Revelation 6 Summary Overview

Revelation 6 Daniel's Full 70th Week in Summary¹

Revelation 6:1-8 address the first 3-4 years of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. Revelation 6:9-17 address the remainder of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. Salient scriptures are noted as follows.

Revelation 6:2 - Year 1

"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

The white horse rider "that man of sin" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 initiates his worldwide conquest for world domination. Revelation 6:2 would correspondence to Revelation 13:1-2, as the emergence of "the beast," chief of the "...false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 with "Satan...at his right hand" Psalm 109:6.



He re-establishes in Israel by confirming for seven years "the covenant with many for one week...the sacrifice and oblation" Daniel 9:27 to be freely observed by "the people of the land...the people of the LORD" Exodus 5:5, Leviticus 20:2, 4, 2 Kings 11:14, 18, 19, 20, 15:5, 16:15, 21:24 twice, 23:30, 35, 24:14, 25:3, 19 twice, 2 Chronicles 23:13, 20, 21, 26:21, 33:25, 36:1, Jeremiah 1:18, 34:19, 37:2, 44:1, 52:6, 52:25 twice, Ezekiel 7:27, 12:19, 22:29, 33:2, 39:13, 45:16, 22, 46:3, 9, Daniel 9:6, Zechariah 7:5; Numbers 16:41, Deuteronomy 27:9, Judges 5:11, 2 Samuel 1:12, 6:21, 2 Kings 9:6, Ezekiel 36:20, Zephaniah 2:10; 41 references together with 8 references. Israel as a nation enters into that seven-year confirmation of the covenant and submits to the rule of white horse rider for national safety because "We have no king but Caesar" John 19:15. "Caesar" is easily identified². See accompanying graphic.

However, not all "the people of the land...the people of the LORD" as individuals enter into that confirmation of the covenant. Note the declaration and prayer of those loyal to the Lord, who, for example, have faithfully followed the ministry of Moses and Elijah whom the Lord designates as "...my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth" Revelation 11:3 after the manner of Micah 3:8 "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."

The declaration and prayer of Moses and Elijah's faithful followers, actually both Jew and Gentile, is this, to be wholly vindicated at the time of Revelation 6:8 at the midpoint of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. Moses and Elijah personify "<u>the law and the prophets</u>" Matthew 7:12, 22:40, Luke 16:16, Acts 13:15, Romans 3:21 and being two, they ensure that "<u>At the mouth of two witnesses...shall he that is worthy of death be put to death...</u>" Deuteronomy 17:6.

"Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble" Isaiah 33:1-2. "the time of trouble" is "Jacob's trouble" Jeremiah 30:7 "great tribulation" Matthew 24:21, Revelation 2:22, 7:14, especially the last half of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week.

Revelation 6:4 Year 2

"And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

Revelation 6:4 shows that the conquering white horse rider's conquest is fiercely resisted for 12 months by open warfare, especially his concession to Israel. See *Revelation 6:2 – Year 1*. The judgement of God is then incurred, ironically and prophetically, with Nebuchadnezzar as a type of the Antichrist, the white horse rider, as shown in Jeremiah 27:8 "<u>And it shall come to pass</u>, <u>that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon</u>, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, <u>that nation will I punish</u>, <u>saith the LORD</u>, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand."

This writer would place the invasion of Israel led by Gog that Ezekiel 38, 39:1-16 set out and certainly its immediate aftermath in this time interval. Gog's casus belli for invading Israel is sheer malevolence, having like Edom nursed "a perpetual hatred" for "the children of Israel" Ezekiel 35:5, and greed, as revealed in Ezekiel 38:10-12 "Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

The objections to that placement of Gog's invasion of Israel are derived from Ezekiel 38:8, 11, 14 "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them...And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates...Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?"

