

## **Chapter 15**

### **Seal One - The White Horse**

*“And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.” (Revelation 6:2)*

*“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.”  
(Revelation 13:1)*

The white horse: Symbol of peace, justice and freedom for all. Over the centuries many have made an attempt to ride this horse. None to date have succeeded to stay in the saddle for very long. All of those who have made their attempt to mount this majestic steed have done so with an important sounding mission in mind. They talk of world unification, peace to all mankind, a war to end all wars, freedom for those enslaved and liberty to all.

Nimrod was the first on record. We are told little of him in the Bible but those few verses reveal a great deal. Genesis 10:8-12 paint his portrait. There are only two other mentions of him in the Bible, one in 1 Chronicles, which is a genealogical listing, and the other in the book of Micah where his name is represented as the Assyrian nation. Here is the account of his existence: *“Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, ‘Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.’ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).”*

On the surface it may sound as if he was a good man and I’m sure that he gave that appearance in order to influence men. The Hebrew word rendered “mighty” is also rendered “masterful.” He had great power to influence people and because of it he was a leader. He was nicknamed “A mighty hunter before the LORD,” and in the literal translation it meant “he became a masterful hunter to the faces of Yahweh.” This was not a compliment because, reading between the lines, he defied God. The Bible lists the cities that he built and established. All of them were mainline cities of the nation of Assyria which became an enemy nation hundreds of years later and was a thorn in the side of Israel. Today several Arabic nations make up the old Assyrian Empire and continue to plague Israel.

But the key city was the first: Babel. It was under the leadership of Nimrod. His name is not mentioned in the Genesis 11 account of the Tower of Babel but I believe that he was instrumental in this rebellion because the chapter begins by saying that they journeyed east and settled in a plain in the land of Shinar. Also, according to the account the city was not named “Babel” until after the confusion of languages took place. If this is true then Nimrod had to be the leader of this group of people.

In a nutshell the story tells us that the leadership of these people, to keep from experiencing another flood because of their sinful rebellion against God, proclaimed that they

were going to build a tower that would reach all the way up to the heavens. Apparently they were making great progress because we are told that God came down to see the city and tower that they were building. God said, *“Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.”* (Genesis 11:6). It was a defiant act because they were doing this in spite of God. If He decided to destroy life on earth again by way of a great flood they would climb their tower to safety.

In order to stop them God miraculously confused their speech. He cut off communications and they could not complete the work because they didn't understand each other. Here's what the Bible says, *“Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.’ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”* (Genesis 11:7-9). He made them to speak different languages and physically scattered them over the earth. The physical scattering took place during the days of Peleg (see Genesis 10:25). The Bible says, *“To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided...”* The original Hebrew language indicates a physical division and I believe that was the dividing of the continents. We aren't told how but God caused the one large land mass to divide into our present day continents. It's interesting because if you look closely at a world map you can begin to see how the great land masses could be put together like a gigantic jig-saw puzzle (taking into account soil erosion over the centuries).

The point is that Nimrod attempted to mount the white horse in defiance of God and in effort to rule the world. He did not succeed because God had a plan and there could only be one true rider of the white horse.

Down through the ages many have attempted to ride this white horse. Those most notorious include Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. All of these great powers in their day dreamed of ruling the world. Many came close especially the Roman Empire but God thwarted every attempt. In more modern times we think of Hitler during World War II and The USSR. Both of these were attempts to ride the white horse.

Today men are still making their own attempt to mount it. There are conflicts all over the world, terrorist groups who wish to destroy democracy and rule the nations. Who will succeed? That's a good question. I cannot answer it with a name because only God really knows. But I will say this: In the mighty conflict to rid the world of terrorists wars are being fought. Terrorists know no borders. They don't have a country that they call their own, but operate in many countries. This makes it tremendously difficult to win a war against them. We may fight one band, defeat one leg of their group and others crop up in different countries. They have representation in every country found on the globe.

After the terrorist attack on the United States, referred to as 9/11, America declared war on terrorists and that war still rages at this writing. For the reasons mentioned above we are not winning. How could we possibly have representation in every country in the world? How could

we possibly recognize those belonging to these terrorist groups until they have committed their murderous crimes? The answer is that we can't. I served in the U.S. Army for three years on active duty during the mid-eighties and was committed to be on call for an additional three years after that. I love the United States as much as anyone does. When the National Anthem is played I stand at attention with my hand over my heart. But as a minister of the Gospel I must also speak out by saying that we are engaged in a war that we cannot possibly win. We live in a time when the government of our country is out of control. Laws are being passed that continue to wear away at the freedoms we have so long enjoyed. I am concerned that the day is quickly approaching when we will not be such a prosperous nation, but a nation indebted financially to other countries – countries that hate our very existence and only tolerate us. If and when that day comes we will be in serious trouble.

The successful rider of the white horse will have a bow – signifying weapons – in one hand and will wear a crown, and he will go forth conquering and to conquer. It will be his inspiration to be a world leader seeing to it that world peace finally is established. He will succeed where all others have failed.

Now I'm going to make my own predictions. I hope I am wrong. But if I am right I must tell all who will read this what I feel is being prepared to take place. This conflict with the terrorist groups will result in devastating war. We are fighting now but I believe it will get worse, much worse as the terrorist groups emerge in country after country.

The U.S. alone will not be able to stop them. I realize that many world powers are currently involved in fighting terrorist groups. But they have not united as they must to stop them. It will take one man with leadership abilities strong enough to lead the world in conquering the evils of these terrorist groups. He will be a person of great influence and he will have the uncanny ability to speak the words that the world wants to hear. He will gain international recognition and will be an inspiration to every country on the face of this planet.

