

4 HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE



- A vague association between a Living Being and a particular horseman
- 1st horse: Christ or anti-Christ?
- 2nd horse: make war
- 3rd horse: pestilence
- 4th horse: Death and the grave
- Horsemen were sent as a group, each with their assigned task



CONSEQUENCES OF FAMINE

- War, famine, plagues, attacks by wild animals
- When food supplies run short, humans and animals become competitors
- 3rd world countries will bear food shortages the most heavily, the West the least affected
- Social upheaval causes riots, a sense of social injustice, and governments fall replaced by strongmen and promises to fix the problem

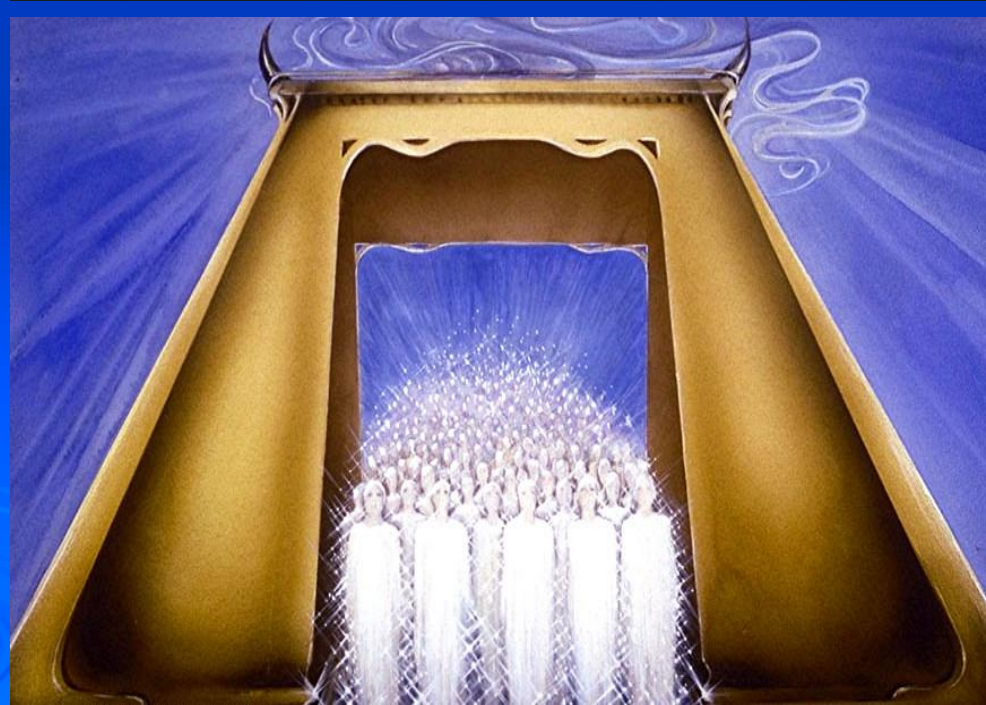
HUMAN EVIL OR GOD'S WRATH?

- Nature of the “judgments” changes upon the 5th seal
- 4 Horsemen are evil in their purpose
- However, these are not judgments (as with Sodom), but rather increase in human-upon-human evil
- Greed, pleasure, profit and foolishness cause misuse of our resources
- Haiti a prime example of what can go wrong



MARTYRED SOULS

- Ch. 5, God's throne room described in terms of Temple/12 Tribes rituals and gemstone colors
- Ch. 6, the 5th seal, also uses Jewish imagery but of a different kind
- Rabbi Natan HaBavli
- Avot diRabbi Natan 26
- Shabbat 152b
- Deut. Rabbah 11:10



HOW LONG?



- Martyred souls ask how long before their blood is avenged
- Psalm 82:2
- Psalm 94:3
- Jeremiah 12:4
- Is avenging, revenge, and vengeance against Christian principles?
- Martyrs are asking God to be their ***Go'el Ha'dam***, Blood Avenger
- Genesis 9:5 - 6



- Who may take the life of a killer?
- Is all killing to be avenged?
- ONLY unjustifiable killing may be avenged
- Exodus 21:12 – 19
- Killing of Believing martyrs is unjustifiable killing
- Martyrs under God's Throne are only asking for what is right and legal in God's eyes



Shame & Honor



- Islam is the anti-Christ Believer religion
- A martyr is one who dies while killing a person of another religion
- Shame and honor is reflected in “turn the other cheek”
- The martyrs under God’s throne are asking to have God’s laws enforced in Heaven

IN THE CROSSHAIRS



- White robe indicates absolute purity
- God says the wait is until the full number of martyrs happens on Earth
- Bible prophecies say Believers will be targeted with a vengeance as the End nears
- Question: Did the first 4 seals have to happen BEFORE the 5th seal event occurred?
- Wording of the 5th seal event implies that the first 4 seal events were not “judgments”
- 5th seal looking back to the martyred Lamb of ch. 5, and looking forward to Believers of ch. 7 who would be sealed and protected



- The 6th seal is broken: earthquake, sun turns black, moon turns blood red, stars fall from the sky
- No reason to take these images as symbolic; rather they are literal
- Matthew 24:7 – 8
- Isaiah 50:2 – 3
- Joel 3



- 7 separate phenomena
- 1) earthquake 2) sun goes dark 3) moon blood red 4) stars falling 5) heavens roll up 6) mountains move 7) global panic
- 7 classes of people affected
- 1) Kings 2) Rulers 3) generals 4) wealthy 5) elite 6) common slaves 7) common free people
- Hosea 10:8