Israel's dwelling in safety, though real as the Lord declares, is as described under **Revelation 6:2** – **Year 1**. It is a safety under Caesar and not a safety where "<u>safety is of the LORD</u>" Proverbs 21:31. It is possible to have such safety but it is not permanent as it will be for Israel in the land at the Second Advent as Ezekiel has earlier prophesied when "...<u>they shall dwell safely therein</u>...in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods...and none shall make them afraid" Ezekiel 28:26, 34:25, 28.

These scriptures describe the temporary safety such as Israel will experience under Caesar until he breaks the covenant of Daniel 9:27 with Israel in the last half of Daniel's 70th Week as "<u>the son of perdition</u>...<u>Judas by transgression</u>...<u>that he might go to his own place</u>...<u>the beast that was, and is not</u>...<u>and goeth into perdition</u>" John 17:12, Acts 1:25, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Revelation 17:11. The scriptures that describe real but temporary safety are as follows.

"Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man...a people secure...And they...came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man..." Judges 18:7, 10, 27-28.

"And they found fat pasture and good, <u>and the land was wide</u>, <u>and quiet</u>, <u>and peaceable</u>; <u>for they of Ham had dwelt there of old</u>. <u>And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents</u>, <u>and the habitations that were found there</u>, <u>and destroyed them utterly unto</u>

this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks" 1 Chronicles 4:40-41. Israel's safety under Caesar, though real, is likewise precarious but providentially for Israel "...the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel" Joshua 10:42 to obliterate Gog's invasion of Israel. Gog's allies include "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya...Gomer, and...the house of Togarmah of the north quarters" Ezekiel 38:5-6, Mohammedan, Marxist, papist nations. The key prophetic scriptures are set out in the following format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison.

Ezekiel 38:18 <u>And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel</u>, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

Ezekiel 38:19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, <u>Surely in that day there</u> shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

Ezekiel 38:20 <u>So that the fishes of the sea</u>, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, <u>and all the men that are upon the face of the earth</u>, <u>shall shake at my presence</u>, <u>and the mountains shall be thrown down</u>, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Ezekiel 38:21 <u>And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains</u>, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Note how via the Lord's strategy Ezekiel 38:21 <u>every man's sword shall be against his brother</u> matches Revelation 6:4 <u>that they should kill one another</u> as forecast historically in 2 Chronicles 20:22-23 ...<u>the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. <u>For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.</u></u>

Ezekiel 38:22 <u>And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.</u>

Ezekiel 38:23 <u>Thus will I magnify myself</u>, <u>and sanctify myself</u>; <u>and I will be known in the eyes of many nations</u>, <u>and they shall know that I am the LORD</u>...

Ezekiel 39:3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Ezekiel 39:4 <u>Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel</u>, <u>thou</u>, <u>and all thy bands</u>, and the people that is with thee: <u>I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort</u>, <u>and to the beasts of the field to be devoured</u>.

Ezekiel 39:5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 39:6 <u>And I will send a fire on Magog</u>, <u>and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles:</u> <u>and they shall know that I am the LORD</u>.

Ezekiel 39:7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel...

Ezekiel 39:9 "And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years..."

Ezekiel 39:12 "And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land."

The Lord's defeat of Gog is manifested by:

- A massive earthquake in Israel with tremors felt offshore, the subsidence of Israel's mountains and worldwide terror at this manifestation of the Lord's wrath, Ezekiel 38:19-20
- Confusion amongst Gog's invading host so that they turn on each other, followed by a deluge upon the survivors of "<u>pestilence and</u>...<u>blood</u>...<u>great hailstones</u>, <u>fire</u>, <u>and brimstone</u>" Ezekiel 38:21-22
- Worldwide confession that "The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God" 1 Kings 18:39 but without full submission to Him, as will be shown, Ezekiel 38:23
- The demise of Gog "upon the mountains of Israel...upon the open field" Ezekiel 39:4-5
- A subsequent judgement from the Lord by fire "on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles," that is "the land of Magog" Ezekiel 38:2. The judgement extends across Western Europe from the Ural Mountains to the British Isles, reinforcing worldwide confession that "The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God" 1 Kings 18:39 but without full submission to Him, not even by Israel, Ezekiel 39:6-7, until the Second Advent, Zechariah 12:10.
- The Lord's manifestation of "<u>my holy name</u>...in the midst of my people Israel" with the declaration that "I will not let them pollute my holy name any more" Ezekiel 39:7 showing that Israel is still in rebellion against the Lord to this point, the Lord's deliverance of Israel from Gog's invasion notwithstanding. Israel will be until the Second Advent, as will be shown.
- Israel's use of Gog's implements for fuel for seven years and Israel's burial of Gog's remains for seven months.

