

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse Thunder Across the Sky!

Like ghost riders chasing the devil's herd across the sky, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse thunder forth in the Book of Revelation. Who are they? What do they represent? What is the significance of the White Horse, the Red Horse, the Black Horse, and the Pale Horse? How will it affect you and your family? It's time to WAKE UP! The Four Horsemen are already snorting, trampling, and rearing up!

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In his vision of the end of the age, the apostle John in the book of Revelation sees the end-time prophecies encapsulated with "seven seals" which are revealed to him by the Lamb of God – Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Rev.5:1-5; 6:1).

The first of these seals is a "white horse," which has a "bow," and goes forth conquering "and to conquer" (Rev.6:2). The second seal is a "red horse" which takes "peace" from the earth – instigates wars around the world – and causes people to kill one another (vs.3-4). The third seal is a "black horse," which rises up, and great famines engulf the world. The fourth seal is a "pale horse," and its riders are Death and Hell, and it has power over one quarter of the earth, to kill by warfare, famine and hunger, pestilence and plague, and wild beasts gone on a rampage (Rev.6:5-8).

These mysterious symbols of the book of Revelation hold chilling, spine-tingling descriptions of events which will occur in the last days of this present age, leading up to the second coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The *time-sequence of events begins* with the "four horsemen" of the apocalypse. Notice!

Horses in Prophecy

In the book of Job we read that the horse itself is a symbol of war. God said to Job, "Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; he gallops into the clash of arms. He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; nor does he turn back from the sword. The quiver rattles against

him, the glittering spear and javelin. He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. At the blast of the trumpet he says, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of captains and shouting” (Job 39:19-25).

The horse symbolizes war-waging POWER! Ancient armies were empowered by horsemen, cavalry, and chariots pulled by horses. The horse symbolizes mighty strength.

Therefore, those who claim the “white horse” of Revelation pertains to “religious deception” are in woeful error and don’t have a leg to stand on! NO WHERE do the Scriptures identify “horses” with RELIGION! The Bible interprets its own symbols, and it says the horse is a creature of war, as the book of Job so eloquently states!

What Is the White Horse?

The apostle John writes in vivid prose:

“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” (Rev.6:2).

What is this white horse? One church claims it is false religion, or religious deception, sweeping the world. Why? Because the rider has a “bow,” but when Christ returns He will have a “sword” (Rev.19:15). But does this make sense? No one to my knowledge even suggests or claims this horseman represents Christ! As I have just said, a “horse” represents WAR, or a war-waging military power – not religion, or false religion!

Often, in Scripture, God is pictured as waging war by shooting arrows from a bow (Deut.32:23, 42) as well as a sword (Deut.32:41-42). Job speaks of the “arrows of the Almighty” (Job 6:4). God says in Zechariah, “When I have bent Judah for me, and filled the bow with Ephraim” (Zech.9:13). And verse 14, “And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning.” This is talking about WAR – not religious deception! The fact that this horseman uses a bow and not a sword makes no difference one way or the other! It proves nothing as to the identity of the horseman!

The white horse represents a war-making power. But which one? How do we identify it?

“White” is a symbol of righteousness (Rev.19:8). This nation, or world power, then historically has exercised its power on the behalf of freedom, liberty, democracy, and “righteousness,” attempting to fight oppression, tyranny, and evil around the world!

Zechariah the prophet speaks of a mysterious prophecy of four horse-driven

chariots.

Notice! “Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong steeds. Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’ And the angel answered and said to me, ‘These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth. The one with the BLACK horse is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going to the south country.’ Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth” (Zech.6:1-7).

Notice again! These are identified with the “four winds” of heaven -- that is, the north, south, east and west winds -- thus giving us a geographic positioning of the four world powers or end-time kingdoms of the north, south, east and western hemispheres.

The Jewish Tanakh version makes it plain. Zechariah is told, “The one with the black horses is going to the region of the NORTH; the white ones have gone out to what is to the WEST of them; the spotted (pale) ones have gone out to the region of the SOUTH; and the dappled [red] ones have gone out . . .” (see Zech.6:1-7, Tanakh). A footnote says, “Emendation yields ‘the bay ones will go out to the region of the EAST.’” The words “dappled” and “bay” literally means RED or reddish brown in color.

The “white” horse is therefore connected with the west (Zech.6:6, Tanakh). It represents a mighty military power in the “West.” Historically, this was the Macedonian Empire, under Alexander the Great, a descendant of the tribe of Dan. Which nation or group of nations would that represent, today? Why, the United States and Great Britain, and their allies! The United States, in the western hemisphere, was largely responsible for saving the world in World War I, World War II, fending off Communism in Korea and Vietnam. George Bush led the U.S. to victory against Saddam Hussein, of Babylon-Iraq, in the Gulf War, like a latter-day Alexander.

Suffice it to say here, the “white” horse -- white is a symbol of righteousness -- represents end-time Israel, primarily the leadership tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh -- the United States of America and United Kingdom and Canada -- going forth to save the world from totalitarianism and enslavement during the twentieth century. Our nations saved the world for “democracy” and freedom from the scourge of World War I, Nazism and World War II, and Communism since that time! The United States saved South Korea from the invasion of North Korea, fought the Communists in Vietnam, and led the fight against Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The United States has been “riding high” since the end of World War II. It is currently regarded as the world’s only remaining “superpower.” Nevertheless, it is beginning to wear out its welcome around the world. Its claim to greatness is

beginning to wear a mite "thin."

