

February 2018 Newsletter - Revelations Six

But in the *rhomphaian* sword used here it is used in the sense of slaughter, murder and execution. Many will die as the result by the hands of crazed mobs, the one world government military and execution. Which makes sense for under the 1st Horseman the antichrist and his army will go out and conquer. This implies a major conflict for there will be many who do not agree with him and will oppose him. Many of those who oppose him will die as the result.

This will leave two groups alive who will still keep on opposing him: 1) those who have survived the conflict (war) and will be taken alive as prisoners of war. 2) those, perhaps, who lived in various parts of the world and did not oppose him, but still refuse his will. Both groups will be rounded up to be later killed by “judicial” execution – the *rhomphaia*.

Out of these two groups, who actually comprise one group, there will be classifications of people: 1) those who are saved, 2) those who are not be saved, but will be later on. Both have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Many of the earth's inhabitants will believe that the antichrist is an incarnate god, or a deified man and worship him; they will also gladly take the mark of the beast, but many will not.

The next word we see that causes death all over the world is **hunger**, *limos*, which isn't saying that people will be hungry, but death by starvation. Many will die in war; many will die by execution and many will die by starvation because of the breakdown of food production and distribution. Even now government officials and preppers are laying up enough food that will last them 6 months to 2 years.

The next word is **death**, some translations have plague, but the word is *thanatos* and it does mean death, but death as the result of plagues, which will be abundant worldwide. Plagues always break out in a time of war because of the lack of proper hygiene and clean water, then there is the disease of the dead bodies of humans and animals.

And the last is wild animals, or **beasts of the earth**, *therion tes ges*. When man civilizes an area so that people can live in it, one of the first things he does is push the wild animals back into the countryside. Sometime that are hunted down, other times the animals just stay away from humans. But when these settlements become smaller with less people, the wild animals start coming back. Sometimes they can become even more aggressive toward humans.

I. The 5th Seal. v.9

Revelations 5:9, “*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:*” - και 'οτε ηνοιξεν την πεμπτην σφραγιδα ειδον 'υποκατω του θυσιαστηριου τας ψυχας των εσφαγμενων δια τον λογον του θεου και δια την μαρτυριαν 'ην ειχον.

1. “*And when he had opened the fifth seal,*” - *kai hote enoixen ten pempten sphragida*. Jesus Christ is now opening the 5th seal, which unleashes the end allowing the following to occur.

The 1st horseman denotes the antichrist going out into the world to conquer bringing all the world under his control. It will be the control of a corporation with he being the CEO of this corporation. It will also be the rule of a monarchy because he will be a king. So we have a king as the CEO of a corporation. This entails, obviously, military conquest to get to this place, along with apolitical and economical conquest, which are just as enslaving.

War and bloodshed are unleashed on the world against those who are opposed to the antichrist. The 2nd horseman appears to be general anarchy and murder in addition to military conquest against those who oppose his rule. The 3rd horseman bring a famine caused by a drought, probably as the purposed or accidental result of the HAARP project and chemtrail engineering, hoarding, speculation and withholding of of basic foodstuffs of: corn, wheat and barley resulting in starvation. The 4th horseman unleashes public plagues all over the world, wild beasts and death by “judicial” executions, which could bring in the idea of beheadings, but not necessarily restricted to it.

2. *“I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain” - eidon hupokato tou thusiasterious tas psuchas ton esphagmenon.*

The word *thusiasterious*, **altar**, was used for: 1) the altar of incense, 2) the altar of burnt offerings, 3) and the altar of God in the heavenlies. The altar of incense is where the OT priests burned incense to God. The altar of burnt offerings is where they burned the sacrificial offerings to him. These were also a copy of those things found in heaven. Hebrews 8:5, *“Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.”*

Revelations 8:3-5 has the golden altar of incense before the throne of God in heaven. Revelations 9:13 appears to be the same altar of incense. Revelations 14:18 has the altar with fire. And Revelations 6:8 has the altar with the souls under it. One major thing that stands out is that all the souls of those who have believed on Christ and were sacrificed are under this altar making it huge in size.

