

THE ELDERS

ELDERS ARE THE LEADERS OF THE CONGREGATION,
THEY ARE ALSO REPRESENTIVES OF THE PEOPLE --
(1 PETER 5:1-5)

"ALL" COMMENTATORS ARE "UNITED" IN THE FACT
OF THESE ELDERS -- AS REPRESENTIVES OF --
-- ISRAEL -- AND -- THE CHURCH.

THE FACT -- THAT THEY ARE NOT ANGELS IS --
ESTABLISHED. "HOW" -- THEIR SONGS OF PRAISE --
AND -- WORSHIP -- CONTAINS CONFESSION OF
BEING "REDEEMED" -- BY THE BLOOD -- (CHRIST).

[EVERY TONGUE -- KINDRED -- PEOPLE -- NATION]

-- THESE TWENTY-FOUR --
REPRESENT THE HEADS OF THE "12 TRIBES" OF
ISRAEL -- AND -- THE 12 APOSTLES -- IS CONFIRMED
IN SCRIPTURE (REV 21:12-14).

IN THIS DISCRPTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM --
WE SEE "12 MESSENGERS AT THE GATES" -- AND --
ON THE GATES -- THE NAMES OF THE "12 TRIBES"
OF ISRAEL -- WITH THE NAMES OF THE "12 APOSTLE"
ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE CITY.

-- ALSO --

(MATTHEW 19:28 -- LUKE 22:30) JESUS PROMISED
THE DISCIPLES -- THAT THEY -- SHOULD SIT UPON
"12 THRONES" -- JUDGING THE -- 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

"SO"

(BELIEVERS OF ALL AGES - "PAST" ARE SEEN HERE)

THEY ARE

CLOTHED IN WHITE GARMENTS - WHICH IS - THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE "LORD JESUS CHRIST" -

(REV 7:14)

"JUSTIFIED FROM SINS BY A GARMENT OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS - PROVIDED BY GOD - THROUGH
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."
"THEIR ROBE MADE WHITE IN THE BLOOD"

THE CROWNS

BEING CLOTHED WITH WHITE RAIMENT - (JUSTIFIED
FROM THEIR SINS) - WEARING A ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
- PROVIDED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST - THEY ARE
WEARING CROWNS OF GOLD. THESE ARE GIVEN BY
CHRIST - FOR THEIR DEEDS DONE IN THE FLESH.

(ROMANS 14:10)

"FOR WE SHALL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT
SEAT OF CHRIST";

(1 CORTH 3:13)

"EVERY MAN'S WORK SHALL BE ~~TESTED~~ MANIFESTED,
FOR THE DAY WILL DECLARE IT - IT SHALL BE
REVEALED BY FIRE - THE FIRE SHALL TEST IT."

THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST - AWAITS
ALL BELIEVERS, WE KNOW THIS JUDGEMENT
IS NOT - DEALING WITH - "ARE WE SAVED"

- THIS JUDGEMENT -

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FOCUSES ON THE "PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP" OF THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER. WE ARE EACH GIVEN - GIFTS, TALENTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

OUR "CHRISTIAN SERVICE" (LIFE) FAITHFULNESS IN OUR SERVICE - WILL BE TESTED - AND - REWARDED,

HERE

"THIS IS PASSED" - "FOR THESE" - THEY HAVE THEIR CROWNS. THEY ARE IN A - "GLORIFIED" - "REDEEMED" - "REWARDED" - STATE - CROWNED - AS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

"OVERCOMERS"

ONE WRITER CALLS THE "24 ELDERS" THE HEAVENLY SENATE OF THE CHURCH. THEY REPRESENT - ALL THE CHURCH - ALL MEMBERS.

IN A MOMENT

THEY CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE CHRIST.

(VSS) - THE RUMBLING OF JUDGEMENT -

"FROM THE THRONE - PRECEEDS - LIGHTING AND THUNDER AND VOICES"

MANKIND - SATAN AND HIS DEMON ANGELS AND THE - NATIONS OF THE EARTH - WILL BE JUDGED.

WE GO TO THE SCRIPTURE TO DEFINE THE INTERPRETATION - (EXOD. 19:16) - WHEN THE LAW WAS BEING GIVEN.

"AND IT CAME TO PASS - THAT THERE WERE THUNDERS AND LIGHTINGS - AND A THICK CLOUD - UPON THE MOUNT - AND - THE VOICE OF A TRUMPET - EXCEEDING LOUD" - THE PEOPLE TREMBLED, BUT DID NOT OBEY -

NOW HAS COME THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE (Jer 30:7)
THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH ARE TO BE BROUGHT INTO
JUDGEMENT BY GOD.

