

Revelation 6

Table Revelation 6:1-17

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 3 *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*
- 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.*
- 5 *And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.*
- 6 *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*
- 7 *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*
- 8 *And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*
- 9 *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were 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, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*
- 11 *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*
- 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;*
- 13 *And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*
- 14 *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*
- 15 *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;*
- 16 *And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:*
- 17 *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

See Dr Ruckman's books *Bible Numerics* pp 14-17, *Mark of the Beast*, his commentaries *The Book of Daniel* pp 227-234, *The Book of Revelation* pp 134-155, 306-308 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 14, 439-440, 446, 448, 571, 751, 778, 865, 1237, 1287-1288, 1650-1651. Revelation 6 actually takes the reader through *all* of Daniel's 70th Week and then, it would appear, Revelation 7-11, 12-14, 15-19 take the reader through *the second half* of Daniel's 70th Week *three* times, making a total of *four* descriptions of the *Second Advent* just as Matthew, Mark, Luke, John give *four* descriptions of the *First Advent*.

See also www.chick.com/catalog/comics/0116.asp and this extract.

Alberto Part 5

Here's a clear description of how the papacy fulfills Bible prophecies of the antichrist.

- Who are the Four Horsemen of Revelation?
- Who did Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders insist was the "Anti-Christ?"
- See the chart containing the front organizations through which the Jesuit order seeks to dominate the world economy for the antichrist.

Note on Progressive Revelation

The progressive opening of "*the seven seals*" Revelation 5:5 is an example in scripture of the principle of progressive revelation according to John 16:12-13 "***I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come***".

Note this example of progressive revelation with respect to Elijah and these scriptures.

"And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan" 1 Kings 17:1-3.

Note in passing the significance of the adjacent expressions "***my word...the word of the LORD***" with respect to "***...my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets...***" Jeremiah 29:19. Elijah's word was synonymous with "***the word of the LORD***" 1 Kings 17:2. Speaking practically the word of today's believer should always harmonise with "***the word of the LORD***" 1 Kings 17:2 according to the principle of Matthew 10:20 "***For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.***"

"And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth" 1 Kings 18:1.

"But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land" Luke 4:25.

"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months" James 5:16-17.

The lesson for today's believer with respect to progressive revelation is the manner of the Lord's teaching as set out in Isaiah 28:10 "***For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.***" Precepts are indicators of "***the ways of***



the LORD” 2 Samuel 22:22, 2 Chronicles 17:6, Psalm 18:21, 138:5, Hosea 14:9 according to Psalm 119:15 **“I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.”**

1. Revelation 6:1-2. Noting Revelation 4:7 **“And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle”** it is **“the first beast...like a lion”** speaking with **“the noise of thunder”** according to **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 the vivid exhortation that should prompt the like response in today’s believer of Amos 3:8 **“The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?”**

With the opening of this seal and for the first four, the reader is invited by each of the four beasts in turn to **“Come and see”** in the context according to Revelation 6:1, 3, 5, 7 no doubt after the manner of Psalm 46:8 **“Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.”** Dr Ruckman in his commentary places Revelation 6:1-8 in approximately the first 3-4 years of Daniel’s 70th Week, Daniel 9:27. This writer agrees with that analysis. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Review*.

Whatever the outcome a good prayer for today’s believer is Psalm 119:18 **“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”**

2. Revelation 6:2. The individual whom John sees and describes is *not* **“the Lord’s Christ”** Luke 2:26. He is of those of whom the Lord warned three times **“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many...Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them”** Matthew 24:5, Mark 13:6, Luke 21:8. Note the following similarities *but also the differences* in order **“that ye be not deceived.”** See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Mystery of Iniquity – Summary Overview*.

This rider emerges from a seal of judgement and is mounted on “a white horse.” The Lord is mounted on “a white horse” but from heaven “in righteousness” as John testifies “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” Revelation 19:11.

This rider has “a bow.” The Lord has His bow but complete with arrows connected to Psalm 68:9 “Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary” according to Habakkuk 3:9-11 “Thy bow was made quite naked...Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers...the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high...at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.”

This rider is given “a crown” in that “...the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority” Revelation 13:2. *The Lord is a crowned Head and “His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns...And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS”* Revelation 19:12, 16.



The Four Horsemen pp 24-25 – see above – states emphasis in source that The rider in [Revelation 6:2] is a clever imitation of the Lord Jesus Christ. So clever that many believe that this dangerous counterfeit is actually Jesus...the pope is crowned during his coronation...He is *given* a crown and a kingdom that are not his...The bowed crucifix the pope carries was intentionally bowed to identify the pope with the rider on the first horse...

See graphic www.cbc.ca/news/world/benedict-xvi-installed-as-pope-1.530518. These scriptures show the fate of this bow at the Second Advent with King David typifying the Lord Jesus Christ.

“God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect...He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms” 2 Samuel 22:33, 35.

“As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him...He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms” Psalm 18:30, 34.

“Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire” Psalm 46:8-9.

This rider goes forth to conquer and eventually does so because “...all the world wondered after the beast...and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” Revelation 13:3-4. *The Lord goes forth to conquer but in judgement according to Isaiah 42:13 “The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.”*

In sum **“So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might...”** Judges 5:31.

Today’s believer can therefore take comfort *with a view to ministry* in 2 Corinthians 2:14 **“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”**

3. **Revelation 6:3-4.** This is the face of the calf that speaks, Revelation 4:7, 6:3, with the Lamb’s opening of the second seal **“And when he had opened the second seal...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.”** Revelation 6:4 appears to be the violent outcome of an initial widespread *refusal* to submit to the conqueror of Revelation 6:2 who is *outwardly* but not *inwardly* peaceable i.e. **“The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords”** Psalm 55:21 *and even though he has inspired worldwide devotion via the Catholic Mary.* See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Mystery of Iniquity – Summary Overview* pp 6-8 especially with respect to remarks on *Queen of All* by Jim Tetlow, Roger Oakland, Brad Myers.