In sum, though the Lord's victory over Gog exalts the Lord far and wide, it does not result in worldwide repentance and submission to Him, not even in Israel as a whole.

Israel's mindset to this point is as set out in Psalm 78:55-56 "<u>He cast out the heathen also before them</u>...<u>Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies</u>," clinging stubbornly to the abominable mantra "<u>We have no king but Caesar</u>" John 19:15 from which Israel will not be free until the end of Daniel's 70th Week and the Second Advent:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy" Daniel 9:24.

"...saith the LORD of hosts...I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day...And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" Zechariah 3:9, 12:10.

Note the comparison between Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12 and Revelation 20:7-10, set out in the same format, that in this writer's view locates Gog's invasion of Israel prophesied by Ezekiel in the second year of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week. Gog and Magog's invasion of Israel at the end of the Lord's thousand-year reign, Revelation 20:4, 6 is a second such invasion.

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Revelation 20:8 <u>And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth,</u> <u>Gog and Magog</u>, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Revelation 20:9 <u>And they went up on the breadth of the earth</u>, <u>and compassed the camp of the saints about</u>, <u>and the beloved city</u>: <u>and fire came down from God out of heaven</u>, <u>and devoured them</u>.

Revelation 20:10 <u>And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone</u>, <u>where the beast and the false prophet are</u>, <u>and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever</u>.

Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12	Revelation 20:7-10
Satan not bound	Satan bound 1000 years, Revelation 20:7
Israel suffers an earthquake, Ezekiel 38:19	No earthquake occurs
Mountains subside, Ezekiel 38:20	No mountains subside
God inflicts pestilence, blood, rain, hail-	More nations invade Israel, Revelation 20:8
stones, fire and brimstone, Ezekiel 38:22	God inflicts fire only, Revelation 20:9
God uses His judgement on Gog to glorify	No mention is made of God glorifying His
His name to both Israel and the heathen,	name to Israel and the heathen
Ezekiel 38:23, 39:7	
Gog falls on the mountains of Israel and in	Gog falls close to the camp of the saints and
the open field, Ezekiel 39:4-5. No camp of	Jerusalem, Revelation 20:9
the saints is mentioned	
The devil, the beast and the false prophet are	The devil, the beast and the false prophet are
still active on earth	cast into the lake of fire, Revelation 20:10
God's judgement on Gog is followed by a	No judgement of Western Europe follows
judgement on Western Europe, Ezekiel 39:6	
Israel burns Gog's implements for seven	No burning of Gog's implements or burial
years and buries Gog's remains for seven	of his remains are mentioned. Revelation
months, Ezekiel 39:9, 12	20:9 makes them unnecessary

This writer concludes that Ezekiel 38:18-23, 39:3-7, 9, 12 and Revelation 20:7-10 describe two different invasions of Israel led by Gog, over a thousand years apart. The lesson of Gog's defeat for Israel, sadly not heeded, is that *true* "safety is of the LORD" Proverbs 21:31, not of Caesar.

