

## THE SIX SEALS PART 2

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There is quite a lot happening in the Middle East ... here are 3 things from this past week:

1. Iran launched 2 ballistic missiles with the words, "Israel must be wiped out" in Hebrew
2. USA has released \$100-\$150 billion assets to Iran that were frozen ... they have now been seen carrying out big military spending ... in China and Russia. Expect Saudi Arabia and other countries to now escalate their military spending
3. Just a week ago the Turkish government took control of the major opposition newspaper ... there is no longer any press freedom. It is now controlled by the Turkish Government. The country led by Erdogan is moving the country more and more towards Islamic control. Turkey happens to be the second most powerful NATO country after the USA. Turkey has over 90 nuclear bombs on its soil and 40 have been allocated to the Turkish airforce in case of nuclear attack.

The Ottoman Empire ended in 1922 but Erdogan wants to return Turkey to its former glory ... with the resurrection of the Ottoman Empire.

### Revelation 6:1-2 (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.

A number of famous commentaries see this as Christ ... but this is much more later on. This is talking of religious deception ... possibly Islam. The Muslims are expecting their Mahdi any day now ... Islam's Messiah ... he will bring peace to the world and they anticipate that he will bring the whole world under Islamic rule.

Mohammed has many names ... one of them Iklil ... meaning "Crown" and also Mansoor ... meaning "victorious or conqueror".

### **Revelation 6:3-4 (NKJV)**

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.

The Red Horse is war. There is a great sword. There is the Sword of Jihad which is inherently part of Islam. One of Mohammed's name is Sayfullah ... meaning "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 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."

The Black Horse seems to be a picture of economic turmoil ... very expensive to get wheat, rice ... shortages of essentials and things like that. Maybe banks being wiped out. No one really escapes. It refers to the person on the black horse having scales in his hand. The Greek word there is: Zugos ... servitude ... typically under law or

obligation ... becoming almost live a slave ... Like Sharia Law? All unbelievers must convert and accept Allah and Mohammed or you must be under subjugation and humiliation to be allowed to live (and pay a tax)

### **Revelation 6:7-8 (NKJV)**

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.**

Green is the colour of Islam. With the exception of one country ... 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.

### **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. **(The saints are 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.

Believers of the Word of God are going to be put to death. If we go back many centuries ... much of the Middle East were "Christians" ... believers in the God of Abraham and believers in Jesus Christ. And they are all gone ... wiped out ... by Islam. That's what Islam does. Lots of deaths of people saying they are Christians by Muslims. Two-thirds of what was once professing Christians killed by religious fanatics in Arabia.

Revelation 6 is probably talking more about the future. More deaths of anyone claiming to be a Christian.

#### **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, (the martyrdom of the 5<sup>th</sup> seal) who had not worshiped the beast or his image, (giving your allegiance and loyalty to this empire) and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

#### **Revelation 13:1-7 (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 (refer back to Daniel 7) and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.**

2 Now the beast which I saw was **like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.** The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

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. **(In the First World War, The Ottoman Empire was mortally wounded and closed down in 1922. But ... the deadly wound will be healed)**

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "**Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?**"

5 **And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.** (This Islamic Empire will continue for 42 months)

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

This beast ... maybe the final resurrected empire ... will overcome the saints. Who are the saints being referred to? Just people from the "churches of God"? How many people will be converted in the end-times? Say by the 2 witnesses? Maybe God has a broader application for the term, "Saints". David Garrison in his book, "A Wind in The House of Islam" ... has documented that between 2 and 7 million Muslims have converted to some type of Christianity in the last two decades. There is a price to pay for them. Perhaps in the end-times there will be many more conversions to God and to Jesus and so they come into the cross-hairs of Islam.

#### **Revelation 13:11-15 (NKJV)**

11 Then I **saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.** (The Mahdi)

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (The resurrection of the old Ottoman Empire ... perhaps under Erdogan?)

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those

who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

The death of the saints is pictured here.

Another reference to the fifth seal is found here in Daniel.

### 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;

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, (right up until the return of Christ) 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 (Islamic antichrist) 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.**

### **Revelation 6:12-17 (NKJV)**

12 I looked when He opened **the sixth seal**, and behold, **there was a great earthquake; (Greek: seismos can be earthquake or ... simply a shaking ... commotion ... tempest) and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. (The Heavenly Signs?)**

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?" (These people are terrified because they know it's the Wrath of The Lamb ... the punishment of God and of Jesus Christ. Now there is panic and fear. So ... clearly someone has been warning them ... the 2 witnesses?? But they haven't wanted to know).**

Let's look at who else may be preaching before the Heavenly Signs.

**Joel 2:28-32 (NKJV)**

28 "And it shall come to pass afterward  
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your old men shall dream dreams,  
Your young men shall see visions.

29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (A spirit of prophecy on  
men and women ... young and old ... all of His people)

30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:  
Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood, (the sixth seal)

**Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.**

32 And it shall come to pass  
That whoever calls on the name of the Lord  
Shall be saved.

For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,  
As the Lord has said,  
Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

The sixth seal introduces the Great Day of The Lord.

**Zephaniah 1:14-18 (NKJV)**

14 **The great day of the Lord is near;  
It is near and hastens quickly.**

The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter;  
There the mighty men shall cry out.

15 **That day is a day of wrath,  
A day of trouble and distress,  
A day of devastation and desolation,  
A day of darkness and gloominess,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness,  
16 A day of trumpet and alarm**

Against the fortified cities  
And against the high towers.  
17 "I will bring distress upon men,  
And they shall walk like blind men,  
Because they have sinned against the Lord;  
Their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
And their flesh like refuse."

18 **Neither their silver nor their gold  
Shall be able to deliver them  
In the day of the Lord's wrath;**  
But the whole land shall be devoured  
By the fire of His jealousy,  
**For He will make speedy riddance  
Of all those who dwell in the land.**

This is the Day of The Lord's Wrath. We have to be careful not to confuse the Day of The Lord with the Great Tribulation.

First ... The Tribulation ... then the Heavenly Signs ... then The Day of God's Wrath.

#### **Matthew 24:15-22 (NKJV)**

15 "Therefore when you see **the 'abomination of desolation,'** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), (this is relevant to us!)

16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.  
(Get out immediately!!)

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 For **then there will be great tribulation,** (Greek: thlipsis which

means affliction, distress, anguish ... Great tribulation) such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, nor ever shall be.

22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

#### Matthew 24:29-31 (NKJV)

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, (the sixth seal) and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, 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.

#### Revelation 8:1-6 (NKJV)

1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

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

The 7th seal comprises 7 trumpets. The 7 trumpets do not come after the 7<sup>th</sup> seal. They are the 7<sup>th</sup> seal. Similarly ... The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (which announces Christ's return and God's kingdom) comprises 7 bowls of the Wrath of God.