Revelation 6:4 appears to match the events indicating the initial bestowal in the End Times of the dragon’s power upon him who is *anti-Israel*, see Psalm 55:21 above, **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 as cited above. Those events are depicted in Daniel 8:23-26 **“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. 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...and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many...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.”**

Note that **“...he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many”** Daniel 8:25 *because the peace imposed by conquest is potentially lethal especially when taken away by the conqueror as in Revelation 6:4* **“and power was given to him...to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another”** and will result in heavy losses among those who by what is called asymmetric warfare choose to resist the peace imposed the conqueror according to 1 Samuel 13:19, 22, 14:52, 17:12 **“Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears...So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan...And there was sore war against the Philistines all**

the days of Saul: and...that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse...went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.”

Note in passing that **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 has his methods of dealing with anyone who does not submit to his particular brand of peaceful conquest. Even those methods are masked by peace as false humility.

“He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones” Psalm 10:8-10.

For the possible nature of the peace initially brought about by **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 see this extract from *Mystery of Iniquity – Summary Overview* p 3 www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/.

“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its Aim

Its aim is world domination under a false messiah **“a vile person...but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries”** Daniel 11:21 because **“the desire of all nations”** is that which only the Lord can give in that **“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts”** Haggai 2:7-9 when **“...the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts”** Malachi 3:1.

For further detail with respect to the Lord’s real, lasting peace that He brings in, even though by force, at the Second Advent **and the terms and conditions for abiding in that peace** versus the fake, transient peace brought about by **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 see www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven* pp 3-5 and the attached extract **The Kingdom of Heaven**.

In sum the riders of Revelation 6:2, 4 are the same individual *in different forms* even after the manner of the Lord Jesus Christ in Mark 16:12 **“After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.”** However note the unique expression **“and there was given unto him a great sword”** that implies victory for the rider of Revelation 6:2, 4. David acquired such a sword as shown in 1 Samuel 21:9 **“And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.”**

“The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah” is **“a great sword.”** Goliath is a type of **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 and **“the valley of Elah”** has prophetic End Times significance as **“the valley of the shadow of death”** Psalm 23:4.

See this extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Review* p 6. Note that in the End Times when God delivers Israel from the invasion of Gog and his allies, Ezekiel 38:1-12, God declares that **“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.”** That earthquake may be or at least may trigger **“a great earthquake”** Revelation 6:12 that releases **“the shadow of death”** Job 3:5, 10:21, 22, 12:22, 16:16, 24:17 twice, 28:3, 38:17, Psalm 23:4, 44:19, 107:10, 14, Isaiah 9:2, Jeremiah 2:6, 13:16, Amos 5:8, Luke 1:79 *eighteen* references. Dr Ruckman explains **“the shadow of death”** as a lethal cloud released during the End Times that destroys every living thing that it passes over in his comments of Job 24:17 **“For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.”**

Just as *God* enabled David to wield **“The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah”** so *God* could for a time enable **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 solely to wield **“a great sword”** by controlling the trajectory of the ultimate weapon of mass destruction **“the shadow of death”** against his victims in fulfilment of Revelation 6:4 after the manner of 1 Chronicles 21:16 **“And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces”** rather like that lone B-29 from Tinian that appeared in the skies over Hiroshima on that terrible morning of August 6 1945 when tragically on that occasion **“For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”** Isaiah 14:27. No-one.

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enola_Gay
www.nebraskaaircrash.com/events/atomicplanes.html.

With such a weapon of mass destruction at the sole disposal of **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 it is understandable that **“...all the world wondered after the beast...and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”** Revelation 13:3-4.



The extract follows.

The Great Rift Valley

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Rift_Valley.

“The valley of the shadow of death” Psalm 23:4 may be the Great Rift Valley that passes through the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea towards the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea, which ‘just happens’ to be the area near **“the land of Uz”** where Job was, Job 1:1. It is possible that whatever embodies **“the shadow of death”** may emerge from beneath the Rift Valley via **“a great earthquake”** Revelation 6:12 when its **“doors”** are opened Job 38:17 during the time of **“Jacob’s trouble”** and **“great Tribulation”** Jeremiah 30:7, Revelation 7:14. The Lord would then dispel **“the shadow of death”** and shut the doors on any further manifestation of it at the Second Advent. Psalm 23:4 indicates God’s protection for His people at that time.

Note that at the time of **“a new heaven and a new earth”** the Lord will shut* **“the gates of death”** forever by means of the restoration of **“the tree of life”** Genesis 2:9, 3:22, 24, Revelation 2:7, 21:1, 22:2, 14. *He will actually have disposed of them in **“the lake of fire...the second death”** Revelation 20:14

Note also that **“the valley of the shadow of death”** had historical significance for David as **“the valley of Elah”** where David fought and killed Goliath, though the giant had vowed to kill him 1 Samuel 17:2-3, 44-51. Devotionally, **“the valley of the shadow of death”** also applies to **“the saints and martyrs of Jesus”** who suffered for the Lord down through the centuries, especially at the hands of Rome and her abominable offspring like Islam, Hebrews 11:35-38, Revelation 17:6, *The Prophet, Alberto Part 6*, Chick Publications, 1988.

It would seem entirely appropriate that as Pastor Donovan notes the Great Rift Valley **“The valley of the shadow of death”** Psalm 23:4 is the conduit for the effusion of blood of Revelation 14:20 **“And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”**

“For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God...” 1 Chronicles 5:22.

Today’s believer can be encouraged that the Lord has a *greater* sword than **“a great sword”** by which He vanquishes the enemy that Revelation 6:2, 4 reveal and his mentor.

“In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea” Isaiah 27:1.

