

Apocalypse Now!

Part 1: Are We There Yet?

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The end time winds of global crises are blowing across the face of the earth. They are charged with the spirit of prophecy and contain all the signs that the return of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah is drawing near.

When people think about end times and the last days, many envision the Apocalypse in the Book of Revelation. Unfortunately, there are a host of different interpretations that make it difficult to understand the last days. For many those differences start with how we interpret the four horsemen (i.e., the first four seals) in Revelation chapter six.

On one side, there are those who believe the seals, along with the whole Book of Revelation, were fulfilled in 70 A.D. when Titus sacked Jerusalem,

destroyed the Temple, and dispersed the Jews throughout the world. On the other side, there are those who believe the seals are not opened until after the rapture of the church. And in between all of that, there are a myriad of other interpretations that have developed over the centuries.

The Four Horsemen of Revelation

As a biblical futurist, I have always had a pretty good understanding of the last days, but my insight into the Book of Revelation was somewhat limited. That was until the Lord showed me the role that Globalism and the New World Order (NWO) played in fulfilling end time prophecy. That insight began with a better understanding of the four horsemen.

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Prepare For War! Special End Time War Alert

Ever since the LORD (יהוה) destroyed Satan's first attempt at creating a one world order under Nimrod at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11), the devil has been working to reestablish a Nimrod style world order under the political and financial elite of the earth ([Ps. 2](#)). Consequently, the world has been transitioning from one world order (system) to another down to this very day.

Satan's tool of choice for moving this transition forward is the 'Hegelian Dialectic' which theorizes that:

Thesis + Antithesis = Synthesis.

In other words, *Crisis* begets *Solutions* which begets *Change* towards a new order of things

The concept of this dialectic is based on the unity of opposites that come together in agreement after crises irrevocably damages the status quo. It applies the ancient Greek philosophy that everything is in a state of constant change which produces an endless cycle of progressive transformation from one order to the next.

Unfortunately, the two major *theses* (crises) the devil uses to bring about this change are financial crisis and war.

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The First Seal

“I looked, and behold a white horse, and he who sat upon it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.” (Rev. 6:2)

The first seal releases the white horse of the spirit of antichrist, which prepares the way for the coming of the last world empire and the man antichrist. This spirit has been working to reestablish a Nimrod style global government ever since God broken up the first world empire at the tower of Babel ([Genesis 11:1-4](#); [1 John 2:18](#)).

After God destroyed Nimrod’s world order, this antichrist spirit established a world empire in Egypt. From there, it went back to later Babylon (dynasties IV thru XI), which ended with King Belshazzar during the Prophets Daniel and Ezekiel’s day. From there, it established the world empire of the Mede-Persians under Cyrus and Darius. Then it raised up the Greek empire under Alexander the Great, followed by the Roman Empire under the Caesars.

History of World Empires

1. Nimrod’s Babylon
2. Egypt
3. Later Babylon (*Dynasties IV - IX*)
4. Mede-Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome

Each empire was ruled by potentates who served gods other than the God of the Bible (YAHWEH). All of them were driven by the “*spirit of the world*” which deceived most of them into believing they were god’s themselves. These were the early globalists, whom the “*god of this world*” (Satan) groomed to rule the “*kingdoms of this world*” politically, financially and spiritually in opposition to the God of Heaven ([Ps. 2:1-3](#)).

Their primary method of operation (MO) for transitioning the nations from one world order to the next is what we call the Hegelian Dialectic. In a nut shell, the Hegelian Dialectic uses financial crises and war to produce major crises, that requires major changes in society, that moves the world toward a new order of things.

Consequently, after the Roman Empire collapsed, the spirit dispersed itself throughout the world and manifested among the nations as financial crises and wars. However, in the last days, it arises among all the nations simultaneously to form a one world political, financial, and religious order.

Today, this phenomenon is also known as Globalism and the New World Order movement, which Scripture identifies as the end time “*mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her*” ([Rev. 17:5-7](#)). It is commonly referred to as the “Mystery of Babylon,” because it seeks to establish the original mystery of Nimrod’s Babylon on the plains of Shinar.

Consequently, modern day Globalism progressively uses financial crises and war to overturn the existing basis of society. Globalism’s first modern day attempt at global governance was the League of Nations, which the globalists raised up out of the ashes of the 1906 Banker’s crisis and WWI (1914-18). After the league of Nations was formed, came the financial boom of the 1920s, that collapsed into the financial depression of the 1930s, followed by WWII (1939-45). From those two crises came the next step toward global government in the creation of the United Nations (1945-46).

Fast forward to the Iraq War of 1990-91, where President George H.W. Bush rallied the nations against Saddam Hussein and proclaimed how that war would be the “beginning of a New World Order.” Up until that point, the term ‘New World Order’ was only used in the private meetings the elite, and the conspiracy theorists who were trying to expose their devilish plan ([Ps. 64:5-6](#)). With this understanding, it is easy to see how Globalism has used World Wars, wars in the Middle East, 9/11, the War on Terror, and repeated global financial crisis to drive the nations further toward a NWO.

