

Revelation 19:19: 'And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.'

Earlier: v11: 'And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war... ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.'

This is the apex, the high-point, of sinful man's human governmental history; as well, this is the apex of Satan's long, long plans. This looks like the final *Battle of the Ages!* Satan rising from below while the Rightful King is poised to return with all His armies, His Saints and elect angels.

All the World's armies are now gathered around Jerusalem and into the Valley of Armageddon, expecting to actually be able to defeat the rightful King, returning to finally take full possession of all His Creation. The Lord Jesus Christ, Who created all that exists, is now ready to finally return to Earth, to take full possession of all that is His: all that is.

Seven years of Tribulation have ended. God has finished pouring out His judgment on the World. Babylon the Great, the world-wide economic and religious system of Satan, which has been slowly perfected over 6000 years and finally brought to its peak in the middle of the Tribulation, has been destroyed. All the armies of the Earth, drawn by demons to Armageddon, to attack the Lord Jesus Christ and keep Him from finally taking His rightful place as King over all the Earth, have been killed by the Sword which proceeded from the Mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Antichrist and the False Prophet have both been cast alive into the Lake of Fire to be tormented forever.

How did the World get here? All History, everything that's happened for 6000 years has been progressing toward one goal; God has had one goal while Satan has thought that he, as well, had a reachable goal... God's goal will be accomplished perfectly while Satan's goal will be cut short in utter failure.

Satan began his Mystery Babylonian Religious System in the Garden of Eden... causing man to doubt God and then to look within himself, and to demons, for wisdom and salvation. Satan attempted to prevent God's promise of the coming Savior from the 'seed of the woman' by instigating the sexual union between fallen angels and human women, thereby polluting the DNA of the human race, but God preserved and kept for Himself a pure human line through Seth, Adam and Eve's third son. That pure line then ran down through Enoch to Noah's family but God destroyed all the rest of humanity in the flood.

Immediately following the Gen. 6 report of the sons of God, fallen angels, coming down to the daughters of men, producing giants... with God, then, deciding to wipe out the polluted human race with a flood, the Word says, of Noah in Gen. 6:8: '*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.* ⁹ *These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and **perfect in his generations**, and Noah walked with God.'*

'We might just pass over that line but when we see it alone, pulled out of context; we can see what it is saying. **Noah was perfect in his generations**... Noah wasn't perfect or sinless; no human has ever been so, except one: 'the seed of the woman,' the Lord Jesus Christ. So what is being said of Noah? His generations... going back, his ancestry, all the way to Adam... are **perfect**, whole, having integrity, unmixed, unadulterated.

The Hebrew word, here, for perfect, is: 'tamim' it means: complete, whole, entire, sound, unimpaired, having integrity... God preserved a pure, human line down through Noah and then all the way down to Mary.

Soon after the flood Nimrod, the first World leader, the first Antichrist, reigned over all mankind; they were all of one family line... descended from Noah and his three sons, Shem, Japheth and Ham. They all spoke the same language and **they all looked the same**... their **shared single family heritage formed a natural bond, enabling Nimrod to rule them as one people.**

At Babel, God confused their language into many tongues and scattered them over the face of the Earth; He began to spread them out and differentiate different races... whites, browns, blacks, yellows and reds. This separation then, by different languages, skin colors, physical features and family ties prevented the possibility

of their being held together and ruled over as one people to be led again in rebellion against God. This is the reason that we see, today, a worldwide attempt to meld all the people into one... especially in the area of race and especially in Europe and the U.S. This is the reason for bringing in masses of 'different' peoples from other nations: Muslims into Europe and Hispanics into the U.S. And, this is the reason that we see, throughout TV, movies and advertising... countless mixed race couples and families. It seems that every other couple is a White/Black, or Black/White, if you prefer... and the mixing of the sexes... trans ideology, everywhere! The goal... to break down natural bonds within people groups, to break down the natural bonds of family and clan and nation, to make the entire World of peoples, confused, defeated, disheartened and ready to be ruled as one by The One... the Antichrist, who will be possessed by Satan. I am not saying that there is anything wrong with mixed race marriages... not at all but the purpose of the current inundation of it, racially confused, sexually confused... the purpose is to break down natural barriers to engender vast upheaval and confusion from which the Antichrist will be able to smoothly rise to international power and rule.