Revelation 6:5-6 Year 3

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

Revelation 6:5-6 describe widespread famine, a brutal aftermath of war, such as devastated Russia in the wake of World War 1 during which privation peasants resorted to <u>cannibalism</u>³. These melancholy scriptures refer to Israel historically under siege but have prophetic application to Revelation 6:5-6 in the wider context when "<u>because iniquity shall abound</u>, <u>the love of many shall wax cold</u>" Matthew 24:12 and men everywhere "<u>despise this word</u>, <u>and trust in oppression and perverseness</u>, <u>and stay thereon</u>" Isaiah 30:12.

"And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee" Deuteronomy 28:53 and context, Deuteronomy 28:54-58.

"And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver" 2 Kings 6:24-25 and context, 2 Kings 6:26-30.

"Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?... The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people" Lamentations 2:20, 4:10. In addition, Lamentations 2:20 has implications for Revelation 6:8 Year 3-4 of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week concerning when "the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord." See remarks under that heading.

Abundance of "the oil and the wine" at this time, in ghastly contrast, will ensure that "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings" Nahum 2:4 and multiply "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine..." Proverbs 23:29-30. It follows that those "ungodly men...denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ...bring upon themselves swift destruction" Jude 4, 2 Peter 2:1 in kind at the Second Advent:

"The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place...God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses" Psalm 68:17, 21.

"For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them" Jeremiah 25:15-16.

Revelation 6:8 Year 3-4

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

The pale horse rider in a dual capacity as "<u>Death</u>, <u>and Hell</u>" is "<u>that man of sin</u>...<u>the son of perdition</u>" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 insofar as he is "<u>destruction and death</u>" Job 28:22, in turn insofar as "<u>sin</u>...<u>bringing forth death</u>" James 1:15, and "<u>destruction and perdition</u>" 1 Timothy 6:9.

Sin, death, hell, destruction, perdition are match mates according to the Lord Jesus Christ. "<u>And fear not them which kill the body</u>, <u>but are not able to kill the soul</u>: <u>but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell...I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins</u>: <u>for if ye believe not that I am he</u>, <u>ye shall die in your sins</u>" Matthew 10:28, John 8:24.

"the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3, resurrected as Revelation 13:3 shows, see remarks later, breaks the seven-year covenant he re-established in Israel in Year 1 midway through Year 3-4 "and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" Daniel 9:27.

He does so because he "...opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" 2 Thessalonians 2:4 and at that time the answer to the question "shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?" Lamentations 2:20 is yes. It follows of course that the temple in Jerusalem must be in existence at that time. It could have been easily set up in Year 1 when the white horse rider confirms the covenant with Israel. He now springs the trap.

It is at this time that Israel's leaders, for their own self-interest betray their own nation and make their own covenant with the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "that man of sin...the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3, typified by the traitorous covenant between Israel's then leaders and Judas in Matthew 26:14-15 "Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver":

Isaiah 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves...

Isaiah 28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Isaiah 28:18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

It should be noted that the white horse rider, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "that man of sin...the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 is an instead-of Christ, in a satanic counterfeit of Exodus 4:16 "And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God."

Israel's leaders during Years 1-4 of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week hope to "<u>be in safeguard</u>" 1 Samuel 22:23 with the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "<u>the son of perdition</u>" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 from "<u>the overflowing scourge</u>" Isaiah 28:15, 18 that would include the judgements Revelation 6:8 lists after the manner of Jeremiah 9:21 "<u>For death is come up into our windows</u>, <u>and is entered into our palaces</u>, <u>to cut off the children from without</u>, <u>and the young men from the streets</u>."

The self-interest of Israel's leaders at that time is callous insofar as the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 who "in the midst of the week...shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" Daniel 9:27, demands that "the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord" Lamentations 2:20, as Saul did, as a type of the Antichrist, 1 Samuel 22:18 "And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod."

The resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" 2 Thessalonians 2:4 then violates the temple, as indicated.

Concerning "<u>and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord</u>" Lamentations 2:20 at that time the reference is to the termination of the ministry of "<u>my two witnesses</u>" Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah.