THE SEVEN LAMPS

THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD - "THE SEVEN-FOLD" -
PERFECTION - OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -

THE NUMBER 7 IS USED THROUGH-OUT THE BOOK,
IT IS THE NUMBER FOR THE CYCLES OF GOD'S WORK,
THUS - MEANING - COMPLETE, COMPLETION, OR
PERFECTION - SO - THE 7 SPIRITS OF GOD - ARE
THE COMPLETE SPIRIT OF GOD - BEFORE THE THRONE.

THOUGH SPOKEN OF AS - "SEVEN-FOLD" - THERE
IS ONLY ONE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS IS NOTED AND EXPLAINED
IN ISAIAH 11.

AS A KING UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID - HE
GOVERNS IN A - "7 FOLD WAY."

- ① THE SPIRIT OF JEHOVAH - (HIS DIETY)
- ② THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM - (ALL KNOWING)
- ③ THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING -
- ④ THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT - (AUTHORITY)
- ⑤ THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE -
- ⑥ THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL -
- ⑦ THE SPIRIT OF FEAR - (SOVEREIGNTY) OF GOD -
(ZECH 3:9) & (4:6, 10)

NOT BY MIGHT - NOR BY POWER - BUT BY MY
SPIRIT - SAITH - "THE LORD OF HOSTS" -
TO HIM BE "GLORY" & "DOMINION" - FOR
"EVER AND EVER"

(V56) BEFORE THE THRONE THERE WAS A SEA OF GLASS --- LIKE CRYSTAL

A SEA OF GLASS ~ SUGGESTS SOMETHING ~ NO LONGER LIQUID ~ OR FLUID. NO LONGER CAPABLE OF CHANGE. GLASS IS TRANSPARENT AND FIXED. ~ BEYOND RECALL. THUS, NO COURT OF APPEAL - WITH GOD'S JUDGEMENT - NOW, IN HEAVEN THE SEA IS SOLIDIFIED.

THERE WAS, IN THE TABERNACLE, A LAVER. (EX30:18-21). THE TEMPLE BUILT BY SOLOMAN ~ HAD A MOLTEN SEA. A GREAT BASIN ~ FIFTEEN FEET IN DIAMETER. THIS WAS FOR THE PRIEST TO COME AND CLEANSE ~ THEMSELVES,

IN HEAVEN, THE SEA IS SOLID -- THAT IS ~ "A FIXED" STATE OF HOLINESS. NO NEED FOR CLEANING FOR HEAVEN IS A STATE OF PERFECTED HOLINESS - AND PERFECTION. THE SAVED WILL ENTER INTO A PERFECT SANCTIFICATION. --- NO MORE BACKSLIDING ~ OR THE FAILURES OF THE FLESH. THEY ARE GONE --- FOREVER. THERE WILL BE NO MORE SIN.

— IN 4:6-11 —

WE SEE A GREAT PRAISE & WORSHIP ~ BY THE LIVING CREATURES (BEASTS) AND THE 24 ELDERS.

(V56) JOHN SAW — FOUR LIVING CREATURES — FULL OF EYES — FRONT AND BACK.

EYES: SENTIENT CREATURES -- WHO -- PERCEIVE,
KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND ABLE TO SEE ALL
THINGS -- WITH ACCURACY.

THESE LIVING CREATURES, THE TRANSLATION
FROM THE GREEK WORD -- (BEAST-ZOON). THEY ARE
CREATED BEINGS.

(VS 7) THE LIVING CREATURES ARE DESCRIBED BY
JOHN ---

THE FIRST -- WAS LIKE A LION

SECOND -- LIKE A CALF (OX)

THIRD -- HAD THE FACE OF A MAN

FORTH -- LIKE A FLYING EAGLE

THEY STAND READY TO DO SERVICE FOR GOD --
-- IN ANY PART OF THE UNIVERSE!

HENGSTENBERG -- DRAWS ATTENTION TO AN OLD
JEWISH SAYING:

THERE ARE FOUR WHICH TAKE "FIRST PLACE"
IN THIS WORLD --

MEN AMONG ANIMALS

THE EAGLE AMONG BIRDS

THE OX AMONG CATTLE

THE LION AMONG WILD BEASTS

THROUGH-OUT CHURCH HISTORY -- THESE SYMBOLS HAVE BEEN USED -- TO PORTRAY -- VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF -- THE LORD JESUS CHRIST -- HIMSELF.

