Evil Unsealed, Revealed, and Re-Sealed; Revelation 6:1 through 6:8

Introduction

We know from the Biblical record that Satan, the devil, caused evil in the creation of God when he (Satan) became filled with self-pride long before the fall of Adam in the garden. But then Adam unsealed evil, "sin against God", and sin upon himself along with his subsequent off-spring (the human race), by disobedience and evil influence fermented of Satan.

Revelation Chapter 6 verses 1 through 8 is revelation compacted in a series of Bible verses that allow us to see the destruction(s), societies of men bring to bear upon itself, under the mastership and influence of Satan.

Just as Satan disobeyed God in the ancient past, and became an enemy of God, he (Satan) persuaded Adam to do the same. But God chose to forgive, and redeem man by the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thus, let us understand that Jesus is not revealing evils in Revelation 6:1 through 6:8 that shall commence at some future date, but he is revealing that which began to happen the day Adam was forced out of the garden, and those evils have been continuing and growing throughout the pages of human history in all societies!

The destructions and evils of the, "four horsemen of the Apocalypse" (Revelation 6:1 through 6:8) have been trampling under foot human lives and cultures since Cain slew Able; their very first instigation of the sin of murder.

Sin and disobedience grew so offensive to God at one point that he destroyed all, except Noah and his family; by this God chose to give the human race another chance at redemption.

And again, even now, today, the redemption of earth's citizens remains a priority in the plan of God according to John 3:16; the cross of Jesus Christ being the center piece. Consider these following scriptures of prophecy given by Jesus, during his 3 ¹/₂ year ministry on earth:

- Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe (*Noah*) *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they (*the wicked*) were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that (*righteous Noah*) Noe entered into the ark (*with his family, and they were saved*),
- Mat 24:39 And (*the wicked*) knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (*his coming shall be in a moment not expected*).

Luk 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

- Luk 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they (*the wicked*) were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all (*and only the righteous in the sight of God was saved*).
- Luk 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot (*Genesis Chapter 19*); they (*the wicked in Sodom and Gomorrah*) did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
- Luk 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all (*that were not righteous in the sight of God*).
- Luk 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
- Luk 17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.
- Luk 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.
- Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;
- Gen 19:25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.
- Gen 19:26 But his (*Lot's*) wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

The action of Lot's wife was an expression of regret for having been required to leave those sinful cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, behind.

We should not make the same mistake for having to leave the things of the world behind for salvation in Christ Jesus; less the Lord God be offended and leave us to our original state! God knows the heart.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

And now, the invitation of God remains John 3:16.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *The prerequisite is, "whosoever believeth in Jesus", it is clear the unbelieving in Jesus shall not be given this everlasting life.*

Revelation Chapter 6

These four horsemen in Revelation 6:1 through 6:8 show the destructions men do as they are obedient to the lusts and passions according to Satan rather than obedient to the will of the Holy God of all creation. Thus, the evil condition(s) of kingdoms in the earth when men rule out of disobedient devices to the will of God are revealed by the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse".

Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts (*Revelation 4:6 through 4:11*) saying, Come and see.

The Lamb does not cause these things to happen; but, he reveals them. This is the "wickedness, evils, destructions, tribulations" of the world because of sin and Satan's influence.

The case is made that the Holy God Almighty of Creation shall be <u>justified</u> for bringing his wrath (tribulation) upon the earth to destroy the evils of the world, and those world authorities disobedient to His will, beginning at Revelation verses 6:12 through 6:17; and continuing at Revelation Chapters 8 through 11, and again at Revelation Chapter 16 through 19. The world will not turn to God, for salvation through Jesus Christ.

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.

The person riding upon this horse is the human authority in the earth that has usually aligned with Satan to accomplish his, Satan's, game plan in defiance of God Almighty. Therefore, deceived and/ or threatened those under influence/ control of Satan, cause and/ or carry out the murder(s)/ killing(s), and other evils in the earth.

The rider of this horse is any seed of Adam that is ruler of kingdoms on earth. His bow has no arrow, since others does his bidding. Others kill according to his leadership.

The method of destruction used by the rider of this second (red) horse is to take away peace from the earth; resulting in constant wars. Thus, throughout the ages wars continue to rage, and societies gain no lasting satisfaction, even in their victories.

- Rev 6:3 And when he (*Jesus the Lamb*) 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 (*Adam's seed*) should kill one another: and there was given unto him (*Adam's seed that sat on the red horse*) a great sword.

This rider's job should be to administer justice. But he has no boundaries, and all suffer, domestic and foreign!

The method of destruction used by the rider of this third (black) horse is to cause famine, throughout the land of every human generation. The rider of this horse controls the finances, and/ or commerce for the people of the kingdom, but his management is dishonest/ corrupt.

- Rev 6:5 And when he (*Jesus the Lamb*) 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 (*His balances are rigged against the common folks*).
- 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.

Death, the rider of the fourth (pale) horse kills by means used of the previous riders, and collect souls of the un-saved dead into hell. But we know by faith and according to Revelation 6:9 through 6:11 that God collects those souls that die in Christ Jesus unto himself.

- Rev 6:7 And when he (*Jesus the Lamb*) 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 (*Death and Hell*) over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Let us be clear, these horrors of destruction and death are caused by the off-spring of Adam when they submit to the mastership and influence of Satan. But there shall come a time when this evil shall be bound and shut-up in the pit for a thousand years. And Jesus shall reign the thousand years in peace!

- Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children (*seed of Adam*) are partakers of flesh and blood, he (*the Son of God, Jesus, our savior*) also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
- Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

Just as before in Revelation 16:16 the devil and those with him are allied against God and his people; but the difference this time is that God is fresh out of mercy and devoured them all with fire out of heaven. And the devil that deceived them cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

- Rev 20:9 And they (*Satan and those allied with him*) went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city (*Jerusalem*): and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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