Israel's callous self-interested leaders for their part in the "<u>covenant with death</u>, <u>and with hell</u>" Isaiah 28:15 to "<u>be in safeguard</u>" 1 Samuel 22:23 with the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "<u>the son of perdition</u>" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 from "<u>the overflowing scourge</u>" Isaiah 28:15, 18 betray their own nation, as with the traitorous covenant with Judas, Matthew 26:14-15, by aiding and abetting worship of Caesar, 2 Thessalonians 2:4, because "<u>We have no king but Caesar</u>" John 19:15.

They further support the worship of Caesar by conniving at the breaking of God's Abrahamic covenant with Israel "<u>in the midst of the week</u>" Daniel 9:27 because Israel's leaders perceive *this* Caesar, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "<u>the son of perdition</u>...<u>that Wicked</u>" 2 Thessalonians 2:2, 7 as one of their own, the Lord having confirmed that association in Ezekiel 21:25 "<u>And thou</u>, <u>profane wicked prince of Israel</u>, <u>whose day is come</u>, <u>when iniquity shall have an end</u>" at the Second Advent. Like Nebuchadnezzar as a type of the Antichrist, this Caesar will brook no dissent from his tyranny, Daniel 3:4-7 with Revelation 13:11-15.

Worship of Caesar is enforced via the tyranny of Caesar by Israel's leaders on Israel via:

- Rejection of "the sacrifice and the oblation" Daniel 9:27 in violation of Malachi 4:4 "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments"
- Rejection of the ministry of "<u>my two witnesses</u>" Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah and "<u>their testimony</u>" Revelation 11:7 to Israel after the manner of Samuel in 1 Samuel 12:23 "<u>Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:"</u>
- Rejection in particular of the ministry of "<u>my two witnesses</u>" Revelation 11:3 Moses and Elijah and "<u>their testimony</u>" Revelation 11:7 to Israel, by which Moses and Elijah enjoin their fellow Jews that they sustain their salvation via "<u>by the blood of the Lamb</u>, <u>and by the word of their testimony</u>, <u>and</u>...<u>keep the commandments of God</u>, <u>and have the testimony of Jesus Christ</u>" Revelation 12:11, 17.

- Rigid enforcement on pain of execution by fire, Revelation 13:13, 15, for refusal to "worship the image of the beast" Revelation 13:15, in particular forcing the Jew to violate Exodus 20:4-5 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."
- Rigid enforcement on pain of execution for refusal by decapitation of participation in a literal sacrifice of the mass as the Psalmist⁴, Moses and Elijah and their followers lament and resist, which is why "...they loved not their lives unto the death" Revelation 12:11. The Jew in particular is forced to violate Leviticus 3:17 "It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood" and all others to violate Acts 15:29 "That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

"Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD...Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God" Psalm 14:4, 53:4.

"Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips" Psalm 16:4.

"another god" is a further reference to the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3 and "Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god" is a reference to:

Isaiah 28:17 <u>Judgment also will I lay to the line</u>, <u>and righteousness to the plummet</u>: <u>and the hail</u> <u>shall sweep away the refuge of lies</u>, <u>and the waters shall overflow the hiding place</u>.

Isaiah 28:18 <u>And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.</u>

"the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place" Isaiah 28:17 according to the future fulfilment after the events that Revelation 6:8 records of Isaiah 28:2, Jeremiah 47:2, Revelation 8:7, 16:21 "Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand...Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl...The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up...And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

"the overflowing scourge shall pass through" Isaiah 28:15, 18 with devastating effect following the events of Revelation 6:8 and at the Second Advent as these scriptures show:

"And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths" Revelation 9:15-18.

"Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire...And the LORD shall

cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod... For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it" Isaiah 30:27, 30-31, 33.

Revelation 6:8 "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth" gives the total death toll on earth for the first half of the yet future full Daniel's 70th Week that Revelation 6:2, 4-6, 8 encompass.