NOTICE

THE GOSPELS:

MATTHEW = PORTRAYS JESUS CHRIST AS THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH -

MARK = PRESENTS THE LORD JESUS AS AND OX THAT IS -- AS THE SERVANT OF ALL -

LUKE = PORTRAYS THE LORD AS A MAN -- ABOVE ALL MEN -

JOHN = PRESENCE CHRIST AS ETERNAL -- "ABOVE" ALL -- ETERNAL GOD -- ETERNAL WORD -

THESE CREATURES ARE CHERUBIMS -- AND ARE MENTIONED IN ~~(EZEK 10:20, 22)~~ (EZEK 10:20, 22)

"THIS IS THE LIVING CREATURE -- THAT I SAW UNDER THE GOD OF ISRAEL BY THE RIVER OF "CHE'BAR" -- AND I KNEW THAT THEY WERE -- CHER'UBIM."

(EZEK 1-10)

"THE LIKENESS OF THEIR FACES -- THE FACE OF A MAN -- THE FACE OF A LION -- THE FACE OF AN OX -- THE FACE OF AN EAGLE"

ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF RULERS

AND DOMINION ARE UPON THESE MIGHTY BEINGS --
WHOM GOD HAS PLACED AT HIS VERY -- THRONE.

(VS 8) TO THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT -- THE PRAISE --
WHAT PRAISE IS GIVEN TO GOD BY THESE -- LIVING
CREATURES --

-- "THEY REST NOT -- DAY + NIGHT" --
 HOLY-HOLY-HOLY -- LORD GOD -- ALMIGHTY

THIS EXPRESSION IS FOUND IN (ISAIAH 6:3)

THESE GLORIOUS BEINGS -- ARE -- INTIMATELY
CONNECTED -- WITH THE HOLINESS AND JUSTICE
OF GOD.

BEFORE GOD'S WRATH IS Poured OUT --
HIS HOLINESS IS MAGNIFIED -- IT IS BECAUSE
OF HIS HOLINESS THAT -- "HE MUST JUDGE SIN"

(VS 9-11) WHEN THE PRAISE COMES FROM -- THE
LIVING CREATURES -- WE SEE -- THE 24 ELDERS
-- RISE FROM THEIR SEATS -- AND FALL BEFORE
GOD'S THRONE. THEY JOIN IN ON THE -- DEEP, HEART
FELT PRAISE --

FIRST, THEY WORSHIPPED -- THE TRINE GOD.
WORSHIP BEFORE GOD -- IS THROUGH-OUT
SCRIPTURE. YET, NO REAL DEFINITION FOR
WORSHIP -- BUT MANY IMPLIED -- WHICH ARE:

BOWING BEFORE, REVERENCE, HOMAGE, HONOR, & PRAISE. PRAISE HERE IS A DIRECT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD — THAT IS — TO HIS NATURE — NAME — ATTRIBUTES, TO HIS ETERNAL BEING — REDEMPTION — AND LOVE.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

BRINGS — HEART FELT PRAISE — WITH THANKGIVING — ATTENTION AND AFFECTION — OF AND FROM THE HEART ON — JEHOVAH ELOHIM SHADDI. (VS 10)

(VS 10) A PART OF THEIR WORSHIP IS — ^aTHEY CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE HIM — LAYING ASIDE THEIR GIVEN GLORY. THIS IS ASCRIBING TO THE LORD GOD — ALL THE GLORY — FOR EVER & EVER,

(VS 11) WE SEE:

— PRAISE FOR HIS CREATION —

OUR LORD IS THE ORIGIN AND SOURCE OF ALL CREATION — (JOHN 1:3, COL 1:16)

WE PRAISE GOD FOR SAVING US — BUT FORGET, MANY TIMES, TO PRAISE HIM FOR — CREATING US. THERE ARE NO SONGS OF EVOLUTION — IN HEAVEN — ONLY CREATION.

GOD IS THE SOURCE AND SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE — AND — OF ALL LIFE.

THE SCENE IN HEAVEN - WHICH ALL BELIEVERS
WILL SEE - IS WHAT JOHN SAID - "WORSHIP"
OF THE LORD - CREATOR - SUSTAINER.

- NOW CH 5 -

DIVINE JUDGEMENT IS ABOUT TO BE - POURED OUT.
THE LION - LAMB - (5: 8-10) PRESENT CHRIST THE
THE REDEEMER - AND - THE REIGNING ONE.

WE SEE (6: 5-7) CHRIST PRESENTS HIMSELF AS
HAVING (7) HORNS - & - SEVEN EYES - WHICH ARE
THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD - SENT FORTH - INTO
ALL OF THE EARTH.

