

THE SIX SEALS

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Should we be watching Rome or looking towards the Middle East ...
The Islamic World ... in these end times?

We are moving away from the narrative in the scriptures so we have to make sure we aren't dogmatic about what we believe.

Daniel 2:40 (NKJV)

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

Rome didn't break in pieces or crush the Medo-Persian empire. Also ... this 4th kingdom breaks in pieces and crushes ... and pulverises. Rome didn't do that. So ... Rome doesn't fulfil this prophecy. So ... what about Islam? Seems to be a very good fit. The Islamic Empire was a powerful, military empire. It changed culture, alphabets, religions. They would quite plausibly fit this prophecy.

Daniel 7:7-8 (NKJV)

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. (destructive ... pulverising) It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Daniel 7:19-25 (NKJV)

19 "Then I wished to know the truth about **the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; (is that Rome? It doesn't fit ... but Islam does)**

20 **and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words,** whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

22 until the Ancient of Days

came, and a judgment was made in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

23 "Thus he said:

**'The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.**

24 **The ten horns are ten kings
Who shall arise from this kingdom.**

And **another shall rise after them;**

He shall be **different** from the first ones,

And shall subdue three kings.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,

Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,

And shall intend to change times and law.

Then the saints shall be given into his hand

For a time and times and half a time.

Daniel 8:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great. (The ram is Iran. It is going to go out to war.)

Daniel 8:5-7 (NKJV)

5 And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat (He goat) came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. (This he goat pictures Turkey)

6 Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

7 And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver from the ram (Iran) from his hand. (Turkey)

Daniel 8:20-21 (NKJV)

20 The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

Daniel 9:26-27 (NKJV)

26 “And after the sixty-two weeks

Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come

Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. (The Prince shall come from the ethnic groups that destroyed the temple ... the legions

were comprised mainly from Syria and Egypt; Islamic countries today)

The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then **he** (the Islamic prince) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; (With Jerusalem?)

But in the middle of the week

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolater."

Revelation 17:18 (NKJV)

18 And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth." (Is this Rome? Could this be the Catholic Church? Does Rome exist in the desert? Does New York? In the desert ... in a lonely place? Not likely!!)

Revelation 18:2 (NKJV)

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "**Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!** (NB: "unclean" still exists). (Quoting from Isaiah 21:9 ... which is a prophecy about Arabia ... where Mecca the home and heart of Islam is ... and Isaiah 13:20 ... "and no Arabs will pitch their tents there")

Revelation 18:7-11 (NKJV)

7 In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, '**I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'**

8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And **she will be utterly burned with fire**, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

9 **"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,**

10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, **'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'**

11 **"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:**

Revelation 18:17-19 (NKJV)

17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' **Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance**

18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' (if you sail up the Red Sea ... you pass just a few miles from Mecca ... so you would most certainly see the smoke of her burning)

19 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, **'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'**

Revelation 18:20-21 (NKJV)

20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

21 **Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.**

Revelation 20:4 (NKJV)

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (these people have been beheaded for their loyalty and allegiance to God. Which set of countries glory in beheading? Islam ... right from the get go. This is what Mohammed did. The Quran instructs good Muslims to behead their enemies. This is still routine in Saudi Arabia today)

1 John 2:18-22 (NKJV)

18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. (THE ANTI CHRIST in the future ... though many around in John's day)

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. (The anti Christ denies the Father and The Son ... Muslims deny that Jesus is the Christ. Allah is alone ... he does not have a son ... he is not a father ... that is blasphemous to them. Their Jesus is a prophet of Allah ... but he never died. Allah is satan)

1 John 4:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God**; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know **the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, (The Muslims will not confess that Jesus is God in the flesh)**

3 and **every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.**

Revelation 5:1-5 (NKJV)

1 **And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.**

2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, "**Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.**"

Revelation 5:7-10 (NKJV)

7 **Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.**

8 **Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**

9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals;

For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
10 And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 6:1-8 (NKJV)

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and behold, a green horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Revelation 6:2 (NKJV)

2 And I looked, and behold, **a white horse.** **He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.** (The powerful deception of Islam? One of Mohammed's names was Iklil ... "The crown" or another of his names ... "Mansoor" ... The victorious one or conqueror)

There is a common view that this is Christ. See the next verse:

Revelation 19:11 (NKJV)

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, **a white horse.** **And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.** (This is Jesus ... but this verse is not talking about the same horse in the verse above)

No!!! The time is quite different. Revelation 19 is at the actual return of Christ. Revelation 6 is quite some time before that. And despite the scholarship of Adam Clarke and others ... we've preferred to believe that the white horse pictures religious deception.

Jesus is the Revelator. He is revealing them in symbols? Did he refer to them in plain language ... possibly in Matthew 24 ... Jesus' Olivet discourse. Watch out for deception ... Wars and rumours of wars ... the red horse? Then famine ... the black horse? Pestilences ... The green horse? The Great Tribulation (or fifth seal?) and Heavenly Signs (6th seal). Does Matthew 24 then give us an outline of Revelation 6? Matthew 24 was probably not the key ... there has always been wars ... rumours of wars ... earthquakes etc. The Key sign is probably when you see the Abomination of Desolation set up in the holy place.

Revelation 6:4 (NKJV)

4 **Another horse, fiery red,** went out. **And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people**

should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. (War. The Muslims have killed somewhere in the region of about 270 million people over the centuries. Look at Syria today ... Muslims killing Muslims. But rather than isolated terrorist attacks ... the red horse pictures Major war ... in the end time ... in the name of Allah. Another name for Mohammed is Sayfullah ... which means, "sword of Allah")

Revelation 6:5-6 (NKJV)

5 When He opened **the third seal**, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, **a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales** (Greek: Zugos ... servitude ... Typically under law or obligation ... becoming almost live a slave ... Like Sharia Law? That's what the Islamic Empire will do) **in his hand**.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." (Major economic problems ... economic turmoil. The economic upheaval ... which typically follows war. Mega problems for North America ... Japan etc. Great impact worldwide on the economy)

Revelation 6:8 (NKJV)

8 So I looked, and behold, **a green horse**. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, (among which they can kill) to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Green is the colour of Islam. Many of the Islamic flags are white, red, black and green ... like the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

What about a fourth of the earth? One quarter of the earth's population is Muslim. One quarter of all sovereign countries are Muslim. What about landmass? One quarter is occupied by Muslims.

There have been about 28,000 jihad attacks since 9/11.

Revelation 6:9-11 (NKJV)

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. (These are still dead)

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.

Compare:

Genesis 4:8-10 (NKJV)

8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"

He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 And He said, "What have you done? **The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.** (Obviously Abel was dead ... but God uses this symbolically ... his witness)

The Fifth Seal represent the martyrdom or execution of those faithful to the word of God. If this is from Islam ... then. Beheading will be the most popular form of execution ... which ties up exactly with Revelation 20:4.

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast.

Revelation 13:5 (NKJV)

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Revelation 13:7 (NKJV)

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. (The Islamic Empire. How do they do this? By beheading) And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.