In the Hebrew system of worship the animal was slain and its blood was poured out and it was then placed on the altar as a sacrifice to God. In the Church Age we have these believers in Christ being slain for their testimony for Jesus Christ and their stand on the Word, their souls were poured out for Christ, as Christ's soul was poured out for them; their souls are their “life's-blood”. Paul stated that he was being poured out as a drink offering to *Yahweh*. 2 Timothy 4:6, *“For I am now ready to be offered, (spendō - poured out as a drink offering) and the time of my departure is at hand.”*

3. *“For the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:” - dia ton logon tou theou kai dia ten marturian hen eichon.* These were believers who refused to abandon their testimony for Jesus Christ and because they held to the Word of God. Not because they held to religion, but the Word of God.

They **held** is the imperfect active indicative of echo, to have and to hold, which describes an activity that was going on in the past, but came to an end. While they were alive they were holding to their witness for Christ and the Word of God, but when they died it all ceased.

These believers paid the highest price for their faith in Christ, but this has been going on since the beginning of the Church Age. Countless millions of Christians, known only to God, have had their lives taken away from them by Babylon. What was their crime? It was believing on Christ and wanting to study Bible Doctrine and live by it.

These believers gave up their lives for the sake of Jesus Christ and Bible Doctrine, but most believers today won't get up off their couches, turn off the TV or games, get in the car and drive down to a church that teaches Bible Doctrine! They'll erupt in cheers when their favorite team scores a point, but could care less about a point of doctrinal truth that has been made.

The world's hatred of Jesus Christ, his Word and those who believe in him actually prove the reality of his existence! If Jesus Christ was not real, then why does unsaved man hate him so much? Why would men have such a pathological, diabolical hatred of a man, if he never existed? If we believed in a fairy tale like elves and leprechauns, men would just laugh at us, not hate us and the Savior we love.

J. Demand For Justice. v.10

Revelations 6:10, "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" - και εκραζον φωνη μεγαλη λεγοντες 'εως ποτε 'ο δεσποτης 'ο 'αγιος και 'ο αληθινος 'ου κρινεις και εκδικεις το 'αιμα 'ημων απο των κατοικουντων επι της γης.

1. "And they cried with a loud voice, saying" - *kai ekrazon phone megale legontes*. **They** here refers to all the martyred believers in Christ, those men, women and children who opposed the antichrist. And how did they oppose him? 1) by rejecting his one world religion of the New Age movement. They rejected the lie that he is god, or that men are gods. They would not recant their confession that Jesus is the Christ the Savior of all mankind, who died for our sins, was buried and resurrected and is coming back to earth. And they did not abandon the Word of God - the Bible.

2) By rejecting his economic system, which included taking the mark of the beast. The foundations for this are already in place with bar code scanners, the massive computer in Belgium with the 666 code and with all the computers in the world connected to this computer.

3) And by rejecting his political system. God wants us to obey the "laws of the land", except if they conflict with his law. The believers in those days will not submit to international law because it is evil and satanic and prohibits us from obeying and serving the Lord. And because these believers will not submit to Satan's control over them he will send forth his armies to kill them.

Now we see their souls in heaven calling out with a loud voice for God to avenge them. These believers will be destroyed by Rome's imperial army by one of three ways. 1) Dying at the hands of the UN, which will operate in conjunction with the armies of nation states. 2) Dying at the hands of the general populace in random mayhem and blood frenzy. People who will be under the influence of drugs and/or so brainwashed that they believe that Christians are to blame for everything. 3) Those that survive will be brought before international tribunals, found guilty and executed - murdered.

These believers are the last of a long line of Christians who have been murdered for the sake of Christ at the hands of the antichrist institution that began with ancient Babylon in the OT. Revelations 18:20, "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath **avenged** you on her." Revelations 18:24, "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of **all that were slain upon the earth**." Hebrews 11:37,38, "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth."

2. "How long, O Lord, holy and true," - *heos pote ho despotes ho hagios kai ho alethinos*. *Pote* is an adverb of time to denote when something is going to happen, or how long will it be when it does happen. *Heos* is a temporal conjunction concerning a period of time. Together the question is how long is this period of time going to last, the time period where those who were holding to the testimony of Jesus and his Word were being killed, **how long is this going to last** until you avenge their blood?