THE LAMB-LION IS THE CENTRAL OBJECT
IN HEAVEN. THE SEVEN HORNS INDICATES -
AUTHORITY - COMPLETION - PERFECTION. THUS,
THE HORN - MADE UP OF (7) - STANDS FOR -
AUTHORITY - & - IMPERIAL POWER,

THE EYES:

STAND FOR - PERCEPTION - FULL AUTHORITY
WITH - ALL KNOWLEDGE,

- THE LAMB TAKES THE BOOK -

THIS IS CHRIST TAKING POSSESSION - TAKING
THE - TITLE DEED - OF THE EARTH.

HE CREATED THE EARTH ~ HE REDEEM THE WORLD
 — NOW, HE WILL RULE OVER IT ~ WITH ABSOLUTE
 AUTHORITY,

THE ODOR ~ OF ~ THE UNITED PRAISE
 TO THE LAMB — THE REDEEMED (vs10) ~ THEIR PRAYERS
 (vs8)

~ THE SINGERS ~

(vs10-11) THOSE WHO ARE MADE — KINGS AND PRIESTS
 TO THE LORD; ~ ~~AND~~ ANGELS ~ THE LIVING
 CREATURES ~ THE ELDERS ~ THIS GREAT ~~NUMBER~~
 NUMBER ~~AND~~ (UNKNOWN) OF THE REDEEMED,

"REDEEMED"

TO GOD ~ BY THE BLOOD ~ OF CHRIST.

HERE, ALL PRETENSE AND MAKE-BELIEVE,
 PLAY ACTING ~ IS DONE AWAY WITH —

ON EARTH ~ THE UNSAVED ~ THOSE
 WHO PROUDLY FEEL THEY ARE DOING ~ OR HAVE
 DONE ~ SOMETHING WORTHY OF SALVATION ~

MANY AMONG CHRISTIAN RANKS ~ WHO LIKE TO
 RECEIVE CREDIT ~ FOR THEIR FAITH ~ FAITHFULNESS
 GOD WILL JUDGE,

IN HEAVEN ~ ALL GLORY GOES TO THE LAMB,
 BECAUSE, WHAT WE ARE ~ HE HAS MADE US, WE
 ALL SHOULD BE ON OUR FACES ~ PRAISING GOD ~
 WITH HEARTS OVERFLOWING ~ WITH ADORATION ~

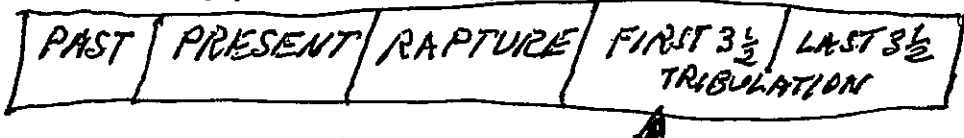
FOR THE LAMB

NOW: THE LION
 (VS 5) BEHOLD THE LION HE HAS WON THE VICTORY. HE IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL AND THE SEVEN SEALS. THE LION (JUDGE) NOT THE INTERCESSOR INTERCEDER BUT THE -- "PROSECUTOR" NOW

TO THE MAIN ACTION - THE JUDGEMENT PERIOD-

THE LAMB - NOW LION - JUDGES THE EARTH - THOSE WHO REJECTED HIM - THIS IS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD - COVERED IN (CH 6-19). THIS IS THE START OF THE SEVENTH WEEK. (7 yrs)

NOW WE SHALL SEE, THE AWFUL JUDGEMENTS FROM A HOLY GOD - BEGIN TO ERUPT - ON THOSE WHO REJECTED CHRIST - CLEAVING TO THEIR SINS.



THE FIRST 3 1/2 yrs - (6-11) - SEALS, TRUMPETS, WITNESSES -

THE SECOND 3 1/2 yrs - (12-19) PERSECUTION: ANTI-CHRIST, BOWLS: BABYLON; & ARMAGEDDON

[THIS IS A 7yr PERIOD OF TIME]

THIS IS NOTED IN DANIELS PROPHECY -- HIS VISION - WHICH CONCERNED CERTAIN PERIODS

OF TIME, (DAN 9:24-27).

GABRIEL WAS SENT -- BY GOD -- TO INFORM -- GIVE SKILL -- UNDERSTANDING TO DANIEL ABOUT HIS -- VISION. DANIEL WAS TOLD THAT 7 PERIODS OF TIME (70 WEEKS) WERE DECLARED UPON HIS PEOPLE -- AND JERUSALEM -- (TO FINISH) PUT AN END TO TRANSGRESSION.