The financial crises of 2007-08, followed by the huge increase in war and international terrorism, shifted this process into high gear. In his January 12, 2009 article, *The Chance For A New World Order*, well known globalist Henry Kissinger promotes this process by saying:

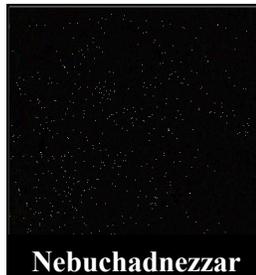
“The ultimate challenge is to shape the common concern of most countries and all major ones regarding the economic crisis, together with a common fear of Jihadist terrorism...”

**“...just as
you heard
that
antichrist is
coming, even
now many
antichrists
have
arisen...”
– 1 Jn. 2:18**

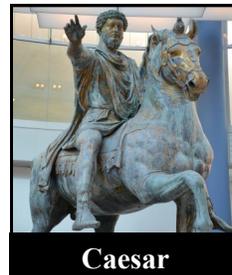
In other words, globalists continue to exploit international financial crisis and war as the primary method for driving the nations into their New World Order. Today, this process is manifesting as the Populist Movement that has pitted the *Progressive Left* against the *Nationalist Right* on a global scale. Each series of social and political conflicts is designed to push the nations into such global disorder that the world system ultimately collapses. That is when populists from both sides will demand the creation of a New World Order.

New World Order Imagery

One of Globalism's primary images symbolizing its conquering leader is a horsemen riding a white horse. From Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to the Caesars of Rome, conquering globalists have been memorialized through art that portrays them riding a white horse, just like the rider of the first seal.



Nebuchadnezzar



Caesar



Today, a rider on a horse continues to symbolize globalist organizations. One obvious such group is The Council on Foreign Relations, whose *Foreign Affairs* publication, is highlighted by the logo of a rider on a white horse.

There are many more examples of antichrist type figures that have come and gone throughout history that time and space do not permit me to expand on, so I will end with the most compelling example of this thesis. On the walkway leading up to the United Nations is the statue of a rider on a horse, who has a crown and is holding out an olive branch in the shape of a bow. I firmly believe this statue depicts the end time man antichrist who rises up from among the 10 kings/horns (regional rulers) of the beast ([Dan. 7:8](#)). Once he subdues three of them who resist his plans, he reestablishes the end time "Mystery of Babylon" ([Rev. 17](#)).

For these and numerous other reasons, I believe the first seal is the antichrist spirit of Globalism, and it is currently headquartered at the United Nations.

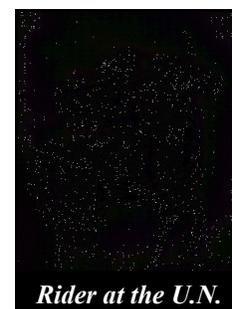
The Second Seal

"And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, 'Come.' And a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him." (Rev. 6:3-4 ^{NASB})

The second seal releases the red horse of war. This is not the regular type of war, but "Hegelian Wars" that the rider of the white horse use as the ultimate weapon for transitioning society from one empire to the next. Their goal is to continue this process until they finally transition the nation(s) into a new order of things that demands a new system to govern a new way of life.

In the *Illustrated Sunday Herald*, Feb. 8, 1920, Winston Churchill identifies the use of this demonic protocol in his rebuke of those behind the Russian (Bolshevik) Revolution of 1917:

"From the days of Spartacus-Weishaupt to those of Karl Marx, to those of Trotsky, Bela Kun, Rosa Luxemburg, and Emma Goldman, this world wide conspiracy for the overthrow of civilization and the reconstitution of society... has been steadily growing. It played a definitely recognizable role in the tragedy of the French Revolution. It has been the mainspring of every subversive movement during the nineteenth century, and now at last this band of extraordinary personalities from the underworld of the great cities in Europe and America have gripped the Russian people by the hair of their heads, and have become practically the undisputed masters of that enormous empire."



Rider at the U.N.

"The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed"

— Ps. 2:2

It is important to remember that King David also identified this timeless group of antichrist conspirators 3,000 years ago when he said:

“Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who devise evil things in their hearts; they continually stir up wars.” (Ps. 140:1-2; also [Ps. 2:1-3; 64:4-6](#)).

Another thing to note is how the red horse wars “*take peace from the earth,*” which means they are more than just regional conflicts, but large-scale world wars like WWI and WWII that spearheaded the last two attempts to form a world government through the League of Nations and the United Nations mentioned earlier. I also believe that the “*great sword*” carried by this horseman is speaking about the development of our modern day weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, radiological, chemical, and biological) that can kill large numbers of people, obliterate manmade structures, and destroy the biosphere. If this view is accurate, (and I believe it is) then the “*great sword*” could have been released as early as WWI with the use of chemical weapons and definitely refers to the nuclear bombs that were dropped on Japan at the end of WWII.