Revelation 6:2, 4-6 encompass deaths thus far by war and famine. Revelation 6:8 refers to deaths by disease and wild animals according as death is defined by pestilence, in God's historical judgement on Egypt, prophetically a type of the world, and is rampant again, historically against Jerusalem but prophetically "over the fourth part of the earth" Revelation 6:8. Note again the judgements of Jeremiah 27:8 "And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand" expressed with respect to Year 2 of Daniel's yet future full 70th Week, spilling over into Years 3, 3-4:

"He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence" Psalm 78:50 and context.

"... Thus saith the LORD; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity... I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy" Jeremiah 15:2-3.

Revelation 6:9-17 Years 4-7

As indicated, Revelation 6:9-17 address the remainder of Daniel's 70th Week and the Lord's judgements leading up to the Second Advent when as He declares in Isaiah 13:11 "... I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity..." although Revelation 6:9 is a résumé for the whole week concerning "the blood of the saints, and... the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" Revelation 17:6.

That blood is shed by the white horse rider, the resurrected beast, Revelation 13:3, the Antichrist, "<u>that man of sin...the son of perdition</u>" 2 Thessalonians 2:3. He is the personification of "<u>Death</u>, <u>and Hell</u>" Revelation 6:8 because "<u>the saints of the most High</u>" Daniel 7:18, 22, 25, 27 resist the rule of "<u>that Wicked</u>" 2 Thessalonians 2:8 and insofar as "<u>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints</u>" Psalm 116:15:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, <u>I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God</u>, and for the testimony which they held" Revelation 6:9 and context.

Revelation 6:12-14 describe the judgements of God in the form of environmental cataclysms that Revelation 8, 9, 16 depict further in graphic detail. Revelation 6:12-14 are therefore set out in different format to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison.

Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Revelation 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 6:12 reveals the rapidly approaching Second Advent with the Lord and His army descending to earth according to the prophecy of Joel 2:10-11, 31 "The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?... The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come."

Revelation 6:13 is literal, not figurative. It points to a prophetic fulfilment of Psalm 78:49 "<u>He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them</u>" in Revelation 12:3-4 "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. <u>And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...</u>"

Revelation 6:14 contrasts sharply with Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" in that leading up the Second Advent and the Lord's deliverance of Israel, that declaration is suddenly shut off like the abrupt rolling up of a scroll when, see Joel 2:10, 31 with respect to Revelation 6:12, "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine...Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger...The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel" Isaiah 13:9-10, 13, Joel 3:15-16 with Revelation 16:19 "And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath" and context.

Revelation 6:15-17 prophesy the Second Advent as a precursor to Revelation 19 and are therefore set out as Revelation 6:12-14 to facilitate accompanying remarks and scripture comparison.

Revelation 6:15 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;

Revelation 6:16 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:

Revelation 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation 6:15-16 reveal that men at that time at last recognise the judgements of God for what they are and don't attribute them to, say, climate change or global warming or tectonic plate boundary deformation⁵, according to the prophecies of Isaiah and Zephaniah.

"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth "Isaiah 2:17-21, together with Revelation 6:12, 14.

"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness...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 shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land" Zephaniah 1:15, 18, together with Revelation 6:12, 14.

Revelation 6:17 reveals that at the Second Advent men at last are confronted with their preeminent priority as King Solomon sets forth.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" Proverbs 9:10.

"The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death" Proverbs 14:27.

The realisation and the question that Revelation 6:17 set forth are addressed by the prophecies of Isaiah and Paul, each man answering the question with reference to tribulation and indeed millennial salvation⁶. Paul makes clear that no man will be saved by "<u>the loftiness of man</u>...and the haughtiness of <u>men</u>" Isaiah 2:17.

"The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure" Isaiah 33:14-16.

"...God...will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God" Romans 2:5-11.

Conclusion

Be encouraged. As the Lord promised, explaining "itself...it" Romans 8:16, 26, 1 Peter 1:11⁷:



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