[TO SET UP -- TO MAKE FULL MEASURE OF SIN --
TO BRING IN -- EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS]
-- SPIRITUALLY & MORALLY --

DANIEL'S PROPHECY

SEVENTY YEARS OF WEEKS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED -- DIVIDED OFF FROM ALL OTHER YEARS.

THIS TIME PERIOD -- THE TIME OF THE GENTILES -- THE TIME WHEN WORLD POWER IS IN -- GENTILE HANDS.

(THIS REFERENCE (PROPHECY) HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CHURCH -- A TIME PERIOD OF GOD'S FUTURE PURPOSES WHICH NEITHER DANIEL -- OR ANY OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET -- HAD ANY UNDERSTANDING)

THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE "SEVENTY YEARS OF SEVEN" ($70 \times 7 = 490$ yrs) HAS TO DO WITH THE JEWS -- IN THEIR OWN LAND. THE TIMES OF THE (CHURCH GENTILES) IS SET APART FROM THE 490 YRS.

GABRIEL WAS VERY SPECIFIC -- THE 490 YRS DIVIDED INTO 3 SECTIONS -- 49 YRS + 434 YRS + 7 YRS
TOTAL = (490 YRS)

IT CAN BE SEEN THAT THESE YRS ARE "NOT CONSECUTIVE".
 49 yrs = BEGIN WITH THE ROYAL DECREE PROCLAIMED
 BY "ARTAXERXES" - IN THE 20TH YR OF HIS REIGN. $7 \text{ yrs} \times 7 =$
 49 yrs.

THE CITY HAD BEEN RESTORED - NEHEMIAH, EZRA,
 ZERUBBABEL - WERE INVOLVED IN THE RESTORATION.
 (ADMIST GREAT TROUBLE).

434 yrs. - THE INNER BIBLICAL PERIOD - UNTIL
 JOHN THE BAPTIST BEGAN PROCLAIMING THE DAY
 OF THE LORD - (THE MESSIAH). THE LORD JESUS IS
 CRUCIFIED. (THE ONLY SUBSTITUTE FOR SIN) THIS - -
 483 yrs ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

THIS PERIOD, LAST 7 yrs, IS STILL TO BE
 ACCOUNTED FOR.

THIS PERIOD BEGINS IN CH4 AND ACCOUNTS
 FOR THE 7 yrs. ROMANS 11:25 - STATES WHEN THIS
 PERIOD STARTS:

I DO NOT WANT YOU TO MISS THIS HIDDEN
 TRUTH (MYSTERY) - (A HARDEN TRUTH - BLINDNESS)
 IS "TEMPORARILY" FALLEN ON ISRAEL - TO LAST -
 UNTIL THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES HAS COME
 IN - - SO - (A GREAT LAPSE OF TIME).

THIS TIME IS BETWEEN THE DEATH OF CHRIST
 AND THE EVENTS OF THE LAST 7 yrs ARE DEPICTED.

WHEN THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES
 HAS COME IN, WE ARE NOW IN THIS "PERENTHESIS".
 THE PERIOD OF OR BETWEEN THE 69TH + 70TH WEEK,

THE RAPTURE HAS OCCURED --- NOW A PROMINENT RISING DIGNITARY MAKES A SEVEN YR PACT WITH ISRAEL AND OTHER NATIONS (DAN 9:27)

FOR ONE WEEK, A CHOSEN LEADER, WILL MAKE A FIRM AGREEMENT WITH MANY PEOPLE -- AND HALF WAY THROUGH THIS WEEK -- HE WILL END ALL SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS. THEN THE "HORRIBLE THING" THAT CAUSES DESTRUCTION WILL BE PUT THERE -- AND IT WILL STAY THERE -- UNTIL THE TIME GOD ~~DETERMINED~~ DECIDED -- WHEN HE DESTROYS HIM -- (THE ANTICHRIST).

--- THE SEVEN YEAR JUDGEMENT PERIOD HAS BEGUN ---

(VS 1-2, CH 6) THE LAMB OPENS THE SEALS --

① CHRIST OPENS THE FIRST SEAL -- AND THE TRIBULATION PERIOD HAS BEGUN. MODERN THINKERS CLAIM JUDGEMENT AND DESTRUCTION ARE ALWAYS UNHOLY. YET, HERE IT IS ONE OF THE 4 CREATURES WHO INVITES JOHN COME AND VIEW THESE FURIES RELEASED FROM THE DIVINE THRONE,

THERE IS THE NOICE OF THE THUNDERING JUDGEMENT. THE FIRST SEAL IS OPENED.

