

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 11

Chapter 6

Chapters 4 & 5 are a prelude and introduction...we have in view the command center of the universe as depicted in those chapters, and from the that command center the King begins to reign...

- He's bought all with His blood and now has to remove the usurpers from His property and the false prince to whom it all has been given until now that Jesus challenges his ownership.
 - This precipitates the event of **Chapter 6-19.**
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Recognize the disparity between what mankind says about the future and what God says: People say it's getting better, God says it is going to get *far* worse.

1. "Everything is getting better" – We are confusing technological advances with moral and social advances.
 - We have the technology to know and provide for the needs of mankind unlike we ever have before, but we still aren't doing it.
 - What have we done with our technology? We killed more people in wars of this past century than in all other centuries combined!!
 2. "Conquering disease" - But we haven't! We have only kept them at bay and now people aren't getting vaccinated like they were. Add to that an ever-increasing upward mobility and we are set for plagues again.
 3. "Peace is at hand" - We have had the worse wars of our history. With more to come!!
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Background for this section: (besides the entire Bible!) **Luke 4:16-19** (pay attention the period at the end of **Verse 19**) - Jesus closes the book ahead of **Verses 20-21**

- **Isaiah 61:1-2a** (here Jesus strategically closes the book because that was what He came the first time to do)
- **Verse 2b** - The comma at the end of V. 2 represents now a 2,000-year interval.

Review of **Dan 9: 24-27**

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Verse 1 - "Come"= "proceed" – something or someone is being released or allowed to come forth.

Verse 2 - Is this Jesus? == Jesus does come on a white horse with crowns in **Revelation 19:11-13**

- Here there is only one crown, and it is a stephanos (Greek) a victor's crown. Whereas in Ch. 19 there are many crowns on Jesus, and they are diademata or ruling crowns.
- Alos this one is riding with 3 partners: War, Famine, Death.
- "Bow" -- ***Bow but no arrows.***
- The Bow could be used for war, but it is also a symbol of peace especially when there are no arrows (e.g. – Rainbow)
- In fact, the word for bow and covenant in the Hebrew are almost identical.
- How does the Antichrist begin his relationship with Israel?? Covenant!! **Dan. 9:27**
- The Antichrist is a card that the Devil has wanted and, in fact, tried to play several times throughout history (many Roman Emperors, Hitler, etc.), but God has not allowed it.

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- There is coming a day in which what is blocking this will be taken out of the way **II Thessalonians 2:1-12**.
 - "Conquering and to conquer" but with peace! With a bow with no arrows!
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Verse 3 – What follows is in accord with who the Antichrist is: Red is associated with terror and death (elsewhere in Revelation -- red dragon, red beast, Red Prostitute)

Verse 4 –

Verse 5 - Black is associated with famine

Verse 6 - Implies rationing of the staples, but oil and wine were luxuries; seems to imply that the average man will be in dire straits while the powerful and wealthy will be even more in luxury.

Verses 7-8 - "Hades" not "Hell" = the holding place of the wicked dead

- Death claims the body and Hades claims the soul.
- Sword, Famine, Pestilence == these make sense, but what about "Wild Beasts"? Does it have to lions and bears and snakes?
- Remember that 75% of Europe was wiped out by rats and fleas carrying the bubonic plague.

Matthew 24:4-8 - (Notice, we have the exact same order as Rev. 6) -- This is just the beginning!!

One prerequisite for Jesus 2nd coming, do you know what it is? **Hosea 5:15** - Israel is in the spotlight now.

Verses 9-10 – Interesting place to find these that were killed "underneath the altar" -- the place in the O.T. where the blood of the sacrifices was poured.

- They are "souls" and have no bodies. Why? The resurrection has not taken place for them which tells us when they died. When???
- **Gen. 4:9-10 ----Heb. 12:24** -- What must God hear??
- "Earth dwellers" -- a classification of people that we will come across quite often in Revelation
- Earth dwellers is a designation for people whose citizenship is only on earth and not in Heaven.
- "Lord" here is unusual ---typically the word Kurios is used, but here it is Despotais (despot) – Greeks reserved this word for one who invades and takes possession.

Verse 11 – More are coming!

Verses 12-17 – bumper sticker "Beware of the Lamb"—can you imagine??