In God's plan... time and human history are channeled to one goal... the 1000 year Earthly Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ... one King, one Lord ruling Righteously over all the ***separate and distinct peoples*** of the Earth. The entire Bible points to the coming of that Righteous King, the Lord Jesus Christ... His first coming, as He brings the revelation of God and Salvation... and His second coming, as He brings His 1000-year Kingdom in Judgment and Righteousness. Then, after the 1000 years has expired, God will destroy the present Heavens and Earth and finally create a new Heaven and a New Earth wherein only Righteousness will rule and reign forever; then, Isaiah 9:7 will be fulfilled: *'Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end...'* with His Kingdom and Rule stretching out throughout the entire Universe forever and ever more as we, His Bride, rule and reign with Him always... Kingdom, and rule, without end.

But Satan has had another plan. For the thousands of years since God scattered the World's peoples from the Tower of Babel, Satan has devised and executed his intricate plan to finally bring all the peoples of the World together under his kingdom of darkness, under the control of his king of the World, the final Antichrist, and then to lead them in rebellion against God and His Son, the returning True King, the Lord Jesus Christ. All of World History (from Satan's standpoint) has had just one goal... to prepare the entire World to be ready to receive the Antichrist and then to prepare, and bring forth, that final Antichrist who will, when possessed by Satan, be capable of defeating the Lord Jesus Christ at His return to Earth. Satan seems to believe that since he was able to supposedly defeat the Lord Jesus Christ, and to kill Him once before, that he will be able to do so once again. When we can understand this one truth, all recorded History begins to fall into place, it begins to make perfect sense.

Peoples were gathered together and controlled within the various past empires of the world... the Assyrian, Egyptian, Babylonian, Medes & Persians, Greek and Roman Empires. In later years they became the Empires of Spain, Great Britain, Russia, the Austro-Hungarian, German and Ottoman Empires. One thing each of these Empires had in common... they all persecuted the Jews. Satan knew, from Jesus' prophecy of the Fig Tree, that when God began to draw the Jews back into the Land of Israel, the time for Jesus' return would be near, so he sought to prevent that return by destroying the Jews... to annihilate them. In the latter years, from the late 1800's, when God began to draw the Jews back to Israel, the move for a modern homeland in Israel began... Zionism... and Satan recognized the time was growing short for his plans to be fulfilled.

The first world-wide war... WW I, 1914, was planned and designed to break up the remaining empires... scattering them into weak nation-states, desperate for protective alliances... the League of Nations was born. Then, the second world-wide war... WWII, 1939, was planned and designed to so traumatize the World's nation-states that they would cry out for the protective umbrella of the United Nations and European Union. Now, in these 'Last Days,' the World is finally ready to fully embrace Mystery Babylon... economically and spiritually. The World is ready for a final, one-World government and one-World religion, seeking for that one man who could lead them all. Remember the words of Paul Henri-Spaak who played a major role in the founding of the EEC, the European Economic Community which became the European Union and he was Secretary-General of NATO from 1957 to 1961. He said, "What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold

the alliances of all people and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, and ***be he god or devil, we will receive him!***"

The World is currently sinking, again, into an economic morass, ready to receive that one man who could lead them all into the bright and shining New Age: the Antichrist. The Rapture could happen at any moment, followed by the Tribulation with the Antichrist coming to power quickly, and then culminate in the Battle of Armageddon.

Will this be a long, protracted World War IV, will the battle ebb and flow as one side gains advantage and then the other? Is the fate of the World hanging in the balance? But then, all of a sudden:

Verse 20: *'And the beast (the Antichrist) was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.'*

In an instant! it's all over... just like that... it's presented to us as an instantaneous victory and destruction because this is the evidence, for us and for every human who will be left alive, who will be welcomed into the Earthly Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ... this instantaneous and complete victory will be the absolute proof for all to see, that there never was a great, eternal, spiritual battle, a terrible struggle, a raging war between good and evil throughout the millennia or a 'Great Controversy!' It's all been a great sham and distraction; Satan was never a valid foe and he was too deceived, himself, to ever see it. God could have destroyed Satan and all his fallen angels and every evil spirit and every evil human and all the Earth and the Universe... everything... with just a Word or a thought. God has always been in absolute, complete control of everything, everywhere, throughout all time. God is and always has been the Absolutely Sovereign Monarch of all that is or ever shall be!

Notice this verse says... *'with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast...'* this wording implies that these people receive the Mark of the Beast first and *then* they are deceived.

Judging by what we see today... it's likely the Mark of the Beast will begin as voluntary... 'Sign up for the new digital ID and receive your safe, personal account with your monthly Universal Minimum Wage... you can now share in the World Economy as a Global Citizen... you will receive your own, unique, numerical ID. Show your love and support for our wonderful, new World President; put his name or number in this stylish, new tattoo; be the first on your block, the envy of all your friends... he saved us all from World War 3, he brought peace to the Middle East and the Ukraine; he solved all immigration problems; he brought our World Economy back from the brink... he is our Christ for the New Age; who else could perform such wonderful signs and miracles! Act like an honored Citizen of the New Age!