BEHOLD

A WHITE HORSE (V2) THE FOUR HORSEMAN

OF THE APOCALYPSE ARE APPROACHING.

(VS 2) A WHITE HORSE SPEAKS OF PEACE, HOLINESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS. YET, COULD THE ONE WHO RIDES WITH HORSEMAN SUCH AS WAR, FAMINE, DEATH AND HELL, (THE OTHER THREE HORSEMAN), BE CHRIST. IS THIS HORSE-MAN - THE SAME AS CHRIST THE ~~CONQUEROR~~ CONQUEROR? THE CHRIST THAT IS SEEN AT ARMAGEDDON ON A WHITE HORSE - (REV 19:1)?

THE ANSWER IS - NO.

THE WRITER SWEETS:

THE TWO RIDERS - THAT OF THE FIRST SEAL (6:2) AND CHRIST IN REV 19:11, HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON - BEYOND THE WHITE HORSE.

THE DETAILS ARE CONTRASTED - THE CROWNS - THE RIDER HERE IS A "SINGLE CROWN," WREATH CROWN - WHILE THAT OF CHRIST (CH 19) IS A "DIADEMATA POLLA" ("MANY CROWNS") - HERE A BOW IN THE HAND OF THE FIRST RIDER - AND A SHARP SWORD OF THE SECOND. A VISION OF THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST - WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE - AT THE OPENING OF A SERIES WHICH SYMBOLIZE - BLOOD SHED, FAMINE, AND PESTILENCE. BUT IT PERFECTLY PICTURES THE ANTICHRIST - WHO IS STARTING HIS RISE TO POWER.

— WHY THEN A WHITE HORSE —

(MAT. 24:5) "MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING 'I AM THE CHRIST' - AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY."

THE RIDER SYMBOLIZES "THE FALSE¹¹ CHRIST AND SAVIOURS WHO WILL COME UPON THE WORLD -- WITH THEIR HUMANISTIC SCHEMES OF WORLD -- DELIVERANCE.

THE FIRST JUDGEMENT THAT OCCURS IS "CHRIST" ALLOWS A MAN TO APPEAR ON EARTH WHO WILL POSE AS A -- "SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD". HE IS THE -- ANTI CHRIST. --

HE IS CARRYING A BOW -- BUT NO ARROW. THIS MAY INDICATE IN HIS EARLY YEARS OF RULE -- THAT HE WILL BE WELL LIKED -- BECAUSE OF HIS DEDICATION TO PEACE.

~ THE SECOND SEAL ~

(VS 3-4)

AFTER THE FALSE PROPHET -- THE ANTI CHRIST APPEAR -- (THE WHITE HORSE) -- THEN THE LIES AND DECEPTIONS FROM THEM -- BEAR THEIR FRUIT ON THE SCENE. (IN MATT 7:15-20) CHRIST SAID THAT ~~THESE~~ TEACHERS SHOULD BE JUDGED BY ~~THEIR~~ THEIR FRUIT -- (THE RESULT THEY BRING) --

HERE THE CRIES OF THE WHITE HORSEMAN -- BRING ON THE BLOOD SHED OF THE SECOND HORSEMAN -- "THE RED HORSE": -- WAR --

(~~THESE~~) THE COLOR OF BLOOD -- AND THE SWORD SHOW THAT NOW -- REVOLUTIONS AND WARS ARE

BROUGHT FORTH TO A NEVER BEFORE SCALE.
 WARS HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED -- BEFORE CHRIST --
 WHILE CHRIST LIVED -- AFTER HIS DEATH AND
 ASCENSION -- EVEN TO THE PRESENT DAY.

DURING THE THE WHITE HORSE --
 WE SEE HOPE -- BUT WHEN THE RED HORSE --
 APPEARS -- BLOODSHED WILL BE INTENSIFIED -- AND
 PEACE WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE EARTH.

WHY ARE THE FIRST SEVEN JUDGEMENTS --
 SEALS? AND WHY ARE THE FIRST FOUR SEAL
 DEPICTED AS RUNNING HORSES WITH RIDERS?

ANSWER:

THE SEALS. PORTRAY TO US THE FACT THAT
 GOD SECURELY HELD BACK UNTIL GOD'S TIME
 OF THERE RELEASING THEM. NOW THEY ARE
 OPENED FOR US SO THAT WE CAN SEE -- BY
 THE EYE OF FAITH -- THEIR DEVASTATING EFFECTS
 IN ADVANCE, TO THE UNBELIEVERS -- THEY YET
 REMAIN FASTENED -- UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY OCCUR
 ON EARTH.