Consequently, the spirit of globalism will soon use a major Hegelian War, combined with financial crises of the third seal, to transition mankind into their New World Order.

The Third Seal

“And when He broke the third seal. I looked, and behold a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius [*days wages*], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.’” (Rev. 6:5-6 ^{NASB})

For years prophecy teachers have taught that this horseman releases famine throughout the earth. However, please note that the passage does not mention famine, but emphasizes the use of scales in relationship to wages and the high cost of food.

That’s because, in John’s day, scales were used to weigh out grain and determine the price that was paid for it. If they were dishonest scales, it meant that the weights (which were generally gold and silver coins) were diluted with a dross metal like what Isaiah referred to in [Isaiah 1:22-23](#). Adding a dross metal to gold or silver coins reduces its purchasing power and drives prices higher through inflation. The prophet Amos describes this ancient inflationary process as using dishonest scales to increase the supply of gold or silver shekels. This bought a smaller bushel of wheat which robbed people of their wealth to the point where they could be bought for a pair of shoes ([Amos 8:4-5](#)). (*This phenomenon is currently taking place in Venezuela, where experts predict a 1 million percent inflation rate by the end of 2018.*)

It must be noted that a quart of wheat and three quarts of barley each contained about 3,600 life sustaining calories. This represents roughly a one day’s food supply for an average working man doing physical labor or the caloric intake for two people to remain healthy. In other words, John is telling us that in the last days, the dishonest weights that govern the monetary systems of the world simultaneously causes inflation and recession to the point that people have to work all day every day just to survive.

The use of dishonest scales in today’s global monetary system happens through the Fractional Reserve Banking process that creates loans (debt) in the form of ledger book entries on the bank’s balance sheet. When the debt of that loan is deposited into the borrower’s account, it becomes money that is spent into the economy. Consequently, all money is debt, and all currencies are officially referred to as “notes.” For example, U.S. dollars have “Federal Reserve Note” printed across the top of each bill. (See my book [Money and Wealth in the New Millennium](#) for more detail.)

This has created a debt-based monetary system that has systematically destroyed the purchasing power of everyone’s currency and created over \$1.5 quadrillion of global debt. It has also put pressure on wages to the point where much of the world has to work all day just to pay their bills. If they can’t meet their needs, they end up borrowing the money which makes them a slave to their lenders ([Pr. 22:7](#)). This makes them a slave to the global banking system which appears to be a modern day manifestation of the third seal and the prophetic word of Amos.

“A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight.”

– Pr. 11:1

John Maynard Keynes, the father of our modern financial system, pointed this process out when he cited the observations of Vladimir Lenin (leader of the Bolshevik Revolution):

“Lenin is said to have declared that the best way to destroy the capitalist system was to debauch the currency. By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens. By this method they not only confiscate, but they confiscate arbitrarily; and, while the process impoverishes many, it actually enriches some... There is no subtler way, no surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency. The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and does it in a manner which not one man in a million is able to diagnose.”

Ultimately, this process will create a worldwide debt bubble that collapses the international financial system. Desperate nations will go to war in an effort to survive which will ultimately overturn the existing basis of society and force them to create a New World Order.

Our Heavenly Father says it this way:

“The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!’” (Rev. 18:15-17)

Soon, the global financial crisis will combine with the growing plagues of terrorism and geopolitical wars to produce a full scale collapse of the world system. This will be the topic of Part 2 in our next newsletter, where we will look at *The Forth Seal and the end time War on Terror*. ☆

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The Elijah Report

In the last days, God releases the forerunner spirit (anointing) of Elijah upon His people to prepare the way of Messiah’s return. This anointing calls the Body of Messiah out of the Babylonian world system and guides them back to the ancient paths of God’s Torah ([Mal. 4:4-6](#); [Rev. 18:4](#)). This awakening appears to play a major role in the “*restoration of all things*” that releases Yeshua (Jesus) to return for His bride who has made herself ready ([Acts 3:19-21](#)). We believe *The Elijah Report* is part of that end time voice, and we hope you will join us as together we prepare the way of the Lord. ☆

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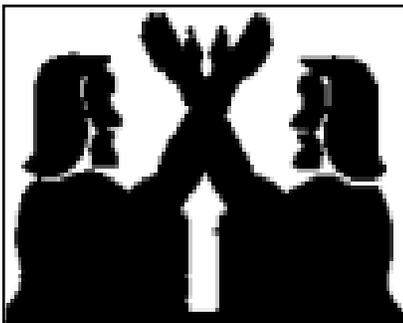
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— Ps. 64:6



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