



REVELATION

Revelation 6:1-8 | David Chadwick | March 3, 2024

HISTORY

- From Joshua to the Captivity: 490 years in the Promised Land
- 70 years in the Captivity (one for every year the land not given rest)
- A vision to Daniel in the Captivity - **Daniel 9:24-27**
- A prophecy of 490 years in future: when Jerusalem was reestablished
- From March 4, 444 BC to April 6th, 32 AD (175,880 days) equals 483 years
- Jesus's Triumphant Entry
- Rejection of Jesus ... 70 AD the temple was destroyed ... a million plus Jews killed...Jewish dispersion by Rome all over the world
- 7 years yet for the 490 year prophecy yet to be fulfilled
- The church takes the gospel to the world (the age and fullness of the Gentiles)
- May 14th, 1948: Israel reestablished as a nation - the super sign - prophecy fulfilled in Isaiah 66:8
- Increasing chaos in the world
- The rapture of the church - the restrainer is removed -**2 Thessalonians 2:6**
- The **Ezekiel 38-39** war here? (the amazing alignment of nations against Israel today: Iran, Russian, Turkey, Libya, Ethiopia...and Iran's proxies: Hezbollah and Hamas)
- There's complete chaos around the world with no answers.
- Remember: 7 years are still needed from the angel Gabriel given to Daniel for God's judgment of Israel and the world's sin

WHAT'S NEXT? The seven seal judgments starting with Revelation 6:

Verses 1-2: A rider on a white horse

1 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

- The Antichrist is the rider and the white horse is peace
- There is a peace covenant with Israel and the world

- Ideas to solve chaos: a one world economy, government, religion
- Jews longing for their Messiah - a man who will bring peace for 3 and one-half years. Temple rebuilt.
- Antichrist goes into the rebuilt Temple and declares himself to be God
- This is the "abomination of desolation" addressed by Daniel, Paul, and Jesus.
- The next 3 and one-half years: the **Great Tribulation** begins (notice 7 years!!!)

More specifically: the seven seal judgments (followed by the seven trumpet and bowl judgments)

Verses 3-4: A rider on a bright red horse

3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

4 And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

- Wars break out everywhere

Verses 5-6: A rider on a black horse

5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. **6** And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

- Famine
- Scarcity
- Money can't hardly purchase anything
- The elites have oil and wine...they are fine (control!)

Verses 7-8: A rider on a pale/yellow/green horse

7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" **8** And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

- Death: Physical and spiritual
- One-fourth of world dies through wars and famine

- Pestilence
- Wild beasts

Final thoughts:

1. The role of the prophet in the Bible: warning ("Woe!")

Colossians 1:28 ESV

28 *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

2. There is good news: you don't have to experience this

1 Thessalonians 1:10

10 *and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9

9 *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

3. You should be encouraged and encourage others with the rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:18

18 *Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

4. Please share with others before it's too late

We are raised to a living hope!