The United States in Biblical prophecy is none other than Ephraim, the birth-right holder of the sons of Joseph – see my book *America and Great Britain – Our Identity Revealed: Ephraim and Manasseh in the End of Days*.

Ephraim and Manasseh

Many Biblical prophecies speak of the fate of the leading nation of "Israel" during the last days -- that is, the United States of America. In Bible prophecy, we are the tribe of "Ephraim," the leading birthright tribe, the younger of the two sons of Joseph. God inspired the patriarch Jacob to prophesy of the two brothers, Ephraim and Manasseh: "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a *multitude in the midst of the earth*" (Gen.48:16). Jacob later said that Manasseh would be "great," but added, "but truly his younger brother shall be *greater than he*, and his seed shall become a *multitude of nations [or, states]*" (v.19).

Ephraim was set before or above Manasseh in rank and power and blessing. They were to become a "multitude of STATES," as the original Hebrew says -- and truly the "*United STATES of America*," comprised of FIFTY SOVEREIGN, INDIVIDUAL STATES, *fulfills this prophecy to the "T"!*

Ephraim was to become a united company or assembly of peoples. Isn't it interesting that the United States is famous around the world for being the "melting pot" of the nations? The United States has more emigrants from more diverse locations, than any other nation on earth! This is both a strength, and a fatal weakness. The prophet Hosea foretold this condition would describe Ephraim in the last days! Hosea wrote, "Ephraim MIXES with the nations; Ephraim is a flat cake not turned over [white on one side, baked black or brown on the other side!]. Foreigners sap his strength, but he does not realize it. His hair is sprinkled with gray, but he does not notice" (Hosea 7:8-9).

The United States began with thirteen colonies, and a flag of thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. Ephraim was the "thirteenth tribe" of ancient Israel! Mere coincidence?

Ephraim's very name means "double fruit." It is the United States which exploded onto the world scene, becoming a world power in the days of Theodore Roosevelt at the turn of the century, and the twentieth century has been hailed as "America's Century," and world peace "Pax Americana."

In a very short time, historically speaking, the United States grew, burgeoned, with rippling muscles, and grew past his older brother Manasseh, yet they are united by language and cultural ties unlike that of any other separate nations on the face of the earth! They are true brothers, sometimes arguing, squabbling, fighting, but back-to-back against any common enemy from the outside!

The Greatness of Ephraim

Jacob prophesied that the younger brother, Ephraim, was to be greater than his older brother, Manasseh. Manasseh, the firstborn, was the older brother. Which nation is older -- the United States or Great Britain? That fact alone should tell us that Great Britain was the older brother, Manasseh, which was to be "great," and even has the word "great" in its name, unlike any other country on the earth today!

But what about the United States? Is it greater than Great Britain, even as Ephraim was to be greater than Manasseh?

Let's face this question honestly and squarely, without pride, pretense, or hypocrisy. The United States is the wealthiest nation in the world in terms of resources, business and assets, and gross national produce – although we have also become the world's biggest debtor nation by far due to our sins and living beyond our means during the past decade. We comprise only six percent of the world's population, and yet we control over 40 percent of the world's wealth! We are the breadbasket of the world. Our gross national product is over \$7 trillion dollars annually. Either California or New York could be the fifth or sixth richest nation in the world. The state of Illinois produces more than the entire continent of Africa! The eight industrial states from New York to Illinois produce as much as the Common Market, the Soviet Union, or all of Latin America, Africa, most of Asia except Japan, and the Middle East *combined!*

When Jacob, or Israel, blessed Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, he knew what he was doing. He deliberately blessed the YOUNGER son with the primogenital blessing of the firstborn, making him the son of the right hand. The older son, Manasseh, shared in the blessing -- but a double portion went to Ephraim! When Joseph protested this sudden switch from the expected, saying that Manasseh was the firstborn, Israel refused to change the blessing, and said:

"I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he ALSO shall be GREAT: but truly *his YOUNGER BROTHER shall be GREATER THAN HE, and his seed shall become a MULTITUDE of nations.* And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set *Ephraim before Manasseh*" (Gen.48:19-20).

Let us notice two things about this verse -- this prophetic blessing. The younger brother, born last, would rise up and become greater than the older brother, in time. The older would also become great -- but not as great as the younger!

On the other hand, Ephraim was prophesied to become "a multitude of nations." The Jewish Tanakh has this: "Yet his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall be *plentiful enough for nations.*" Compared to the British, the population of the United States of America, which was a paltry few millions in 1776, today stands at 256,000,000 -- over four times the population of Great Britain!

The British *never became* a "multitude of nations." This prophecy did not state

that Ephraim would "RULE" a multitude of nations, but that he would "BECOME" a multitude of "nations." If you count all the Anglo-Saxon members of the British Commonwealth, you have only five nations, most of them with very small populations -- Canada, the largest, population 27,000,000, followed by Australia, 17 million, New Zealand, 3,400,000, and South Africa, where the predominant population is black.

The Hebrew word for "multitude" in this verse is #4393 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. It is *melo* and literally means "fullness," or "full." *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* explains it as "fullness, hence that which is full," as "fullness of hands," "a basin full of water." It also means "a multitude, crowd."

