

# Revealing The Soon-Coming All-Powerful Sovereign World Ruler

## [Part 9]

**Revelation 6:8** [NIV] *“I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.”*

The four horsemen were given power over one-fourth of the earth showing that God was still limiting His judgement, it was **not** complete.

**With this pause in the judgements there was still time for unbelievers to turn to Christ and away from sin.**

The limiting of punishing judgement shows that God’s wrath is against sin, and His merciful love towards humans.

Longing for them to repent and avoid the judgements yet to come.

**Matthew 24:12-14** [NIV] *“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”*

God promises that the gospel message will still be available for these people.

**Revelation 6:12-17** [NIV] *“I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig-tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”*

The opening of the sixth seal brings the vision back to the planet earth.

The first five judgements were selective, directed towards specific areas.

**This sixth judgement is universal.**

Every human being will be terrified when the whole planet earth trembles.

A veiled vision of the throne of God will be revealed to all humanity and it will cause total terror worldwide.

All who are world leaders, who arrogantly believed they could solve humanity problems, and ignored the existence of a Creator God, will come face to face with Him.

No-one who has rejected the true Creator God, Jesus Christ, can avoid this day of His wrath.

**While this is happening a miraculous event for all humanity to observe occurs.**

**Revelation 7:1-4, 9-10** [NIV] *“After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: **“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”** Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.”* ... *“After this I looked and there before me was **a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.** And they cried out in a loud voice: **“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”**”*

The first resurrection of God’s people occurs.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** [NIV] *“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”*

I believe, when we put these scriptures together, it means that Jesus Christ in His glorified state and all His angelic attendance had already arrived in the upper atmosphere of planet earth.

**Revelation 1:7** [NIV] *“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and **every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.** So shall it be! Amen.”*

This scripture seems to add to what we have just read.

**Matthew 24:26-31** [NIV] *“So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the desert,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. **For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.** Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. “Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” **“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn.** They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”*

This is Jesus Christ’s own words describing this same event.

Note two things about these people who are joining Jesus Christ in the clouds.

- a) They were all given white robes to wear, this is in preparation for them to be the bride of Jesus Christ [see **Revelation 19:7-8**]
- b) They carried palm branches in their hands.

**John 12:12-16** [NIV] *“The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the King of Israel!”** Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, **“Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”** At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.”*

The palm branch canopy under which Jesus Christ rode was symbolic of a victorious entry into Jerusalem of a revered leader.

The palms in the hands of the resurrected Christians was in token of victory gained by Jesus Christ over the world, the devil and death.

**Revelation 7:13-14** [NIV] *“Then one of the elders asked me, **“These in white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?”** I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, **“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”**”*

All these Christians have been spared the great tribulation that comes on the rest of humanity for only one reason.

They had all accepted the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ as a substitute for their own deserved death.

As a result they had been credited with the righteousness of Jesus Christ and thus receive white robes symbolic of sinless perfection or holiness.

**Revelation 7:15-17** [NIV] *“Therefore, **“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**”*

A wonderful eternal future life was offered to these Christians who had surrendered their lives to the commission that Jesus Christ had given them.

**Matthew 28:16-20** [NIV] *“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**”*

To fulfil this commission all Christians have to sacrifice their lives, that is time and substance, some through martyrdom.

**Matthew 10:37-39** [NIV] *“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”**”*

If we cling to our personal desires and wishes in this life we will forfeit what Jesus Christ wants to give us in the next, eternal, life.

**1 John 2:15-17** [NIV] *“**Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world, the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does, comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives for ever.**”*

When our attachment to possessions is strong, it is hard to believe that we will have to give them all up at the time of our death.

To follow John’s example and base our lives on fulfilling the will of our Creator God, will give us courage to control our greedy, self-indulgent behaviour.

## **We must never be afraid of the cost**

If we belong to Jesus Christ, we should never compromise our spiritual decisions on the basis of what is it going to cost us?

We ought only to ask, *'what is my spiritual duty and my spiritual privilege in serving my Creator God?'*

There is **no limit** to what God can do through us in this world if we dare to surrender our lives to Him.

If only a few of God's people became this serious, our world would never hear the last of what then happened through them.

Their message would go out and it would set off a great revival of New Testament faith and witness.

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**God wants to deliver us from the easy-going, comfortable Christianity so fashionable today.**

I hope we are all, as true Christians, willing to let the truth grip us so powerfully that we will accept any embarrassment, rejection or persecution that the world will inflict on us.

**The faith of all who are depicted as waiting there in the clouds to return with Jesus Christ to the earth, lost everything this world offered, but gained all that in the new world comes with Jesus Christ.**

Does our faith reflect theirs?