WHY THE HORSES --

HORSES DISPLAY RAPID MOTION -- COVERING
 MUCH GROUND -- AND -- THE HORSE-MAN INDICATE
 GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION -- TO DIRECT THE
 HORSES' STRIDES.

THEREFORE, THE FIRST FOUR SEALS -- THE HORSES AND RIDERS -- TELL US THAT THESE FOUR JUDGEMENTS WILL COME RAPIDLY -- AND ~~ONE~~ OVERSPREAD THE EARTH -- SWIFTLY.

FROM THE NEWS REPORTS -- TODAY'S HEADLINES -- WITH FALSE PROCLAMATIONS -- REVOLUTIONS -- RIOTS AND WARS -- IT SEEMS THE EARTH IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE -- WHITE AND RED HORSES,

(VS 5-6) THE BLACK HORSE

FOLLOWING THE DEMAGOGUES -- STIRRING UP THE EARTH -- WITH THE RESULTING BLOODSHED -- NOW COMES FAMINE, THE BLACK HORSE -- WITH THE RIDER HOLDING A PAIR OF BALANCES IN HIS HAND. WE SEE HERE THE FAMINE IS ILLUSTRATED BY THE BALANCES IN HAND -- TO DISTRIBUTE -- THE SCARCE QUANTITIES OF FOOD.

-- FAMINE FOLLOWS WAR --

- ① BECAUSE WAR DOES NOT PERMIT FARMING IN MANY AREAS --
- ② FARMERS ARE DISCOURAGED FROM PLANTING FOR FEAR OF THEIR CROPS BEING RUINED OR STOLEN -- AS WELL AS -- CONFISCATED BY GOVERNMENT.

THE EXTENT OF THE FAMINE -- IS SEEN IN THE PROPHETIC VISION --

"A MEASURE OF WHEAT FOR A PENNY --

THREE MEASURES OF BARLEY FOR A PENNY" (v56)

THE PENNY IS A DAILY WAGE. YOU WORK FOR TO STAY ALIVE, BUT THE WAR WORDS LIVE IN PLENTY. "DON'T HUNT THE OIL AND WINE".

(v67-9) THE PALE HORSE

THE COLOR OF DEATH. DEATH - PERSONIFIED - RIDES THIS HORSE - WITH - HADES (HELL) FOLLOWING CLOSE BEHIND. THEIR DOMINION HERE IS SPECIFIED IN DETAIL. "AND THERE WAS GIVEN TO THEM - AUTHORITY OVER THE FORTH OF THE EARTH".

- TWO POSSIBLE MEANINGS -

- ① THIS COULD MEAN THAT A FORTH OF MANKIND IS SLAIN.
- ② OR, MAY MEAN THAT DEATH - REIGNED - OVER A REGION - EQUAL TO ONE-QUARTER OF THE EARTH.

IN EITHER CASE, ABUNDANT SLAUGHTER - REIGNS. MAN REFUSES GOD - NOW GOD UNLEASHES MAN - TO DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER - IN THIS FIRST SET OF JUDGEMENTS

- THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE - CONTINUE TO RIDE - DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE - TRIBULATION PERIOD -

(VS 9-11) FOLLOWING THE FALSE CHRIST -- WAR --
 FAMINE, AND DEATH COMES ---
 - THE FIFTH SEAL -

NOW MARTYRDOM IS INTRODUCED. -- AMID THE
 TURMOIL ON THE WORLD SCENE -- THE UNGODLY
 WILL GROW IN HATRED AGAINST CHRIST.

INSTEAD OF DEPLORING SIN AS THE CAUSE OF
 THEIR TROUBLE -- THEIR ANGER WILL BE KINDLED AT
 THOSE WHO TURN TO CHRIST -- WHO WILL NO LONGER
 COOPERATE WITH THEIR HUMANISTIC ENDEAVORS.

LET US LOOK AT (MATTHEW 24: 4-9) CHRIST'S
 OLIVET DISCOURSE :

1ST HORSE (VS 4) TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECIEVE YOU.

(VS 5) "FOR MANY SHALL COME IN MY NAME -- SAYING
 I AM THE CHRIST -- AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY."

2ND HORSE (VS 6) "AND YE SHALL HEAR OF WARS AND RUMORS OF
 WARS" --

3RD HORSE (VS 7) "THERE SHALL BE FAMINE" --

(VS 9) "THEY WILL DELIEVER YOU UP TO BE AFFLICTED --
 4TH HORSE: AND SHALL KILL YOU" --

(VS 9B) "AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL NATIONS
 FOR MY NAME SAKE" --

- THE FIFTH SEAL -

- MARTYRDOM -

IN MATTHEW 24:8 -- JESUS REFERES TO THE FIRST FOUR AS -- "THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS".