The Hebrew word translated "nations" here is actually *goy*, which is the Hebrew word for "Gentile," also. The plural, *goyim*, can mean "nations, Gentiles," "a troop," in the sense of *massing*, "a flight of birds," "a flight of locusts," "a troop of animals," etc. It is variously translated "Gentile, nation, heathen, people."

Carefully looking at these definitions, then, we see there is no proof in this verse whatsoever that The British Commonwealth are Ephraim, and that Manasseh is the United States. Rather, the FULLNESS OF PEOPLES dwells in the United States -- 256 million, to be exact! *Gesenius* defines *goy*, "a people, a confluence of men," and adds: "Prop. it would seem *body, corpus*, from the root [*gah*] which see; and then transferred to a *body politic*, or whole people." In other words, it could also be translated as "STATES" -- as in "*united STATES of America*"!

The *United States* of America fit this description, or definition, perfectly. America is a union of FIFTY STATES, comprised of many different peoples from different racial stocks, but primarily northern European and Anglo-Saxon.

In another passage, Moses was inspired to prophecy of these two brothers, together making up the tribe of "Joseph," their father, and which became the two individual sub-tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh,

"His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he [Joseph, both tribes together] shall PUSH *the people together to the ENDS OF THE EARTH*: and they are the *TEN THOUSANDS OF EPHRAIM*, and they are *the THOUSANDS OF MANASSEH*" (Deut.33:17).

Notice! It was Ephraim which was to outnumber Manasseh in population by something like a ratio of TEN TO ONE! Now consider! Which nation, today, is the larger of the Anglo-Saxon nations? Which has the most power? Which has the greatest natural resources and blessings? Great Britain? Or the United States of America? As we have already noted, the population of the United States, at 300,000,000, far exceeds that of Great Britain at 57,000,000, or that of Canada at 27,000,000. Furthermore, it was the United States which "saved the bacon," as it were, of the British and Western Europeans during World War I, and especially World War II! In this end-time generation, it is the

"Yanks" who are by far the "greatest" military power among the sons of Jacob!

Take note, now! The "White Horse" is a great military power in the WEST! It has been a "righteous" world power, bringing democracy, freedom, and liberty to peoples around the world. What nation is this? Why, obviously – the United States of America!

Take note that this military world power has a "bow" and goes forth conquering, "and to conquer." A "bow" symbolizes AIR POWER – MISSILES! The allied air power was vital to the conquest of Germany and Japan in World War II, and air power alone devastated Iraq in the Gulf War of 1991! American and British air power causes the whole world to stand in awe and wonder. But notice also – this mighty power conquers, but then it "stops short" of conquering – it holds back, as it were. So often, the United States conquered its enemies, but then failed to go on to "finish the job." We let the Nazis off the hook after World War II, we allowed Emperor Hirohito of Japan to live, and President George Bush allowed Saddam Hussein to get off the hook, after the Gulf War.

What a striking fulfillment of the prophecies of the "White Horse"! And isn't it interesting that TODAY America's leader, Barack Hussein Obama has taken the reigns of the "white horse" of Bible prophecy! He held the Democratic presidential convention at BRONCO stadium in Denver, Colorado, whose mascot is a WHITE HORSE named "Thunder"! And his name "Barack" was the actual name of Mohammed's WHITE HORSE which carried him in a fateful dream or vision!

Could the allusion to the "white horse" rushing forth to conquer be describing the coming wars of Barack Hussein Obama as he deploys American troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and who knows where else in the future – perhaps in the state of Israel in the Middle East?

The Tribe of Dan

But Ephraim is not alone! Mixed in with its population are many of the other "lost" tribes of Israel, including the tribe of Dan!

The symbol of the white horse is also the *secondary symbol of Dan*. It is also a symbol of a war-waging world power from the West!

The white horse is mentioned in the prophecies of Zechariah, chapter six. The prophet described four chariots led by horses – red, black, white, and spotted (Zech.6:2-3. These represented world powers at the four directions of the wind or the compass (verse 5). The black horse was connected with the north (v.6), the spotted with the south (v.6).

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These symbols of the tribe of Dan are also prominent as being among the significant emblems of the United States of America. The bald eagle is the national symbol of the nation. The serpent motto or motif was prominent in early American history. The Irish have played a very important role in American history.

Yair Davidy writes in *The Tribes: The Israelite Origins of Western Peoples*, “There are about 60 million people in the world today of Irish descent though only around three million live in Ireland itself. *Most people of Irish origin live in the U.S.A.* as well as being numerous in Australia and the United Kingdom. In the past, whole tribes from Ireland invaded and settled on the west coasts of Wales, England, and Scotland in the period when the Anglo-Saxons and kin were invading from the east. . . . The Irish of today as recognized in Ireland and America have characteristics applicable both to DAN and to Simeon. In the U.S.A. the Irish dominate much of the Police Force; they are officious and inclined to violence . . . they tend to be religious, even superstitious, though this quality is mitigated by outbursts of profligacy; they can be poetical and mystical . . . they can also be hardy, tough, very brave and good fighters who enjoy fighting” (p.432).

Jacob prophesied of the Tribe of Dan, “Dan shall judge his people as one of the Tribes of Israel. Dan shall be A VIPER BY THE PATH, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider shall fall backward” (Gen.49:16-17). The serpent was the original emblem of the tribe of Dan. It is very prominent in the early history of the United States, showing a large influence of Dan in the nation.