4. **Revelation 6:5-6.** This is the face of the man that speaks, Revelation 4:7, 6:5 with the Lamb’s opening of the third seal ***“And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.”*** ***“a penny a day”*** Matthew 20:2 is of course equivalent to a day’s wage, emphasising the severity of the food shortage *but it is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself Who declares the judgement of scarcity for essential foodstuffs in the End Times because He is* ***“the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne”*** Revelation 7:17 and as the Lord declared through Jeremiah ***“And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil”*** Jeremiah 44:29.

Revelation 6:5-6 depict famine and scarcity *with the exception of* ***“the oil and the wine”*** that follow widespread warfare in the End Times after the manner though in reverse order of Job 5:20 ***“In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword”*** with the embedded assurance of God’s deliverance for ***“...they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”*** Revelation 14:12.

They will be the faithful Jewish remnant who have taken refuge in the End Times in Sela Petra the rock city and will experience - *conditional on living right* - the assurance of Isaiah 33:15-16 ***“He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.”***

See the attached extract **End Times Horse, Chariots** from [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/End Times Horses, Horns, Carpenters, Chariots](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/End%20Times%20Horses,%20Horns,%20Carpenters,%20Chariots) pp 10-16 for further details. That extract addresses aspects of God’s judgement with respect to all four riders that Revelation 6:1-8 feature. Note these excerpts showing the association of the horse and riders of Revelation 6:1-8 with the horses and chariots of Zechariah 6:1-8 and the attendant End Times judgements of God whereby the Lord declares through the prophet Isaiah ***“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible”*** Isaiah 13:11. These excerpts address the black and pale horses of Revelation 6:5, 8 in particular.

It is the matching of the ***“grisled and bay”*** horses Zechariah 6:3 with the ***“speckled”*** horses of Zechariah 1:8 i.e. more than one as chariot horses like their red and white counterparts, see remarks above, and ***“a pale horse”*** Revelation 6:8 that requires further explanation.

Note first the association between ***“speckled, and grisled”*** Genesis 31:10, 12 and this statement from remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11.

The speckled horse is the *plague* horse of Revelation 6:8 and is therefore ***“a pale horse”*** *but not of a single colour as F. Jones shows.* Note the association of the *speckled* horse with the colours *red* and *white* in Zechariah 1:8 *in the absence of black* so that the colour association of the *pale, speckled* horse is emphasised for the colours *red* and *white*. *Red* and *white* are *plague* colours, as F. Jones emphasises, *red* and *white* depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25:

“Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the

skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.

The horses of the last chariot in Zechariah 6:3 are **“grisled and bay.”** The bay colour is the red colour of the horses in the first chariot of Zechariah 6:2 because bay is a red colour, applied to horses and that meaning is confirmed by Zechariah 6:6-7 **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth”** where by inspection **“the bay”** plural can only refer to the red horses of the first chariot in Zechariah 6:2. The term grisled or grizzled according to current spelling is gray or grey and a *grey-haired* individual is said to be a *grizzled* individual, *gris* being French for *grey*. Note the expression **“gray hairs”** Genesis 42:38, 44:29, 31, Hosea 7:9 and **“the gray head”** Proverbs 20:29.



By inspection, since the other individually-coloured horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 black, white and red or bay have been accounted for, the speckled red-white horses of Zechariah 1:8 are the **“grisled and bay horses”** of Zechariah 6:3 and these horses are therefore *tri-coloured* creatures, *speckled red and white* i.e. *the plague colours*, see insert above, *on a pale gray background* like **“a pale horse”** Revelation 6:8.

Such horses do exist in the physical realm. See

www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/photo/horse-speckled-white-and-red-royalty-free-image/172645570. The horse is *speckled white and red* and *pale gray*...

Note that whereas Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 give the natures of the judgements inflicted by the four riders and horses followed up by the four chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3, as indicated above Zechariah 6:6-8 reveal *where* the judgements of the four chariots and horses will fall, or fall initially.

Zechariah 6:6, 8 state **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them...Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.”** The indication is one of famine in the *developed* world i.e. mainly north of Israel where the chariots and horses are assembled, see remarks on Zechariah 6:1, followed by *papal conquest*, no doubt facilitated by food shortage where national governance is therefore surrendered in return for physical sustenance. Specifically how that famine comes about may be the end result of modern agribusiness that is profit-driven by maximising yields with no regard for environmental consequences. Isaiah describes the End Times outcome. **“The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant”** Isaiah 24:5...

Zechariah 6:6 **“the grised go forth toward the south country”** focuses on the Lord’s warning to apostate Israel such as those Jews in the End Times during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21. Those Jews declare **“We have no king but Caesar”** John 19:15. The Lord’s warning is with respect to communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** Deuteronomy 28:60 that will quickly be spread far and wide by mobile End Times populations when **“even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro”** Daniel 12:4. The current migration from North Africa to Southern Europe is an example of what is to come. What communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** Egypt geographically being in North Africa do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full.

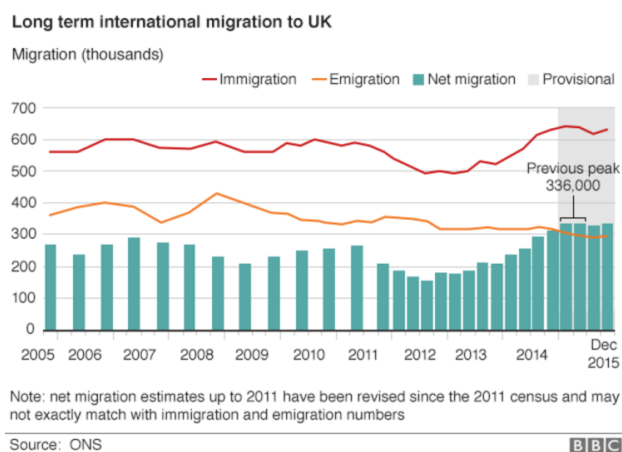


See reliefweb.int/report/world/migrant-crisis-mediterranean-what-can-be-done.

Moreover hundreds of thousands of immigrants have entered Britain in recent years. What communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full. See

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-36382199.