The word *despotes* refers to the one who has absolute authority over an individual. Here it is God the Father who is over all of us. In trying to understand the difference between Lord, *kurios*, and Master, *despotes*, *kurios* was the authority over an individual and in wielding this authority it was for their good, and in the case of people, as with Abraham and Sarah, who called her husband her Lord, she realized that his lordship or authority over her was for her good. But in the case of *despotes* it exercised a more unrestricted power and absolute dominion conferring no restraints or limitations.

Here these martyred believers recognize God the Father as the absolute master of their lives. The use of the definite article *the* tells us that he is **the** Despot, the Master of their lives, not Satan, nor the son of Satan the antichrist. All believers are to recognize that God the Father is the absolute master of their lives and they are to obey him and do what he tells us to do. Even if it conflicts with what man tells us to do, or governments tell us to do, we are to obey him. Which they did because they held to the doctrines of God's Word and for their testimony concerning Christ.

3. "Holy and true" - *ho hagios kai ho alethinos*. We could say, the holy one and the true one. The word *hagios* for **holy** tells us that the person is pure and righteous totally without any sin or evil, but also that he is separated from these things. Such is our God and so are we to be in our lives in our personally conduct and those things we allow in our lives. 1 Peter 1:15,16, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye **holy**; for I am holy."

With the use of the definite article *the* found here it tells us that God is **the** holy one, the only one that is truly holy, and as such, he is separated from all sin and evil and he removes all sin and evil from his presence, which becomes the basis for the Great White Throne judgment at the last day where he will throw all unbelievers into the Lake of Fire. We have God's holiness imputed to us through Christ.

As we have seen the word for **holy**, *hagios*, means to be separated from something, namely, to be separated from all forms of sin and evil. The doctrine of separation is applicable to all believers in Christ. 2 Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye **separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," To **separate** here, *aphorizo*, is to put a boundary or limit between yourself and that which is unclean.

The word *alethinos* has been translated as: true, genuine, real, trustworthy and dependable. Here we should take it as the passage has as **true**. *Yahweh* is the true one. True what? The true God. Our context demands this because we have countless numbers of believers in Christ refuting Satan's claim as being god and his son, the antichrist as being a god as well. The penalty for non-compliance is death, so these believers are holding to their testimony that *Yahweh* is the true God - not the antichrist.

4. "Dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" - *hou krineis kai ekdikeis to haima hemon apo ton katoikounton epi tes ges*. To **judge** is the present active indicative of *krino*; to **avenge** is the present active indicative of *ekdikeo*; and **those that dwell** is the present active participle of *katoikeo*. "How long will you not judge and avenge our blood from those who live on the earth?"

The word to **judge** brings in a courtroom scene where God sits as the judge over all his creatures and charges are being brought before him. The charge is murder and these believers are placing their charges against the inhabitants of the earth demanding justice from him. The word **avenge**, *ekdikeo*, denotes that which proceeds from justice. They murdered these innocent believers simply because of their testimony for Christ, his Father and the Word, so they are demanding justice in the matter.

Murder is the willful taking of innocent life with malice in the heart. The penalty for murder is that the individual forfeits their life. Vengeance is not about an irrational emotional impulse, but about what is right and fair before the Law. You take a life, you lose your life. And note that all these believers in Christ are yelling out with a loud voice the same thing - "*avenge our blood*".

We note that this slaughter takes place through the first four seals. Seal One we have the antichrist going out and conquering, which certainly opens the door for the murder of God's people. In the second seal we have the peace taken from the earth and people killing one another. In the third seal we have hyper inflation and scarcity of food. In the fourth seal we have more deaths because of military action and hunger.

To dwell, *katoikeo*, simply refers to those who live fixedly in one place, here the one place their are dwelling on is the earth. This tells us that it's not just the antichrist, or the antichrist institutions that are to blame, but all the people of the earth as well. Because these people will have rejected the truth and accepted the Beast's lies and accepting everything found in the Beast's system, they will go on a murdering rampage against God's people.