THAT IS:

HE SEGREGATES THE FRIST FOUR FROM THOSE THAT COME LATER. IN CH 6 -- THE FIRST FOUR ARE PUT IN THERE OWN CATEGORY -- HORSEMEN. THE BEGINNING.

-- THIS MARTYRDOM --

THOSE WHO PROFESS CHRIST WILL PAY FOR IT. THE SOCIALIST -- THE GREAT HUMANITARIANS -- WILL RISE UP. THERE MISSION:

- ① NATIONS MUST BE PHASED OUT AS QUICKLY AS -- POSSIBLE.
- ② CHRISTIANITY BEARS A HUGE BURDEN OF GUILT FOR ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.
- ③ EXPERIMENTAL LIVING GROUPS SHOULD CONSTRUCT THEIR DEWELLING FROM -- CHURCH WINDOWS --

THIS BEGAN IN THE 70s -- BY COLLEGE STUDENTS -- THE ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK --
-- -- FRIENDS OF THE EARTH --
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THERE IS A GROWING ANIMOSITY TOWARDS
THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIANS... AS WELL LIVE
IN THESE -- "LAST DAYS"

WE SEE IN THE FIFTH SEAL -- "CLEARLY" --
SOME ON EARTH WILL TURN TO CHRIST -- "AFTER"
THE CHURCH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED. THERE WILL
BE THOSE SAVED DURING THE TRIBULATION. THUS,
IN THE TRIBULATION -- THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING
TESTIMONY TO CHRIST... THIS WILL PROVOKE THE
ANTICHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS. THEIR HATE
WILL BE TO THE EXTENT -- THAT THEY WILL KILL
THOSE WHO HOLD TO THE SCRIPTURES -- AND TO CHRIST.

IMPORTANT POINT -- THESE MARTYRED SAINTS
WERE BOTH -- CONSCIOUS AND FULLY RATIONAL --
-- CONCLUSION --

THE SOUL -- YOUR SOUL -- IS WHO & WHAT YOU
ARE -- A RATIONAL BEING -- AND WILL LIVE
FOREVER. THE BODY IS MERELY THE VEHICLE
TO HOUSE -- THIS CONSCIOUS -- RATIONAL BEING --

THE HOPE AND ASSURANCE OF ALL SAINTS --
IS TO BE HOUSED IN HEAVEN -- IN THEIR RESURRECTED
BODIES -- (1 COR 5:2-3)

THEY WERE GIVEN WHITE ROBES -- AND
ASSURANCE -- THEY WERE GOD'S REDEEMED -- AND
HE WILL CARE FOR THEM.

(VS 12-13) THE SIXTH SEAL

HERE WE SEE HEAVENLY DISTURBANCES OCCUR WHICH ARE SO STARTLING -- THAT THEY -- FITTINGLY SHOW THE WORLD GOD'S DISPLEASURE AT THE SLAYING OF HIS SERVANTS.

THE JUDGEMENTS COMING FROM THE FIRST FOUR SEALS WERE AT THE HANDS OF THE ANTICHRIST. IN THE SIXTH SEAL -- THE JUDGEMENTS ARE -- SUPERNATURAL -- AND COME FROM HEAVEN.

EARTHQUAKES HAVE OCCURED IN THE PAST WHEN GOD ACTED IN JUDGEMENT.. (EX 19:18). IN THE DAYS OF ELISAH -- THERE WAS AN EARTHQUAKE WHICH BROKE ROCKS INTO PIECES (KINGS 19:11) WHEN CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS -- THERE WAS AN EARTHQUAKE -- (MATT 27:51-52). DARE WE SAY THAT THESE RECORDED INCIDENTS -- WERE NOT LITERAL AND ACTUAL? THESE WORDS OF CHRIST MEAN WHAT THEY SAY.

WHY SO ~~REVEAL~~ (VS 14-17)

BECAUSE THAT DAY WILL REVEAL GOD IS NOW RESPECTOR OF PERSONS --- "ALL MEN"

ALL ARE IN THE GRIP -- IN THE TERROR OF GOD -- -- ALL ARE HELPLESS BEFORE -- THE TERROR -- OF THE LAMB.

KNOWING THE TERROR OF THE LORD -- -- WE PERSUADE MEN -- (2 COR 5:11)