The Lord’s warning on those diseases reveals a speckled condition, see remarks on Zechariah 1:8, 6:3, Leviticus 13:24-25, Revelation 6:8, 16:2 and the graphic for the speckled white and red and pale gray horse. The Lord’s warning to apostate Israel on these diseases is as follows.



“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt...Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee” Deuteronomy 28:27, 60. The end result is the judgement of Revelation 16:2 **“And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image”** Revelation 16:2 and context.

As indicated earlier, relief from that sore would require End Times not Church Age water baptism administered by **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 where baptism is both **“the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”**

Revelation 14:7 therefore makes good practical sense even now. **“...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”**

Zechariah 6:7 **“And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth”** with Revelation 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”** show that God’s judgement of warfare in the End Times during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah

30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21 is worldwide. Isaiah sums it up. **“For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many”** Isaiah 66:16.

It should be noted that though the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 and the horses and riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 are listed in different order, the **“grisled and bay horses”** of **“the fourth chariot”** Zechariah 6:3 are listed last as is **“a pale horse”** upon which is seated **“Death, and Hell followed with him”** Revelation 6:8. It would be expected in each case that plague would follow satanic conquest, war and famine.

Thankfully today’s believer has these assurances as Paul exhorts Timothy **“...that thou by them mightest war a good warfare”** 1 Timothy 1:18 **“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place”** 2 Corinthians 2:14.

Conclusion

Finally, thank the Lord that what He did for the early disciples, He continues to do today as the explanation of these passages of Zechariah 1, 6 show and as the **Introduction** indicates Luke 24:45 still applies. Luke 24:45 should be memorised.

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”

See the attached extract **Job 1 – Summary Thoughts** from www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Job 1 – Summary Thoughts* pp 1-2 with respect to **“munitions of rocks”** as the term applies to the rock city of Sela Petra where the faithful Jewish remnant will be sheltering from **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 in the End Times and awaiting the Lord’s Return.

God warns through Ezekiel what will happen to *disobedient* Israel that matches the judgement of Revelation 6:5-6 that will have *worldwide* application in the End Times.

“Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment...Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness; And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord GOD of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am the LORD” Ezekiel 4:16, 12:17-20.

Concerning the Lord’s admonition **“see thou hurt not the oil and the wine”** the Lord’s judgement is that End Times national leaders will suffer the judgement of Isaiah 19:14 **“The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof.”** They will be fixated with *oil* for military use according to Isaiah 9:5 **“For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire”** and *wine* – *wine* of course starts out as *new wine* before fermentation so both figure in the following context - to help keep their citizens godless and *heartless* according to Hosea 4:11 **“Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.”**

Today’s believer should therefore *always* keep to the fore Proverbs 4:20-23 **“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”**

5. **Revelation 6:7-8.** This is the face of the flying eagle that speaks, Revelation 4:7, 6:7, which is appropriate with respect to *the panoramic view* of the outcomes of God's judgements of Revelation 6:1-8 according to Revelation 6:8 **"And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth"** **"For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many"** Isaiah 66:16.

"Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she" Job 39:27-30.

Note the excerpt from **End Times Horse, Chariots** with respect to the **"grisled and bay"** horses Zechariah 6:3...*red and white* depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25...*tri-coloured creatures, speckled red and white i.e. the plague colours*, see insert above, *on a pale gray background* like **"a pale horse"** Revelation 6:8...The Lord's warning...with respect to *communicable "diseases of Egypt"* Deuteronomy 28:60 that will quickly be spread far and wide by *mobile End Times populations* when **"even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro"** Daniel 12:4... See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Mystery of Iniquity – Summary Overview* p 11 for further detail on End Times plagues.



The information given in the above excerpts certainly matches the dire statement of Revelation 6:8 where the names of the riders are given *capitalised* as **"Death, and Hell"** because in this writer's view they depict **"the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon"** Revelation 9:11 i.e. **"Destruction and death"** Job 28:22.

Especially insofar as – and this is just the start according to the Book of Revelation - **"...power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth"** Revelation 6:8 **"Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it"** Isaiah 5:14.

Therefore for today's believer as stated in **End Times Horse, Chariots** Revelation 14:7 therefore makes good *practical* sense even now. **"...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."**

6. **Revelation 6:9-11.** **"the fifth seal"** denotes death, d-e-a-t-h, five letters and note especially with respect to what follows **"five cubits...foursquare"** for *sacrifice* according to Exodus 38:1 **"And he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof."**

John states **"I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held"** Revelation 6:9. This is a *literal* altar for a *literal* temple in the End Times as *John testifies* **"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein"** Revelation 11:1.

Note that the Lord has *the measure* in the End Times of **"...them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved"** 2 Thessalonians 2:10. *Demanding*

exclusive worship by pretending to be God therefore “...that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition...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” 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

Those that don't worship “that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 “the beast” Revelation 13:2 on demand have their heads cut off in sacrifice after the manner of Deuteronomy 21:4 “And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley” as John later testifies “and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” Revelation 20:4.

Note that the mortal bodies of these souls have specifically been sacrificed in a grisly act of worship to “that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 “the beast” Revelation 13:2 according to Proverbs 21:27 “The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?”

Their mortal bodies have been killed by decapitation before being sacrificed in a ghastly parody of Leviticus 1:5-6, 8 “And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces...And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar.” Those victims have not simply been burnt as heretics according to the practice of *De Heretico Comburendo*...from the Latin as ‘Concerning the burning of heretics.’

See www.britainexpress.com/History/medieval/de-heretico.htm.

Revelation 6:9-11 show that the soul of man had a bodily shape. It can be seen, it can cry and it can wear garments. As their earned reward in the Lord's recognition “for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held...white robes were given unto every one of them...fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints” Revelation 6:9, 11, 19:8, a whole lot better than “all our righteousnesses...as filthy rags” Isaiah 64:6.