Dan settled primarily in Ireland, Scotland and Denmark (Dan’s mark). Moses prophesied of Dan, “Dan is a LION’S WHELP; he shall leap from Bashan” (Deut.33:22). Dan was also like a “lion,” a warlike tribe.

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The Fateful Ride of the Red Horse

We read in Revelation in the New International Version:

“Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword” (Rev.6:3-4).

The “Red Horse” of the Apocalypse follows the “white horse.” It is the opening of the “second seal.” It refers to widespread political and social turmoil and chaos in the EAST -- the eastern hemisphere.

The “red horse” is in the *east*. The Jewish Tanakh in Zechariah 6:7 shows the red horses are connected with the “east.” Communism rose up in 1917, overthrew the Czars in Russia, and set about seeking to enslave and conquer the world. Millions lost their lives in Stalin's purges. Millions more lost their lives in the purges of Mao Tse-tung, in Red China. And now, once again, the “red horse” in the East is threatening to rise up, and bloody revolution may well occur throughout the former lands of the Soviet Union! The Hebrew word translated “red” in Zechariah is *adom* and means “rosy, red, ruddy.”

The “red horse” represents the “red star” countries of Communism -- Russia, China, and the like, in the “east.” Russia has its red sickle flag, “Red Square,” in Moscow, and Communists are commonly known as “the Reds.” How uncanny is Bible prophecy! These nations have indeed taken “peace from the earth,” with millions being killed in massive purges in the Soviet Union and in Mao's China, since World War II. And these nations have instigated and fomented virtually every war since World War II -- Mao's conquest of China, the Korean War, Vietnam, and even the Arabic strikes against modern Israel in the Middle East, in 1956, 1967, and 1973 (the Yom Kippur War). Thus this prophecy has been and is still being fulfilled, dramatically!

The break-up and restructuring of the Soviet Empire contributed to the war in former Yugoslavia, and war in Chechnya. The Russian economy is still in tatters. China also, the red dragon of the East, has annexed Hong Kong, and now threatens Taiwan with missiles and invasion.

Communitic North Korea is also threatening the West with its recent detonations of nuclear bombs, and its launching of ballistic missiles. Its provocations threaten an attack to take over South Korea and even to NUKE Hawaii, and American states within range of its missiles!

The fiery apocalyptic nightmare of the “Red Horse” does not describe a conquering army or military power, such as the white horse. But it describes a power

that causes widespread warfare, and it pictures a region in turmoil and chaos, with men slaying each other, their neighbors, in tribal and ethnic conflicts and CIVIL war. A new Korean war could fit this description perfectly or a war between China and Taiwan!

The Black Horse Charges Forth

The apostle John records:

“I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a days’ wages, and three quarts of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!’” (Rev.6:5-6).

The “black horse” is identified with the NORTH country—north of Jerusalem—or the region of ancient Assyria, Syria, and central and Eastern Europe.

The ancient Assyrians migrated into central Europe and were the ancestors of some of today's Germans! This “black horse” represents the NORTH country (Zech.6:6) – modern EUROPE, dominated by Germany. The traditional color of Germany and ancient Assyria is BLACK – the black swastika, the black uniforms of the Waffen SS, the black German eagle!

This world power is associated with the “north country” – that is, to the NORTH of Jerusalem (see Zechariah 6:6). In ancient times it referred to Assyria -- the very peoples who later migrated into modern Germany and Austria! Therefore, in today's world, the “black horse” refers to a modern “empire” or “kingdom” to the NORTH of Jerusalem. There is no doubt that this symbol refers to modern Syria, north of Israel, as well as the nations of the *European Union*. This union, dominated by a Germany risen from the ashes of World War II, will very likely become one of the hubs of the economic and political New World Order and the Western world!

In today's Germany, an onslaught of new, young, tough neo-Nazis has arisen, singing the old marching songs of the Third Reich, shouting “Sieg Heil” and “Germany for the Germans.” They are admirers of Adolf Hitler and are growing rapidly in numbers with their call to get rid of the immigrants and to save German jobs for Germans. They rattle on about the “German master race,” and repudiate the genocide of the Second World War, calling the Holocaust a “Jewish lie” and “hoax.” Many Germans today are tired of being reminded of the Holocaust.

Shockingly, a new resurgent neo-Nazism is making a bold comeback – and thousands of Germans are participating, and millions are listening. Many signs have shown the increasing presence and power of NAZISM behind the scenes in Germany. The old Frankenstein monster of a “HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE” based in Europe, with enormous tentacles in the United States and western world, is rapidly coalescing

together into a gigantic global Octopus!

The world's prophesied end-time world empire, foretold in the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation, called the "Beast," is awakening, beginning to flex and stretch its muscles, and shaking off the sleep of centuries. It appears that Europe will play a very significant role in the resurgence of this ancient "world empire." In fact, it appears that the final "Beast" will include – for a time -- the white horse of the west, the red horse of the east, and the black horse of the north country!

The possibility that Europe may dominate this final world Union may be underscored by the formation of the new currency, the "Euro," which will compete in the world financial markets with the U.S. dollar. The days of the dollar's world dominance may soon be over!

When this horse rides, especially in the future, it is connected with famine, scarcity, and hunger. Truly those will be "lean years"!

The Fourth Horseman

John describes the fourth and final horseman:

"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" (Rev.6:8).