The Bible indicates through prophecies found in Daniel and in the Book of Revelation that the old Roman Empire will be reestablished. Because of these prophecies for many years I felt that this world leader would rise up somewhere in Europe and would have great influence among the Jewish people because the Bible also indicates that the Temple in Jerusalem would be rebuilt, and it will.

One day I was studying on this, praying and seeking the Lord as to how these end-time events would take place. Suddenly my stomach grew weak and I felt nearly faint. I was in shock because what I felt God was revealing to me struck me with awe and horror. The good old U.S. of A. has always been a symbol of religious freedom and great missionary efforts. We have taken on the role of evangelizing the world. But suddenly I had an overwhelming feeling that this world power was going to arise from within our own country. He would have great influence over people. He would have the uncanny ability to sway others with his words. He would talk of peace, freedom and democracy for the entire world. The U.S. is the closest ally with the nation of Israel so this man would be readily accepted to the Jewish people.

I won't even pretend to understand the politics of the United Nations, but somehow this man will become the leader of this group or a similar group and power will be given to him in effort to finally stop and stamp out terrorism. I believe that he will succeed but will also emerge from the conflict as the world leader with great influence. He will reorganize the Roman Empire but most likely under a different name.

He will be the Antichrist of which the Bible so often speaks. He will go forth on the white horse with his bow in hand conquering and to conquer. It will be necessary to establish a world-wide government and to incorporate a world-wide religion. In order for it to succeed it will be mandatory to everyone in every country on earth. Those not conforming will be sought out, persecuted and executed.

There is another area that this rider of the white horse will control - The global economy. There has been a group of the most elite of the financial nations that has met since 1975. We didn't hear a lot about them until the recent financial crisis that began in the United States and has been felt around the globe. They call themselves the G-7. They are the seven wealthiest nations in the world and are comprised of The United States, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, France and Germany (it is interesting that Italy, France and Germany were all parts of the old Roman Empire). Later in the Book of Revelation we are told of such a union of seven nations from which the Beast – The Antichrist will arise. He will control these nations. Others will join and be removed but in the end there will be seven. In order to control the earth the rider of the white horse will also have to control the global economy. Watch this group closely for I fearfully believe that the Antichrist will emerge from this group.

It doesn't sound like something we'd fall for does it? But be careful because he will give good, plausible sounding reason that will be universally accepted. It is the beginning of the end. Watch world events. As cataclysmic disasters take place one after another, as terrorist groups continue to spread their fear each day, and as the world economy fluctuates, it will all lead up to the point when the world will have to unite in order to cope with these disasters, stop the reign of terror and balance the budgets of the nations.

What will result will be a reign of terror even worse. The world will welcome the rider of the white horse in general. However, he will become a persecutor of Christians who will oppose and stand against his evil. This is the arrival of the first horse with thundering hooves.

Remember the words of the Great Apostle, Paul, who wrote, *"For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape."* (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Many cry out today for peace. Wars are fought in attempt to gain peace. The day is quickly approaching when the nations will unit in an effort to gain world peace finally and for all time. But it will only be the beginning of sorrows.

The parallel in the second giving of the prophecy of the Revelation is found in 13:1-18. It describes a beast rising out of the sea (the mass of humanity). He is given great power by the dragon (the devil) to rule the earth and wage war with the saints of God (those who are saved). He will be none other than the evil rider of the white horse. His words will influence the masses because he will seem to have the answer to the world conflict. The entire world will follow after

him because he will speak all the right things. He will seemingly unite the world in conquering the terrorists and bringing order to the fear of them. He will balance the world budget and seem to make a one world economy work for the people.

He won't appear as an ugly monster as most would imagine the Antichrist to be. No but he will seem to be the Messiah the whole world has been looking for. Mounted on his white horse he will go out to conquer evil and bring order to all things. Because of this the world will go out after him.

But for him to be truly successful there must be an end to the different religions of the world. After all, they are the actual culprit of most of the conflicts and war. Religion is what brought conflict between the Muslim, the Jew and the Christian. So for his influence to be complete a new world religion must be established.

And so we see from the earth another beast arising. He is the false prophet that will be responsible for the one world religion. It will be a religion that makes the first beast the god of all. He will make an image of the first beast – the Antichrist and will cause the world to worship it. Somehow, by demonic power, he will bring the image to life allowing it to speak words of support to the Antichrist and will cause those not worshipping him to be put to death. It will be the greatest persecution the world has ever known upon those call on the name of the Lord God.

This false prophet will also make it so that in order to buy or sell an individual must bear the mark of the Antichrist. If it is not found in his right hand or on his forehead he or she will not be allowed to trade. Any money they may have will be worthless without this mark.

Many believe it to be a computer chip planted under the skin of the right hand or forehead. We can speculate all we want. I don't know because the Bible only tells us that it will have to be present to make any sort of business transactions.

What we do know is that the Bible gives the number of the beast stating that it is the number of a man and it is 666. Aside from it being the number of the Antichrist it is only a number. We shudder at this number because of its significance. But until the Antichrist comes into power it is only a number. It is the power of the two beasts under the influence of the devil himself that make this number so infamous and dreaded.

The Antichrist is coming. I fear he is already alive on the earth but because he has not been yet identified and the evil of terrorists has not yet reached its peak that he still remains in the shadows. But make no mistake. The Bible has always been true and it will be accurate in this respect also. Watch the news for anytime he could be revealed.

Hear the rumbling of the hooves of the white horse for he is surely coming and it will be soon. Also be prepared because only in Christ Jesus will we have the power to withstand his influence. Are you ready? If not now is the time to make preparation. Confess Christ before you are compelled to confess the Antichrist.

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