John sees these souls “under the altar” because they are each a “man...under the earth” Revelation 5:3 like Lazarus was and where these souls will be in the End Times as the Lord revealed through Luke, showing that the unsaved soul can feel torment.

“And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame” Luke 16:22-24.

Concerning Revelation 6:10-11 “And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” after “a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled” the Lord will answer their cry in spades. Note the wise guidance set forth to “ye nations.”

“I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people” Deuteronomy 32:42-43.

The expression **“their fellow servants also and their brethren”** indicates that Revelation 6:9-11 refer to Jewish souls insofar as **“their fellow servants”** would be similarly rewarded End Times Gentile saints from **“...a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues...before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands”** Revelation 7:9 **“and their brethren”** would be fellow End Times Jewish saints whom the Lord calls **“my brethren”** Matthew 25:40.

Today’s believer should of course always stand **“for the word of God”** according to Ephesians 6:14-15 **“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.”**

7. **Revelation 6:12-14.** Revelation 6:12, 14 are the *End Times* fulfilment of God’s *global* judgement upon **“unreasonable and wicked men”** 2 Thessalonians 3:2 incurring *cataclysmic meteorological and geological disruption* in the second half of Daniel’s 70th week according to Isaiah 13:9-11, 13, Joel 2:32 **“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...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...The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.”**

Revelation 6:13 is a preview of Revelation 12:4 **“And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...”** concerning **“evil angels”** Psalm 78:49 **“the devil and his angels”** because these **“stars of heavens”** are genuine *future* fallen angels like those of whom Peter and Jude state concerning the pre-flood explosion of angels onto the earth when **“...the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose”** Genesis 6:2 **“...God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment”** 2 Peter 2:4 **“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day”** Jude 6.

That angels as *created* **“sons of God”** are called *stars* in scripture is revealed in Job 38:7 **“When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy...”**

Today’s believer in the light of Revelation 6:12-14 can only cry with Jeremiah **“O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD”** Jeremiah 22:29.

8. **Revelation 6:15-17.** Revelation 6:15-17 is the *End Times* fulfilment at the *Second Advent* concerning *all* men and their *idolising* of **“wisdom...earthly, sensual, devilish”** James 3:15 whereby **“...God made foolish the wisdom of this world...”** 1 Corinthians 1:20 of Isaiah 2:17-21 **“And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.”**

Thus will come to pass God’s answer to the cry of His servants. **“Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud”** Psalm 123:4.

Men *know* that supposed *natural* calamities that will be very much in evidence in the second half of Daniel’s 70th Week and intensifying leading up to the *Second Advent* are in reality *supernatu-*

ral as revealed with respect to God in Job 9:6-7 **“Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars”** and in Psalm 147:18, 148:8 **“He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow...Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word.”** See graphic.

Therefore as Paul states, *vindicating God’s judgements of Revelation 6:1-17* **“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”** Romans 1:20.

Today’s believer should there seek to abide by Psalm 40:4 **“Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.”**



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Conclusion



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Revelation 6 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. *What do Revelation 6:1-8 reveal about the judgements of God?*
2. *What do Revelation 6:9-11 reveal about the Lord's perception of martyrdom?*
3. *What do Revelation 6:12-17 reveal about the unsaved in the face of God's judgements?*
4. *What would be an essential lesson for today's believer in the light of Revelation 6?*

Sample Answers

1. *"...the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether" Psalm 19:9.*
2. *"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily..." Luke 18:7-8.*
3. *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" Romans 1:20.*
4. *"...To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" John 18:37 i.e. concerning anyone "of the truth" with respect to the Lord's calling to "bear witness unto the truth" "Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise" Luke 10:37.*

The Kingdom of Heaven

Note first **the kingdom of heaven**:

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand Matthew 4:17. The Lord will impose this kingdom as a military dictatorship by force at the Second Advent, unilaterally, brutally, decisively – the Biblical Jesus, that is, not the evangelical Jesus that loves everybody indiscriminately and for whom all passages on literal, physical, visible warfare must be spiritualised or devotionalised to defuse them of their prophetic military reality.

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion...Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel Psalm 2:6, 8-9 with Isaiah 2:4 **And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**



The UN chucklarsen.com/2011/03/30/beat-their-swords-into-ploughshares/ is vainly trying to bring in the kingdom without the King by wresting Isaiah 2:4 **unto their own destruction** 2 Peter 3:16.

(If even Orlando Bloom couldn't bring in the kingdom, the UN cannot hope to do so. See:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Heaven_%28film%29

www.rogerebert.com/reviews/kingdom-of-heaven-2005.)

When the Lord preached **the kingdom of heaven** Matthew 4:17, He set forth its constitution and rules according to the commandments that the Lord enunciated in Matthew 5-7, for anyone seeking to abide in the kingdom as one of the Lord's subjects. Note the Lord's admonition to that effect in Matthew 5:19 **Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven...**



Following a two-millennia postponement, the Lord Jesus Christ visibly and physically brings in **the kingdom of heaven** as follows at the Second Advent.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever Revelation 11:15. They won't necessarily submit to the Lord immediately but they will submit:

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 Revelation 17:14.

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...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS Revelation 19:11, 14-16.

King David sets out in summary the terms and conditions for remaining in **the kingdom of heaven** for those on earth at the Second Advent who were not among **they that are with him...called, and chosen, and faithful** by for example becoming **in Christ...a new creature** 2 Corinthians 5:17 in the church age. Note that these terms and conditions are directly imposed on surviving national leaders. See also Matthew 13:41-42 above for the fate of dissenters.

That said, note the blessing in what follows for those who opt to become *loyal* subjects of the King.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him Psalm 2:10-12.

End Times Horses, Chariots

Zechariah 6:1-8 ***“And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”***

Ruckman Reference Bible reference pp 93, 480, 616, 895, 1217

“the...mountains of brass” Zechariah 6:1 locate this vision in Israel ***“A land...whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass”*** Deuteronomy 8:9. This is where the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:1-3 are assembled before they are deployed to their various destinations in Zechariah 6:6-8.