Interestingly, the "pale horse" of the apocalypse seems to represent two things: First of all, it portrays the growing power of the ecological movement, and the New World Order! The Greek word translated "pale" in this verse is *chloros* which means "greenish, i.e., verdant, dun-colored -- green, pale." We get our word "chlorophyll" from this word. The "Green movement" is part of the ecological movement. Mikhail Gorbachev is prominent in this area. He is the head of Green Cross, International.

At the State of the World Forum, held at the Presidio, in San Francisco, Gorbachev told the assembled world leaders, *"The environmental crisis is the cornerstone of the New World Order."* In a speech in Indiana in October, 1996, Gorbachev openly declared, "World civilization as we know it will soon end. We have very little time and we must act."

Another View of the Pale Horse

This horseman is ALSO connected with the SOUTH – south of Jerusalem – and refers to the rising up of the final KING OF THE SOUTH mentioned in the book of Daniel. Zechariah shows this horse of "pale" or "dappled" color goes to the south (Zech.6:6). It is a reference to the Arab nations, united in a final end-time union, which could include Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Syria, the Sudan, Libya, and all the "terrorist states" which hate the West, especially the Jews of Israel and the United States, whom they

view as “the Great Satan.” Many of these nations have been creating killer biological agents, such as anthrax and bubonic plague, and it is their intent to USE these weapons against the West, when the opportunity avails itself.

The leader of this group of nations toward the south of Jerusalem would be Egypt, identified in the book of Daniel as the “king of the south” (Dan.11). Led by Egypt, fueled by the billions of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States, with millions of fanatic Muslim followers -- and probably aid and encouragement from Russia -- this horseman will “push” at the king of the north, leading to a terrible round of World War. Notice!

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the SOUTH *PUSH AT HIM*: and the king of the north shall come against him like a WHIRLWIND, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow, and pass over. He shall enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown” (Dan.11:40-41).

Note that by the time this happens, the Western and Northern kingdoms have “merged” and have become part of a New World Government – the New World Order! The “ships” referred to here can only be a reference to the ships of the world's greatest navies, today, those of the United States, Britain, and Europe! The implication is that by this time the New World Order has been established, but the Moslem world rebels against it -- and war breaks out in the Middle East!

It would seem, then, that the “black horse” of the Apocalypse refers to UNITED EUROPEAN UNION. This kingdom, along with the “white horse” and “red horse,” would evolve into the final kingdom of the “Beast”—the New World Order (Rev.13:1-5). It will possess tremendous war-waging ability.

People will exclaim excitedly, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” (Rev.13:4). This final World Empire will include the United States, Europe, Russia, China (the dragon power), and the world's economic and military powers, and will – with them – dominate the new revitalized UNITED NATIONS.

This assemblage of nations will be dominated by SEVEN HEADS – possibly the G-7 industrialized nations (Rev.13:1). It will also possess TEN HORNS. These could be an enhanced Security Council of the United Nations, with TEN nations given “permanent member status” – which would mean five more are to be added, very likely Germany, Japan, Brazil, Egypt, and a fifth country.

At the same time, there is a powerful movement afoot to strip the present five permanent members of the Security Council of their VETO power. By doing this, ALL nations would become subservient to the new, enhanced UN!

The Final World Dictator

This final “Babylonian” or “Roman Empire” will become dominated by a “stern-faced king, a master of intrigue” who will “become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He

will destroy the mighty and the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior” (Dan.8:23-25).

“The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place” (Dan.11:36).

Strange as it may seem, the “image of the beast” prophesied in Daniel, chapter two, also reveals a final “resurrection” of this beast-world empire system which will be comprised of TEN TOES, representing a final union of TEN NATIONS! Daniel wrote,

“Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron -- for iron breaks and smashes everything – and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. Just as you saw that the FEET AND TOES were partly of BAKED CLAY and PARTLY of IRON, so this will be a DIVIDED KINGDOM; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the TOES were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a MIXTURE and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay” (Dan.2:40-43).

Could these “ten toes” of this image represent the final “resurrection” of this world's great empire, beast system?

Could it be a UNION of nations which will control the new, supercharged UNITED NATIONS, led by the TEN permanent member nations of the SECURITY COUNCIL?

The Fifth Seal and the New World Order

In order for these things to happen, however, the United States in particular, must be brought into complete conformity with this new world thinking. America must be an integral part of the New World Order, if not the actual leader of it. Massive changes, therefore, are being orchestrated for the United States, to bring it into alignment with globalism.

During the years ahead of us, it appears that the United States and other nations of the “lost ten tribes” of Israel, together with Judah (the land known as “Israel” in the Middle East), will somehow lose their national sovereignty, and become absorbed into the “New World Order.” This has already begun to occur, with the passage of legislation forcing NAFTA, GATT, and trade agreements upon our nations, leading to loss of jobs, and suffering. At the present, the United States is one of the leaders in this movement toward Globalism, but leadership *could* transfer to Europe in the years ahead of us, if the U.S. runs into catastrophic economic trouble, with incredible natural disasters, riots and revolution in the streets.

The prophet Hosea records: “The pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall *Israel and Ephraim [the United States] FALL in their iniquity*; Judah [the Jews and modern “Israel”] also shall FALL with them. . . . They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children [lawless and rebellious youth!]: now shall A MONTH DEVOUR THEM with their portions” (Hos.5:5-7).