Then, at the halfway point of the Tribulation, after the Antichrist enters the temple's Holy of Holies and declares himself to be god... then the Mark will be absolutely mandatory upon threat of death by guillotine.

The wording of this particular verse seems to imply that those who follow the Antichrist will not have been deceived into doing so... this says that those who received the mark of the beast and worshipped his image were, thereafter, deceived. This is saying that everyone who follows and worships the beast will do so of his own free choosing... just like today... those we see in evil leadership or those following evil leadership are, even now, doing so of their own free choosing and they are hating God, and His children, of their own free choosing. No one who goes to hell and then to the Lake of Fire will be able to say... I didn't know; I was deceived... it's not my fault!

This is the culmination of all 6000 years of human government, typified by failure, corruption, misery and destruction; no human government has ever been truly successful; each one has always been the result of every man's sin nature. Now, finally, the Earth and mankind will experience, for the first time ever, holy, righteous and honest government, overseen by God, Himself, as we, His Bride, rule and reign under His Righteous supervision.

Satan thought this was going to be the culmination of all **his** plans, that **he** would finally be worshipped openly by the whole World, that he would finally reach his long ago stated goal, *'I will be like the Most High!'* He

thought he would finally be worshipped through his 'son,' the Antichrist, but, in fact, this will prove to be the complete and utter failure of all he had ever planned or done as his 'son' is taken, like a common criminal and cast, alive, into everlasting confinement in the Lake of Fire!

The Antichrist and the False Prophet, leading the World's armies in their ill fated plan to overthrow and prevent Jesus Christ's Kingdom on Earth, will be in the Valley of Armageddon; they will be taken and cast, alive, into the Lake of Fire, immediately upon Jesus Christ's return to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. They will be the only two persons in the Lake of Fire for the next 1000 years, until Satan is thrown in also; then, at the Final Judgment when all the World's lost, of every age, all whose names were not written in the Book of Life, from the foundation of the World, will all be cast alive, one by one, into the Lake of Fire.

Remember, all the rest of the unsaved dead from the time of Cain onward are still being confined under the Earth in Hades, Sheol, the place of the dead. They are conscious and they are miserable but it is not the Lake of Fire which will be so much worse than anyone has ever imagined. Conversely, we, God's Elect, His Saints of all ages, our future will be far, far beyond anything, anyone could ever begin to imagine.

Verse 21: *'And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.'*

Here, again, we see the proof that there never was any genuine conflict; God has always been in complete control; the Lord Jesus Christ destroys all these millions who've gathered, thinking they would be victorious over *'this Jesus who we once before killed, so easily... come on guys... let's do this!'*

They've thought like this for 2000 years and why wouldn't they when, for most of them, the only picture of Jesus they've ever seen has been the Catholic version of an emaciated sissy, nailed up dead on a cross, the ever present reminder of their victory over Him! But when He returns at Armageddon... He'll be no sissy on a cross; He'll be the all-powerful, all-majestic King of kings and Lord of Lords, Mighty Sovereign over all... astride a great and powerful white stallion.

All these who are left cowering, shaking, terrified after watching their great leaders unceremoniously taken by force, suddenly disappearing as they are sent to the Lake of Fire... all these, suddenly, terrifyingly begin to be killed, one by one, by a great sword which has come out of the mouth of Him Who sat on the horse. I can imagine this great, huge sword rushing through great crowds, lopping off the heads of every one... and imagine the terror of those who are not among the first to die, who are watching this thing happening before their eyes.

And, again, this is happening just as John is reporting it to be happening; the Lord Jesus Christ is sitting on His huge white stallion. A great sword really is coming out of His mouth with which He will kill every last one of them. There is no reason, whatsoever, to recoil in fear of the Words of God. We are not meant to take this as allegory or as symbolic... this is real; no matter how impossible God's Word sounds, God is more than able to do as He says. Only a coward retreats, in the fear of man, from believing and proclaiming God's Word as it has been given to us. If God says a thing... that thing is sure and true and it will be accomplished just as God has said it would... that is Prophecy!

When this happens, there will be great heaps of headless corpses whose blood was spilled on the ground, 5 feet deep for 75 miles. All the birds of prey will swoop in to become gorged with their flesh.

What a great ending!! But... it's only the beginning.

Next time, chapter 20.