“four chariots” Zechariah 6:1 whereby ***“In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses”*** Zechariah 6:2-3 will be associated with ***“red horses, speckled, and white”*** Zechariah 1:8 and though not given in the same order ***“...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...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 lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him”*** Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 because the scripture associates chariots and horsemen.

“And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen...and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen...” 2 Samuel 8:4, 10:18.

“And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen” 1 Kings 4:26.

“And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 1 Kings 10:26.

“...and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots...” 1 Chronicles 19:18.

“And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 2 Chronicles 9:25.

The riders of the horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 will therefore be *spirit* chariot horsemen as in 2 Kings 2:12, 13:14 **“the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.”** The chariots will be **“chariots of fire”** 2 Kings 6:17 driven by angelic charioteers of God **“Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire”** Hebrews 1:7.

The horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 are in turn associated with the horses of Zechariah 1:8, which are no doubt the same creatures and the horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 according to *colour* as follows, noting that **“black horses”** Zechariah 6:2 are now included, matching **“a black horse”** Revelation 6:5.

The matching of the red and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the red and white horses of Zechariah 1:8 is plain – being more than one in number, as the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3. The matching of the red, black and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the white, red and black horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5 is likewise plain even if as indicated not in the same order. It is the matching of the **“grisled and bay”** horses Zechariah 6:3 with the **“speckled”** horses of Zechariah 1:8 i.e. more than one as chariot horses like their red and white counterparts, see remarks above, and **“a pale horse”** Revelation 6:8 that requires further explanation.

Note first the association between **“speckled, and grisled”** Genesis 31:10, 12 and this statement from remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11.

The speckled horse is the *plague* horse of Revelation 6:8 and is therefore **“a pale horse”** but not of a single colour as F. Jones shows. Note the association of the *speckled* horse with the colours *red* and *white* in Zechariah 1:8 *in the absence of black* so that the colour association of the *pale, speckled* horse is emphasised for the colours *red* and *white*. *Red* and *white* are *plague* colours, as F. Jones emphasises, *red* and *white* depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25:

“Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.”

The horses of the last chariot in Zechariah 6:3 are **“grisled and bay.”** The bay colour is the red colour of the horses in the first chariot of Zechariah 6:2 because bay is a red colour, applied to horses and that meaning is confirmed by Zechariah 6:6-7 **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay**



went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth” where by inspection **“the bay”** plural can only refer to the red horses of the first chariot in Zechariah 6:2. The term grisled or grizzled according to current spelling is gray or grey and a *grey-haired* individual is said to be a *grizzled* individual, *gris* being French for *grey*. Note the expression **“gray hairs”** Genesis 42:38, 44:29, 31, Hosea 7:9 and **“the gray head”** Proverbs 20:29.

By inspection, since the other individually-coloured horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 black, white and red or bay have been accounted for, the speckled red-white horses of Zechariah 1:8 are the **“grisled and bay horses”** of Zechariah 6:3 and these horses are therefore *tri-coloured* creatures, *speckled red and white i.e. the plague colours*, see insert above, *on a pale gray background* like **“a pale horse”** Revelation 6:8.

Such horses do exist in the physical realm. See

www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/photo/horse-speckled-white-and-red-royalty-free-image/172645570. The horse is *speckled white and red and pale gray*.

These horses are identified as *spirit* horses in that **“These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth...So they walked to and fro through the earth”** Zechariah 6:5, 7 or designated parts of it, Zechariah 6:5-7, confirming that they are the spirit horses of Zechariah 1:8 **“they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth”** Zechariah 1:10.

Concerning Zechariah 6:6-8 **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”** consider the following:

As with the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 the horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 **“go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth”** Zechariah 6:5 harnessed to chariots and listed in different order from the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. It may be noted that though given in different order the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 go before the horses and chariots of

Zechariah 6:2-3 following the sequence of Zechariah 1:8 consisting of **“a man riding upon a red horse...and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.”**

The mission of the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 would therefore not be one of reconnaissance but of judgements, following in the wake of and of the same natures as those of the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 where the natures of the judgements are given in detail.

Note that whereas Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 give the natures of the judgements inflicted by the four riders and horses followed up by the four chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3, as indicated above Zechariah 6:6-8 reveal *where* the judgements of the four chariots and horses will fall, or fall initially.

Zechariah 6:6, 8 state **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them...Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.”** The indication is one of famine in the *developed* world i.e. mainly north of Israel where the chariots and horses are assembled, see remarks on Zechariah 6:1, followed by *papal conquest*, no doubt facilitated by food shortage where national governance is therefore surrendered in return for physical sustenance. Specifically how that famine comes about may be the end result of modern agribusiness that is profit-driven by maximising yields with no regard for environmental consequences. Isaiah describes the End Times outcome. **“The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant”** Isaiah 24:5.

See for example www.organicconsumers.org/old_articles/corp/greed.php and these extracts.

Corporate Agribusiness--America's Merchants of Greed

by A. V. Krebs

In another era they would have been called “the robber barons.” Today, the ADMs, the Cargills, the ConAgras, the IBPs, the Smithfield Foods, the Tysons, the Chiquitas and other corporate agribusiness behemoths which produce and manufacture our food have become the merchants of greed. Food, next to life itself, is our greatest common denominator, but to the merchants of greed it is but the coin of the realm, a means by which they can enrich themselves while the poor go hungry; family farmers are discarded as “excess human resources;” farm and food workers and peasants become the slaves they rent...

Whereas family farming/peasant agriculture has traditionally sought to nurture and care for the land, corporate agribusiness, exclusive by nature, seeks to “mine” the land, solely interested in monetizing its natural wealth and thus measure efficiency by its profits...