However it comes about – via internal strife and violence, economic collapse, and foreign troops being sent to America to “restore order” or some other means – our western nations will end up submerged in and oppressed by this “New World Order” – the Fourth Beast of Revelation 7!

Our people will be in dire circumstances, with economic slavery and loss of freedom and sovereignty. Our enslavement will become complete as our nations become merged with and “one” with the New World Fascist/Socialist Order. Our resources and military will then be used on the behalf of that World Government.

After the four horsemen of the apocalypse begin to ride, dealing death and destruction, the apostle John records that there will be great persecution upon Christians and Jews. In other words, “Jacob’s Troubles” will continue to escalate! The final three and one half years will be known as the “Great Tribulation.”

The book of Revelation continues the story:

“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*. . . . 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*” (Rev.6:9-11).

This great persecution and martyrdom and oppression will occur at the hands of the “Beast” power of Revelation – the “New World Order” – modern “Babylon the great” when it has come into existence! This persecution and oppression will no doubt be carried out by the new World Court which was approved by the out-going Clinton Administration.

So when will modern BABYLON come to full power, and REPLACE the nation-states of the world? It is the FOURTH Beast of Daniel 7.

It will oppress and rule for 42 months, or, that is, three and one half years (Rev.13:1-5). The apostle John writes:

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to MAKE WAR with him? . . . and power was given unto him to continue FORTY AND TWO MONTHS. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God . . . And it was given unto him to MAKE WAR WITH THE SAINTS, *and to overcome them: and power was*

given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations” (Rev.13:4-7).

The Sixth Seal – Signs in the Heavens

Jesus Christ foretold that after that great tribulation, great heavenly signs will occur. *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days,”* He declared, *“shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken” (Matt.24:29).*

These awesome occurrences in the skies and heavens will stagger mankind, causing terrible fright and anxiety (Rev.6:12-17).

Then, after this, comes the Seventh Seal, and the Seventh and Final Year – that is, the awesome and terrifying final *“Day of the Lord”* – the time when God Almighty *Himself* intervenes in world affairs, and begins to unleash His divine fury, and pour out His incredible wrath, to punish the nations, and mankind, for their gross rebellion and wickedness!

If these Seven Seals replicate the final Seven Years of this age, then the First Seal could be the year 2009 A.D. – this very year! The Seventh Seal could be the 7th year, or 2016 during which Messiah may return!

That awesome and dreadful day is known in Bible prophecy as *“The Day of the Lord.”* Since a *“day”* is a year being fulfilled, it will evidently last one year (Num.14:34; Ezek.4:6).

The prophet Joel tells us, *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Joel 2:31).*

What will happen during this final *“year”* – the *“Day of the Lord”*?

The Awesome Day of the Lord

In Revelation, chapter 8, God says He will then send seven angels with seven trumpet plagues -- terrible ordeals -- which will in succession afflict the earth.

Notice these awesome events. The first four of these will be incredible natural disasters, including hail and fire cast to the earth – meteorite showers causing widespread devastation and destruction (Rev.8:7).

The second plague will be a *“great mountain”* – probably a space mountain, or asteroid – falling upon the sea, causing a third part of the sea to become greatly polluted, destroying ships and killing one third of sea life (Rev.8:8-9).

The third plague will be *“a great star”* or comet which will fall from *“heaven,*

burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; . . . and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter” (v.10-11).

The fourth plague will be great signs in the heavens, with a third of the sun, moon and stars being struck and darkened, a third of the day not shining or having no light, and a third of the night (Rev.8:12).

The Final Three “Woes”

The last three of these trumpet plagues -- numbers 5, 6, and 7 – are also known as the “three woes” (Rev.8:13). These represent the final three rounds of WORLD WAR, culminating in the return of Christ to settle the issue of who will rule the earth once and for all!

Notice! In Revelation 9, the first “woe” is described as “locusts” which utilize chemical warfare, “tormenting mankind” for five months (Rev.9:1-11). The head of this World Empire is Satan the devil, working through the “Beast” (v.11). “Locusts,” in the Bible, are a type of Assyrian and Babylonian soldiers (see Nahum 3:15). God compares the soldiers – the military – of this final World Government to “locusts,” therefore. But these are peculiar locusts – they use chemical and biological weapons to “torment” mankind. In appearance, these soldiers are described as “women” suggesting they have long hair (Nahum 3:13; Rev.9:8).

This world power will inflict awesome calamities everywhere -- it is the “king of the north” (compare Daniel 11:41-45). This “king” is called “Abaddon,” and “Apollyon” (Rev.9:11), which means “Destroyer.”

What triggers this devastating round of war? Most likely the lust for OIL! The Middle East is an “oil swamp,” and contains most of the world’s resources of this valuable commodity. Apparently the Arabs will “cut off” the oil spigot and the pipelines and tankers carrying oil to Europe and the northern kingdoms.

The prophet Daniel tells us,

“At the time of the end, the king of the south *will lock horns* with him [the king of the north]; but the king of the north will attack him with chariots and riders and many ships. He will invade lands, sweeping through them like a flood; he will invade the beautiful land [Israel], too, and many will fall, but these will escape his clutches: Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of the Ammonites. He will lay his hands on lands; not even the land of Egypt will escape. He will gain control over treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and Cushites [Ethiopians] will follow at his heel. *But REPORTS FROM EAST AND NORTH WILL ALARM HIM, and he will march forth in a GREAT FURY TO DESTROY AND ANNHILATE MANY.* He will pitch his royal pavilion between the sea and the beautiful holy mountains, and he will meet his doom with no one to help him” (Daniel 11:40-45, Tanakh).

