speak.

Israel and its Messiah "Quest"

Satan's deception upon the world

2nd Don't be intimidated by the "powers" of evil" v.2

And He who sat on it had a bow...

A bow (singular) and without arrows

A bloodless advent – at first - 3 1/2 Years of Deception

Revelation 6:2

And He who sat on it had a bow...

The World will be both deceived and intimidated
by the power of (his) evil.

When evil wears a mask,
It never seems to fit quite right.

Matthew 7:15-16

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.

1 Peter 5:8

Exercise self-control, be alert; because your adversary is the devil who walks about **like a roaring lion**, looking for someone to devour.

This Politician, The Anti-Christ

Will come to power during a time when the world will be crying out for peace and during a time when Israel will be a nation again!

Daniel 9:27

Then he (antichrist) shall **confirm** (succeed where others have failed) a **covenant** (a league or agreement made in blood) with **many** (Israel and Others) for one seven years;

An Early Warning – a must verse!

2 Thessalonians 2:10

and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. :11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, :12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Satan's deception upon the world

3rd Don't be duped by what you think you see v.2

In life, it seems like satan is winning sometimes
He will win some engagements, but the battle belongs to the LORD!

and a (1) **crow** (staphnos) was given to him and he went out **conquering** and to **conquer**.

“Conquering”

nikaōw nikao, *nik-ah'-o*;

to subdue, to overcome, prevail against, to gain victory, one step at a time.
(a subtle succession of military influence and political victories)

“Conquer”

nikaōw nikao, *nik-ah'-o*;

The Exact Same Word = to gain victory, one step at a time.

A Leader, a Deliverer, A Messiah
(claiming a new thing // but never being able to deliver)

Satan Can Only Counterfeit – He Can Never Create
When He Wants to Deceive,
He does so with what is at hand – what already exists

It's True with the Interpretation of Science
It's True with the Performance of Miracles
It's True with the Doctrines of Religions
He Can Only Imitate!

His Crown

Is a victors staphanos, because he does advance greatly in what he desires to accomplish - - but in the end, the diadem is not to be his.

Jesus Has Many Crowns.

It's Already Being Worn by Jesus Christ in Heaven

Revelation 19:12

His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns.

Satan is Always Trying to Duplicate or to Copy the Original.

Satan will give him the crown, and promise him a kingdom.
This Antichrist, will take the bait...

Matthew 4:8

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. :9
And he said to Him, "**All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**"

2 Thessalonians 2:9

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

Many will be duped by what they think they see

Daniel 9:27

Then he (antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with many for one seven years;
but in the middle of the seven years (3 1/2) he will end the daily sacrifices and offerings. And upon one of the wings of the Temple, he will set up an abomination that shall cause desolation, until the very end. This decree shall come to pass.

THE FIRST RIDER OF THE APOCALYPSE

III.) He doesn't have to ride into your life vv. 1

"Come and See."

He doesn't have to ride into your life

1st Satan's rule has been an assertion on his part v.1-2

"Come and See."

That He who sat on the white horse had a bow;

He doesn't have to ride into your life

2nd Satan's authority is limited by Almighty God v.1-2

"Come and See." A crown was given to him...

He doesn't have to ride into your life

3rd Satan's goal is to keep you undecided v.1-2

"Come and See." ...for he went out conquering and to conquer.

A personal application

The Meaning of this Message to Us Must be That...

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, :25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

END OF STUDY