

MARTYRDOM AHEAD — FOR SOME?

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Sometime soon the Seals of Revelation will be opened. **The first four Seals are the HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE.**

BRIEF SUMMARY:

FIRST SEAL:

WHITE HORSE: Great Deception over the world that affects billions? Purporting to be religious. White washed. **Perhaps the Islamic Mahdi — the Antichrist?**

SECOND SEAL:

RED HORSE: Wars ... conflict ... destruction — perhaps motivated by Islam? **SPHAZO** = typically used to slaughter “**as in sacrifice**”.

Slaughtering infidels on behalf of Allah? Islam has a 1,400 year track record of killing? It is estimated that they have killed about 270 million people.

THIRD SEAL:

BLACK HORSE: Economic turmoil ... shortages ... famine.

FOURTH SEAL

GREEN HORSE: **The rider's name is DEATH!** Sounds ominous? He has power over a ¼ of the earth. To kill —with the sword ... with hunger ... with pestilence ... **by or under the authority of the end-time Beast(s)?** Not natural deaths! Deliberate deaths brought about by the Beasts.

Green is everywhere in the Islamic world.



Last week we mentioned the 5th Seal.

FIFTH SEAL:

MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS

Revelation 6:9-11

9 **When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.**

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

11 **Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.**

The Saints killed for the Word of God and their testimony.

It appears to be a targeted group? At Christians — because of what they’re saying. Because of their public testimony?

It may be a test for some? Will Christians stand up for the True God ... and Jesus — or give in and yield to the Mark of the Beast?

The Beast will make war with the saints — and for a while — overcome them (Daniel 7 and Revelation 13). Some (many?) will be beheaded. (What religion is fond of beheading?)

Matthew 24:9-14

9 “**Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you,** and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

10 And then many will be offended, **will betray one another, and will hate one another.**

11 **Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

12 **And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.** (*Many — some translations say “majority”*)

13 But **he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

14 And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations**, and then the end will come.

Betrayal. AGAPE LOVE will grow cold.

Matthew 10:19-22

19 But **when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak.** **For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;**

20 **for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.** (*Supernatural words*)

21 “Now **brother will deliver up brother to death**, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

22 And **you will be hated by all for My name’s sake.** **But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

Martyrdom. Sounds like the 5th Seal.

Matthew 10:23-28

23 **When they persecute you in this city, flee to another.** For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. (*The end-time*)

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

26 **Therefore do not fear them.** For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

27 “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

28 And **do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Are there a lot of conversions at the end — end-time converts? **The Beast is martyring the saints because of the “Word of God” and “Testimony”.**

It is possible that at the very end ... believers start to oppose the Antichrist — to warn of the Great Deception then sweeping the world — to warn of the Mark of the Beast — and the now imminent Wrath of God?

It is probably wrong to look on the 5th Seal as purely passive —the saints all scared and hiding in rabbit holes!

The saints are likely to be a serious problem to the Antichrist. They are starting to confront the Antichrist and the Beast system. Hence his focus on persecuting and killing them?

It may explain why only 4 Horsemen?

SPECULATION

The first Four Seals/Horsemen are all linked to the Antichrist (and the dragon giving him power) seeking world domination. With the 4th Horseman ... he can't do any more — major death and destruction over a huge part of the world already. There's not much left.

(Coincides with the Great Tribulation and the Abomination of Desolation)

As of the 5th Seal — God starts to reveal his hand.

God starts to push back through His saints — to proclaim the Word ... and Testimony.

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The Gospel preached — as a witness/testimony — right at the end!

Acts 2:14-21

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: (*an illustration. The fulfilment is at the Last Days — verse 17*)

17 ‘And **it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,**

That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your young men shall see visions,

Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days;

And they shall prophesy.

19 **I will show wonders in heaven above**

And signs in the earth beneath:

Blood and fire and vapour of smoke.

20 **The sun shall be turned into darkness,**

**And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the
LORD.**

21 And it shall come to pass

That **whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.'**

**In the last days — as the Antichrist is dominating the world
— many saints will prophecy.**

**Just before the Heavenly Signs! Just before the Trumpets
start!**

And don't forget at this time **THE TWO WITNESSES** are on the scene
too!

It might be best to see **the 5th Seal as a push-back against the
Antichrist and Beast System** —not as a bunch of fearful saints
looking for the best place to hide.

These will be difficult times ... but not all will forfeit their lives. Protection
is also available.

THE 7 SEALS OF REVELATION						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
WHITE HORSE	FIERY RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	GREEN HORSE	SOULS OF MARTYRS CRYING OUT FOR JUSTICE	HEAVENLY SIGNS...PEOPLE HIDE FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB	SILENCE IN HEAVEN - THEN THE 7 TRUMPETS
THE ANTICHRIST & THE DRAGON DOMINATING AND DESTROYING... SAINTS BEING KILLED				GOD & THE SAINTS START FIGHTING BACK		

Psalms 91:1-6

1 **He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

2 I will say of the LORD, “**He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.**”

3 Surely **He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.**

4 He shall cover you with His feathers,
And **under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

DWELL IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH.

Psalms 27:1

1 **The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Psalms 27:5

5 **For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.**

In the time of trouble — God will protect some people.

So — **the 5th Seal may be God starting to push back through
the saints — against the Antichrist and the Beast system.**

The 6th Seal escalates to a whole new level!

SIXTH SEAL:

HEAVENLY SIGNS

Revelation 6:12-17

12 I looked when He opened **the sixth seal**, and behold, **there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.** (*“Great earthquake” — Greek: SEISMOS*)

13 And **the stars of heaven fell to the earth**, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then **the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up**, and **every mountain and island was moved out of its place.**

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, **hid themselves in the caves 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 who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!**

17 **For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”**

“Great earthquake” is “Great Shaking” — Greek: **SEISMOS**. The shaking of the earth ... seas and heavens.

The “Natural World” is in chaos. **The unconverted — Beast Empires — are terrified.**

Many people know what this signifies — THE WRATH OF THE LAMB!

They have been warned! They recognise terrible destruction lies ahead.

Someone has warned them: the saints with the Word of God and their Testimony? The two witnesses?

As the world cowers in terror and fear ... the saints can look up. Their redemption draws nigh — very nigh!

Matthew 24:29-31

29 “**Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

30 **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn (*lament... beat their breasts in alarm*), and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 **And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

The angels sent out to gather the saints at Jesus' coming.

Immediately after that ... God unleashes His Trumpet punishments on the world. **The Day of the Lord's wrath has come.**

Thankfully ... the saints are delivered from this wrath!

It all happens on the same day? The saints caught up ... and the Fire of Trumpet 1 blasts across the earth.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

4 so that **we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,**

5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, **that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;**

6 **since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,**

7 and **to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,**

8 **in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 **when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.**

Jesus revealed — in flaming fire — “in that day” — the self-same day!

Revelation 8:6-7

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 **The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the earth and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

Much of the world on fire — at the First Trumpet.

I think we are still awaiting for the first horseman to ride! (WHEN? is the \$64,000 question!)

SPECULATION:

Daniel's 70th Week represents the final 7 year period.

It seems possible that each seal is opened in each of the 7 years?

Year 1:	White Horseman and deception
Year 2:	Red Horse and War
Year 3:	Black Horse
Year 4:	Green Horse ...whose rider is DEATH.

The Abomination of Desolation is at mid-point of the 70th Week (3½ years) ... so would coincide? Great Tribulation!

Speculation for now. One day — if we're still around — we will find out for sure!

Hopefully ... we will be ready for whatever comes our way.