And all of this goes back to Babylon's influence on the people of the world. Revelations 17:5,6, "*And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints**, and with the **blood of the martyrs of Jesus**: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*"

K. The full number of martyrs. v.11

Revelations 6:11, "*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.*" - και εδοθησαν 'εκαστοις στολαι λευκαι και ερρεθη αυτοις 'ινα αναπαυσωνται ετι χρονον μικρον 'εως 'ου πληρωσονται και 'οι συνδουλοι αυτων και 'οι αδελφοι αυτων 'οι μελλοντες αποκτεινεσθαι 'ως και αυτοι.

1. "*And white robes were given unto every one of them;*" - *kai edothesan hekastois stolai leukai*. To **give** is the orist passive indicative of *didomi*. The first thing we want to note is the use of the word *hekastos*, which denotes that every single one of these believers were given a white robe. Just as everyone of Christ's sheep will be saved and not lost, and everyone of them will be raised from the dead, and everyone of them will be given a white robe.

The color **white** symbolizes the ideas of righteousness, purity and victory of these believers. The idea behind a **robe** symbolizes the ideas of rest, relaxation and the cessation of war and conflict, also a time of festivity and the enjoyment of life. When the Roman soldier went off to war he war his armor, but after the battle he came back home, took his armor off and donned a robe. He was back with his family and friends far from the clash of battle and put on his robe to rest and enjoy himself.

So it is with all Christians; we are to don our armor each and every day of our lives because we are at war in the Angelic Conflict, but at the end of our lives, when we go to be with the Lord, it is then we will be given a white robe to wear, and that will be to each and every believer in Christ. That is the one thing all believers need to keep at the front of their minds, that there is a spiritual war going on of Satan and his demons fighting against God, his angels and believers in Christ. We must not get to the place in our thinking where we are free from this war. We are in it until we go to be with the Lord.

The word for **robe** here is *stolē* and it was not just an outer garment, but a long robe with a train used only by men of rank, or by those in the priestly order. Which fits Christians very well in both categories because we are men of rank in that we are king, but the priests of God as well. Revelations 7:9, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and palms in their hands;" Revelations 7:13, "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and whence came they?" Even Yahweh has a white robe, a robe with a train so long that it fills his temple. Isaiah 6:1, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his **train** filled the temple."

2. "And it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season" - *kai errethe autois hina anapausontai eti chronon mikron*. The word **said** is the aorist passive indicative of *eipon* and the word for **rest** is the aorist middle subjunctive of *anapauo*.

The word **said**, *eipon*, carries with it the force of a command. The word for **rest** here means to take a break, to have an intermission, to pause. With the middle voice it has the idea of they're finally at rest and they're to enjoy their rest. These believers have just come from a war zone on earth with the wrath of the antichrist directed at them now they're in heaven and God wants them to rest.

We want to notice that even though the conflict is over for them, and they are now in heaven, and they are in the presence of God himself we see that there is one thing on all of their minds and that is vengeance! Kind of goes against the modern theology we see today, but what they are all crying out for is to have God avenge their blood! His reply to them is for them to enjoy their rest now and let him handle this matter of settling accounts.

A little season is *mikron chronon*, denotes a space of time, whether long or short, characterized by certain things transpiring in it. With God time is of no consequences, so he is telling them this for their sakes, so when he uses the word *mikron* he's telling them that this is going to be a very short time that transpires before he avenges their blood. What characterizes this time that they have to wait for? The fulfillment of the killing of their brothers in Christ by the world.

When the full number of believers have been saved and go through martyrdom, for which they will all receive a martyr's crown, (we all have to die at one point or another, and by one means or another, so it is to our advantage that we receive an additional crown reserved for martyr's). When all that is finally finished then the world we see the wrath of God like they have never seen before!

If the wrath of God is directed at those who do not believe on Christ as their Savior, how much more wrath do you think there will be when God avenges the blood of his dear children on those who murdered them? No wonder the unsaved of the world cry out to the mountains to fall upon them to hide them from the wrath of God and the Lamb!

Revelations 6:15-17, "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"