Used and abused perhaps best summarizes the fate of the environment at the hands of corporate agribusiness, and in Smithfield Foods, the nation and the world's largest pork producer and processor, we see case after case where its processing facilities and its factory farms have been despoilers of the water and air we and nature depend on for life...

The article shows that agribusiness that is dominant in the developed world is contemptuous of the Lord's agri-wisdom of Leviticus 25:3-4, 20-22 **"Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard...And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store."**

The end result of profit-driven agribusiness in the developed world could therefore be famine according to the outcome of Proverbs 13:23 **"Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment."**

Thanks at least in part to agribusiness, the stage appears to be set in the developed world for the black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5.

Zechariah 6:8 **"Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country"** cross-references to Acts 17:16 **"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry."** Athens typifies the developed world **"...for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols"** Jeremiah 50:38. Developed world idolatry includes the God-defying agribusiness mentality - see article extracts above - that James describes.

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil" James 4:13-16.

This writer therefore makes a practice of using the expression DV *Deo volente* God willing en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Latin_phrases_%28D%29 in accordance with James 4:15 **"For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."**

God's spirit according to 1 Peter 4:14 **"the spirit of glory and of God"** is no doubt stirred by developed world idolatry just as Paul's was by the Athenians' idolatry. The black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5, therefore, **"these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."** Revelation 16:5 may be applied practically, especially with respect to contaminated ground water, see article extracts above. **"And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus."**

Zechariah 6:6 **"the grised go forth toward the south country"** focuses on the Lord's warning to apostate Israel such as those Jews in the End Times during **"the time of Jacob's trouble"** Jeremiah 30:7 **"great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be"** Matthew 24:21. Those Jews declare **"We have no king but Caesar"** John 19:15. The Lord's warning is with respect to commu-

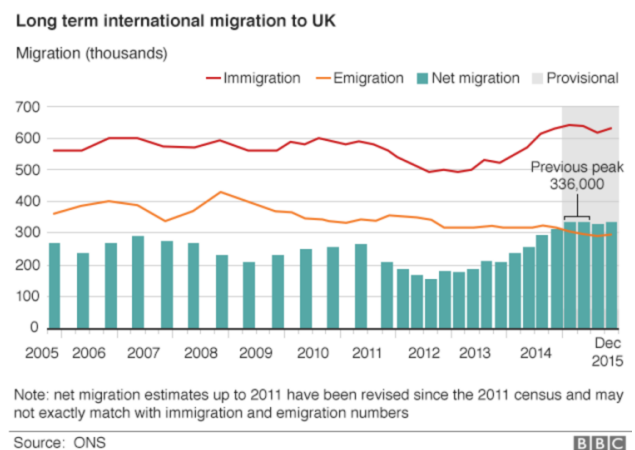


nicable **"diseases of Egypt"** Deuteronomy 28:60 that will quickly be spread far and wide by *mobile End Times populations* when **"even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro"** Daniel 12:4. The current migration from North Africa to Southern Europe is an example of what is to come. What communicable **"diseases of Egypt"** Egypt geographically being in North Africa do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full.

See reliefweb.int/report/world/migrant-crisis-mediterranean-what-can-be-done.

Moreover hundreds of thousands of immigrants have entered Britain in recent years. What communicable **"diseases of Egypt"** do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full. See www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-36382199.

The Lord's warning on those diseases reveals a *speckled* condition, see remarks on Zechariah 1:8, 6:3, Leviticus 13:24-25, Revelation 6:8, 16:2 and the graphic for the *speckled white and red* and *pale gray* horse. The Lord's warning to apostate Israel on these diseases is as follows.



“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt...Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee” Deuteronomy 28:27, 60. The end result is the judgement of Revelation 16:2 **“And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image”** Revelation 16:2 and context.

As indicated earlier, relief from that sore would require *End Times not Church Age* water baptism administered by **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 *where baptism is both* **“the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”**

Revelation 14:7 therefore makes good *practical* sense even now. **“...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”**

Zechariah 6:7 **“And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth”** with Revelation 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”** show that God’s judgement of warfare in the End Times during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21 is worldwide. Isaiah sums it up. **“For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many”** Isaiah 66:16.

It should be noted that though the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 and the horses and riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 are listed in different order, the **“grisled and bay horses”** of **“the fourth chariot”** Zechariah 6:3 are listed last as is **“a pale horse”** upon which is seated **“Death, and Hell followed with him”** Revelation 6:8. It would be expected in each case that plague would follow satanic conquest, war and famine.

Thankfully today’s believer has these assurances as Paul exhorts Timothy **“...that thou by them mightest war a good warfare”** 1 Timothy 1:18 **“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place”** 2 Corinthians 2:14.

Conclusion

Finally, thank the Lord that what He did for the early disciples, He continues to do today as the explanation of these passages of Zechariah 1, 6 show and as the **Introduction** indicates Luke 24:45 still applies. Luke 24:45 should be memorised.

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”

Job 1 – Summary Thoughts

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Job* pp xii-xxx, 1-18, 440-446 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 16-17, 119, 571, 729-731, 753, 759 for particular information and detailed comment. See also Dr Ruckman's commentary *Volume I of the Book of Psalms* pp 13-14 with respect to the word "**Selah**" 2 Kings 14:7, Psalm 3:2, 4, 8 etc. 75 times, Sela Petra, the rock city of Edom:

Introduction

The Book of Job is the oldest book of the Bible and the first real book ever written, dating from about 1780 B.C., almost 600 years after Noah's flood, 2348 B.C., Job 14:11, 22:16, 28:4 and almost 300 years before the exodus from Egypt, 1491 B.C.

The author of Job is "**Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram**" Job 32:2. Elihu identifies himself as the book's author. "**They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion**" Job 32:15-17. For Sela Petra see

ancientweb.org/index.php/explore/country/Arabia.