It will be war to the death, for control of the world’s oil resources!

Soon after the “Kingdom of the North” retaliates against the “Kingdom of the South,” led by Egypt, and her allies, it appears that the “kings of the East” will become involved in the struggle for oil. They will come to the aid of their Muslim allies, and launch a massive assault against the “king of the north,” who will at that time have his headquarters in the Holy Land, perhaps in Jerusalem itself. Then he will hear terrible news, “reports from east and north,” that will “alarm him.” The apostle John tells us more about why he is so frightened, in the book of Revelation:

“The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released *to kill a THIRD OF MANKIND. The number of the MOUNTED TROOPS WAS TWO HUNDRED MILLION. I heard their number*” (Rev.9:13--16, NIV).

In this great battle of East versus the West, *one third of mankind will perish!* These numbers are beyond human imagination. With the world now populated by some six billion men, women, and children, this would indicate that in this massive struggle for world supremacy, some *TWO BILLION PEOPLE will perish!* No doubt, atomic and thermonuclear weapons and nuclear-armed missiles will be used in this tremendous conflict!

Notice! This woe consists of a massive army from the EAST numbering *200,000,000 men!* (Rev.9:12-21). This huge army will undoubtedly consist of millions of soldiers from China and India, and surrounding regions, including the Persians and Russians. This massive army, like the hordes of Genghis Khan, will march westward, into Europe and the Middle East. These hordes come from “beyond Euphrates” (Rev.9:14-15). They will slay the third part of men (v.15).

It is a fascinating fact, today, that the nation of China has an excess of men over women in the younger generation. Men outnumber women in that age group by *9 to 1 - with an excess of almost 150,000,000 men!* This fact is due to the Chinese governmental policy of limiting each family to having only one child. Since most Chinese families, by culture and tradition, desire to have a male offspring, someone who can take care of them in their old age, young female babies are often aborted, or killed shortly after childbirth. Growing up lonely, frustrated, and miserable, these young men will become part of that huge army that will attack the West!

The “Third Woe” -- ARMAGEDDON!

At this point, after billions have already died in natural disasters and worldwide wars, the devil and his demons will bring all the armies of the earth together, for one final “battle” -- to fight against the Messiah at His return!

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, TO GATHER THEM TO THE BATTLE OF THAT GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY. . . .

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, ARMAGEDDON . . ." (Rev.16:13-16).

Where is "Armageddon"? Many Bible scholars have tried to associate it with "Har Megiddo," a site north of Jerusalem overlooking the plain of Jezreel. A Bible writer and researcher pointed out to me recently that the Greek word "Armageddon" has a different basis in Hebrew grammar than is usually explained. The Hebrew word "Megiddo" occurs many times in the Old Testament as a place name, referring to the fortress at Megiddo. But this place name *never* has a final 'n' letter. The only place in the Old Testament where "Megiddon" occurs, with a final 'n,' is in Zechariah 12:11 – "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, *as the mourning of Hadadrimmon IN THE VALLEY OF MEGGIDON.*"

The root of "Megiddon" is "Gad," meaning "a troop," "company" (Gen.30:11). The meaning of "Megiddo" is "a gathering of troops." The final "n" adds the meaning, "the place of." Hence the term "Megiddon" has the generic meaning of "the place of the gathering of troops." It is not necessarily the archaeological site known as 'Har [Mountain] Megiddo.'

The first part of the Greek word "Armageddon" is interesting. "Arm" is a shortened form of the word "Aram," the name of the country of Syria, in Hebrew. The verse in Zechariah 12:11 speaks of "Hadadrimmon" – these were two Syrian gods, Hadad and Rimmon – and they were never known within Israel at any time. When the Syrian name Aram is joined to another word, it becomes shortened to "Arm." Thus "Armageddon" becomes "the gathering of troops in the place of SYRIA! In other words, the launching point or staging area for troops to invade ISRAEL in these end times is NOT the valley of Jezreel after all, but *A MARSHALLING GROUND IN THE NATION OF SYRIA!!!*

This makes much more sense for an army gathering to invade ISRAEL!

Now, notice what God's Word says about this final great, climax – the "Mother of all Battles"!

"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will MAKE WAR with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with him are called, chosen, and faithful" (Rev.17:12-14, NKJV).

These "ten kings" of the world give their power to the "Beast" for just "ONE HOUR" -- prophetically speaking. Jesus Christ said that there are "twelve hours in a day" (John 11:9), and there are 12 months in a year, so "one hour" evidently refers to ONE MONTH, or 30 days, in being fulfilled! Thus this alliance will last only 30 days – and will suddenly be broken up, when their armies are annihilated by the armies of the Messiah from heaven!

Thus this final “alliance” refers to a final union of the world’s nations which will come together, briefly, in a last ditch effort to prevent the Kingdom of God on the earth. All the world will be gathered together to resist the Messiah. All nations will fight against Him, thinking that He is an “invader from outer space,” an “alien” seeking to overthrow the earth! Movies such as *The X-Files*, *Independence Day*, *Armageddon*, *Alien*, *Men in Black*, and many others, are mind-conditioning millions to believe that when the Messiah comes from heaven with His armies, that He will be an “alien invader”!

