

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WHITE HORSE OF REVELATION

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The way we have always heard it, the white horse of Revelation 6:2 represents false religion [1] because of comparing the horsemen of Revelation 6::2-8 with what Christ said in Matthew 24:4-7. So first, let's read the scriptures in Revelation and in Matthew and see how they compare.

SCRIPTURES IN REVELATION

Rev 6:2 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.

Rev 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

Rev 6:4 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.

Rev 6:5 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.

Rev 6:6 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.

Rev 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

Rev 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.

SCRIPTURES IN MATTHEW

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mat 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Mat 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

We see here that the white horse of Revelation 6:2 compares with what Jesus said in Matthew 24:4-5 that we should beware of being deceived by false Christianity. The red horse of war in Revelation 6:4, compares with what Jesus said in Matthew 24:6-7, that there shall be wars and rumors of wars. The black horse of Revelation 6:5 compares with Matthew 24:7 which says there shall be famines. The pale horse of Revelation 6:8 compares with Matthew 24:7 which says there shall be pestilences.

BUT NOW LOOK CLOSELY AT REVELATION 6:8 TO SEE SOMETHING WE HAVE OVERLOOKED: The second part of this verse interprets what the four horsemen represent without having to go to Matthew 24 at all.

Rev 6:8 And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword,(which is the mission of the second red horse of war) and with hunger,(which is the mission of the third black horse of famine) and with death,(which is the mission of the fourth pale horse of death)

and with the beasts of the earth.Now there is only one horse left, the white horse, and this says that his mission is to kill with the beasts of the earth. Therefore this horseman must represent the Beast of Revelation 13 who, having gone out conquering and to conquer, is now in control of the whole world.

NOW LOOK AT SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT REVELATION 6:8 THAT WE HAVE OVERLOOKED. In Revelation 6:8 Power is given to these four horsemen over the fourth part of the earth to kill by these four methods:

1. conquering
2. war
3. hunger
4. death

This tells us that the opening of these four seals in the end time is not something that has always existed as religious deception, wars and rumors of wars, pestilence, famines and earthquakes have always existed. This is a sudden spectacular end time event that will kill a quarter of the earth's population. The United Nations estimated that the world population reached seven billion in October 2011. According to current projections, the global population will reach eight billion by 2024, and is likely to reach around nine billion by 2042. If you take the estimate of 11 billion people, a quarter of that many would be 2.75 billion people. Nothing like the sudden destruction of this magnitude of human life has ever happened before.

Then once the Beast has world control, he will immediately make war against the saints (Rev 13:7) (pictured by the fifth seal) and anyone in the world who refuses to worship his miraculously talking image (Rev 13:14-15) will be put to death by beheading (Rev 20:4).

So the white horseman does not represent a general religious deception which has always been at work in the world. He represents the end time Beast who shall conquer the world and make war against the saints. This is the truth about the white horseman of Revelation 6.

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