How does Elihu fit into the Book of Job? It is possible that, as an evidently mature young man, Elihu was betrothed to Job's eldest daughter Jemima, Job 42:14, noting Job 42:15 "**And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job...**" If so, then the author of the Book of Job wrote from a position of anguish similar to that of the subject of the Book. Elihu would have lost both his beloved fiancée and his upcoming brothers and sisters-in-laws, probably his closest friends, so that like Job he lost ten of his nearest and dearest in one day, Job 1:19. If this is so, then, noting the reaction of Job's friends, Job 2:12, and that "**they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights**" Job 2:13, Elihu, with "**his own sore and his own grief**" 2 Chronicles 6:29 is like Ezekiel – who lost his wife, Ezekiel 24:16-18 – "**and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days**" Ezekiel 3:15. Moreover, Elihu is like "**the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...**" Hebrews 3:1, 12:2. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ is an author. He is the Author of "**the scripture of truth**" Daniel 10:21 "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16. Like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ "**sat where they sat**" in that like Elihu, the Lord Jesus Christ endured sorrow as Isaiah says "**He is...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief**" Isaiah 53:3. As Paul says "**For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**" Hebrews 4:15. Therefore, as Isaiah says further "**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed**" Isaiah 53:4-5. That should always be kept in mind when reading the scriptures. The Author understands *all* that the reader goes through in "**this present evil world**" Galatians 1:4 and has overcome it for us as the Lord Jesus Christ said "**In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**" John 16:33.

The Book of Job of course focuses on the question of suffering, especially the *righteous* suffering in that "**Job...was perfect and upright**" Job 1:1. Job asks that question by asking "**Why?**" 13 times; Job 3:11, 12, 23, 7:20, 21, 9:29, 19:22, 28, 21:4, 24:1, 27:12. The answer is the way *up* to **enduring and overcoming suffering with God** is the way *down*, **repenting of self as Job did, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of"** 2 Corinthians 7:10:

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" Job 42:5-6. See Philipians 3:8-9 below.

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I...Selah" Psalm 61:2, 4



Sela Petra

"a rose-red city half as old as time"
– John William Burgon

Job – “great tribulation,” 1st and 2nd Advent Prophecy

Dr Ruckman states that besides addressing the righteous suffering, the Book of Job is one of the most detailed Books of scripture on the suffering of *the nation of Israel* during the “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14 *after the rapture of the Church*, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. The Lord Jesus Christ is “**the King of the Jews**”^{*} Matthew 27:11, 37, Mark 15:2, 9, 12, 26, Luke 23:3, 37, 38, John 18:33, 39, 19:19, 21 *i.e. the nation of Israel as distinct from the Church* “**And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end**” Luke 1:33 but “**there shall be great distress...and wrath upon this people**” Luke 21:23. ^{*}The Lord Jesus Christ is always “**the King of the Jews**” with a big K except during mockery, Luke 23:37. The Book of Job depicts and foretells the “**great distress...and wrath upon this people**”:

- Job means *one persecuted* as Israel will be during “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21.
- Job is in “**Edom...the land of Uz**” Lamentations 4:21, where Sela Petra is, the rock city.
- Israel will flee from persecution to Sela Petra “**a place of refuge**” Isaiah 4:6. See graphic.
- Satan, “**leviathan**” Job 41, persecutes Job, Job 1:9-19, 2:7-8 and Israel, Revelation 12:13-17.
- Job is on the ground 7 days and 7 nights, depicting Daniel’s 70th week, Daniel 9:27.
- The Book of Job has 42 chapters, for the 42 months of the Antichrist’s rule, Revelation 13:5.
- “**The LORD turned the captivity of Job**” Job 42:10 “**And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first**” Jeremiah 33:7...

In addition to revealing Job *the man*, see subtitles below, Job’s sufferings depict:

- The sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross; Job 3:24, Psalm 22:14, John 19:28.
- The torment of the lost man in hell; Job 30:20, 26-31, Matthew 13:41-43, Luke 16:23-25.
- The peril of trusting in self righteousness *not God’s*; Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, Romans 10:3.

Job the Perfect Man, Job 1:1, 8

“**There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil**” Job 1:1 with Job 1:8. Job was “**perfect**” in *doing* right, *living* right, *worshipping* right and *hating* evil as God and the Bible testify. To be “**perfect**” back then was to walk *with* God, *before* God and *in obedience* to God, Genesis 6:9, 17:1 as Job did, Job 1:1, 8. Yet *note*, though “**perfect**,” Job only offered sacrifice for others *not himself*. That was *self* *i.e.* “**perfect**” does *not* mean *sinless*! Never interpret a Bible term by popular usage. Always compare scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13. “**Blameless**” NKJV, NIVs is *not* correct because to be “**blameless**” then was to walk rightly before *men*, Genesis 44:10.

Job the Particular Man, Job 1:8

Psalms 37:37 says “**Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.**” Job was a particular *i.e.* marked man. God marked him, for a purpose and Job’s end was peace, though his way was wearisome Job 5:23, 24, 7:3. So it is for believers, John 16:33.

Job the Persecuted Man, Job 1:14-19, 2:7-8

Though via Satan* God persecuted Job: “**thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause**” Job 2:3. ^{*}Satan obeyed God *instantly* so *note* Matthew 21:6. Note Satan “**had the power of death**” Hebrews 2:14, Jesus has “**the keys of hell and of death**” Revelation 1:18 *now*.

Job the Patient Man, Job 1:22

“**In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly**”. Believers, note 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Job the Purified Man, Job 42:5-6

Job was *self-righteous*, Job 27:6, 32:1, 35:2, 40:8, *until he saw God*. “**...but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes**” Job 42:5-6, like Isaiah, Isaiah 6:5, like Peter, Luke 5:8. In each case, repentance brought restoration, “**thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged**” Isaiah 6:7 with Job 42:12, John 21:15-17, 19, 22. Paul, who also saw “**Jesus Christ our Lord**” 1 Corinthians 9:1 with Acts 9:3-6, *states for now what Job foresaw then*. “**I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith**” Philippians 3:8-9.