They will fight against Him. But they won't succeed. “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God” (Rev.19:15-16). “And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 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 six hundred furlongs” (Rev.14:19-20) – about two hundred miles!

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy

It is my belief that the “seven seals” of Revelation represent the final SEVEN YEARS of this world before the Messiah returns -- and therefore they correspond to the seventieth “week” of Daniel's prophecy, the final “week” of which leads up to the SECOND coming of the Messiah!

Daniel records: “The people of the *ruler who will come will destroy the city* and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the END, and desolations have been decreed. *He* [the ruler -- that is, the end-time king] will confirm a COVENANT with MANY for ONE ‘SEVEN’ [week]. In the middle of the ‘seven’ [“years” being fulfilled -- that is, after 3 1/2 years] he will put an END to the sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him” (Dan.9:26-27, NIV).

The Jewish Tanakh has this passage:

“The ARMY of a leader who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary [Titus-Vespasian of Rome in A.D. 70], but its end will come through a flood. Desolation is decreed until the end of war. During one week *he* [the end-time prince, or king] will strike a firm covenant with many. For half a week [3 1/2 years] he will put a stop to the sacrifice and the meal offering. At the corner [of the altar] will be an appalling abomination until the decreed destruction will be poured down upon the appalling thing.”

In addition, the Septuagint adds more insight to this ancient prophecy. Beginning with verse 26, we read:

.“And *ONE WEEK shall establish the covenant with MANY:* and in the *MIDST* of the *WEEK* my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away: and on the Temple shall be the abomination of desolations; *and at the END OF THE TIME an end shall be put to the desolation*” (Daniel 9:24-27, LXX).

Notice! The final week of this prophecy speaks of a *FINAL WEEK* before the coming of the Messiah!

The return of the Jews to Palestine began with the Balfour Declaration in 1917, when Great Britain occupied the land of Palestine after World War I. Jewish independence was achieved in 1948. In 1967, fifty years (one Jubilee period) after the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the Israelis recaptured the Golan Heights, West Bank of the Jordan, the Sinai peninsula, and the Old City of Jerusalem, with the Temple Mount -- controlling it for the first time since A.D. 70!

This has set the stage for the final fulfillment of Daniel's last week of the 70 weeks prophecy -- the seventieth week! Remember, each day of the week represents a year in actual fulfillment. Thus the last seven years of this Age are blue-printed in the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy. What is going to occur?

Notice! In the middle of this final “week” of years, the end-time King will invade and occupy modern “Israel,” probably in the name of “peace-keeping” for the United Nations. Sacrifices and offerings at the Temple of God, which is yet to be rebuilt, will be abrogated.

Thus, in the midst of the final “week” of years, this World Dictator from the north (Dan.11:29-45) will send troops to “keep the peace” and maintain order in Israel. He will “destroy” God's people, invade Israel, and seize control over Jerusalem and the Temple, and set up the “abomination of desolation” that Jesus Christ warned us about! This invasion will occur, therefore, 3 1/2 years before the return of our Messiah!

If we recognize that event when it occurs, we will then KNOW to the exact month and possibly even the exact DAY of Jesus Christ's glorious return!

Thus it is possible that everything is now in place. The “times of Jacob’s troubles” have indeed begun! The final “seven weeks” of the end of this age could be **IMMINENT!**

Ezekiel's Message

But there is even more!

In the book of Ezekiel we read that the prophet was told to lie upon his side for 390 days as a sign to Israel. “And you, son of man, take a tile and lay it before you, and make upon it a drawing of a city, even Jerusalem.

“And put SIEGE works against it, build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it and set battering rams against it round about.

“Moreover, take a plate of iron and place it for an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a SIGN to the house of Israel!

“Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the TEN TRIBES of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.

“For I have laid upon you the *years of their iniquity, according to the number of days*, 390 days [representing 390 years]; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel” (Ezekiel 4:1-5).

This is talking about the times of Israel’s punishment!

In Leviticus 26, God says to Israel, if they disobey Him and break His covenant, reject His Torah, His laws and way of life: “I will chastise and discipline you *seven times more* for your sins” (Lev.26:18); “I will bring seven times more plagues upon you” (v.21); “I will smite you seven times for your sins” (v.24); “I also will chastise you seven times for your sins” (v.28).

Notice! So if you take 390 years of punishment God decreed on Israel, and multiply it by “7” times, you come to 2,730 years. $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years.

2730	years
<u>-722-21</u>	B.C.
2008-09	
<u>+1</u>	(because no year zero)
2009-2010	A.D.!

Israel was besieged by ancient Assyria beginning in 721-22 BC. If you subtract (that is, go forward) 2,730 years from that date inclusively, guess what? It brings you to 2009-2010, *this very year!* If you add Daniel’s final 7 years to 2009-2010, it brings us to 2016-2017!!! If this should be true, it means that the Great Tribulation would start in the year 2012-2013, about three years from now, and Daniel’s 70th week would start perhaps this very year—2009.

The coming Great Tribulation and the second coming of Christ could likely begin about 2012-2014 and terminate in 2016-2017. We don’t know the exact day, or year. By every indication, the THUNDERING HOOFS of the FOUR HORSEMEN of the Apocalypse are SOON GOING TO RIDE FORTH!

We are now IN the final “countdown to the coming of the Messiah”! Are you ready? Is your house in order? Are you prepared to meet the Messiah?