

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE END TIMES Week 38: The Seal Judgements, Part 6 February 5, 2023 Instructor: Steve Schmutzer

Review:

- A. We are presently studying the Seal Judgements of *Revelation Chapters 6 though 8.* There are seven of these, and last week we started to look at Seal Judgement #4.
- B. Here are the basics of what we learned in our last lesson:
 - 1. Seal Judgement #4 is the last of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The Seal Judgements which follow from this point have no horse and rider associated with them.
 - 2. Unlike the previous three, Seal Judgement #4 does not have one rider, it has two riders.
 - 3. They are named Death and Hades, and they ride in that order on a pale green horse as their judgment upon earth is DEATH.
 - 4. Unlike the prior three Seal Judgments which bring about death AS A RESULT OF another type of judgement (for example, famine), Seal Judgement #4 is focused on DEATH. That IS its objective: to bring about death.
 - 5. We learned that the means by which this massive judgement of global death is brought about is because Death and Hades are given power over a fourth of the earth to kill.
 - 6. That does not mean a fourth of the earth's population dies, but rather a fourth of the earth's population is given authority or rights, or permission by Death and Hades to go out and kill.
 - 7. The language here is very different than the language of the 6th Trumpet Judgement which is forthcoming. In that judgement, the Scriptures are very clear: a third of mankind was killed.
 - 8. But here, with the 4th Seal Judgement, it is about a fourth of the earth given the right to go out and kill. The text is clear: Death and Hades HAVE POWER over a fourth of the earth's population, and this is their command to their global followers.
 - 9. We looked at the definitions and implications of the names of these two riders: DEATH and HADES.
 - 10. We understand that death means the material departure of one's soul from their body, and Hades is where <u>unsaved souls</u> go after death while they await their final sentence at The Great White Throne Judgment.
 - 11. So clearly, this Seal Judgement #4 is also directed against masses of unsaved people.
 - 12. We will find in Seal Judgment #5 that a key target of Death and Hades are believers in Jesus Christ, but because Hades is mentioned as a rider here, it is clear many unsaved people will be killed as well.

- 13. We ended last week by taking note that *Revelation Ch.* 17 goes into great depth concerning the rapid rise of a global false religion AFTER the Rapture. In fact, we have studied this in considerable depth in previous lessons as well.
- 14. However, it is here, at this point with Seal Judgment #4, that we can discern that Death and Hades are given power over a large number of rabid and fanatical devotees, who given every evidence of the full counsel of Scripture, are followers of this global false religion. They are willing to kill anyone who does not conform to their deceptive beliefs.
- 15. Based upon the text in *Revelation 6:8,* this population of rabid and bloodthirsty devotees of this global false religion, is about one fourth of the world's population at that time.
- 16. They are still a minority, but as we've seen plenty of times in our own era, it is always the minority that is fanatical, willing to kill, wanting to destroy, wishing to tear down, etc., and all in the name of beliefs they hold which have no basis in truth or reality.
- 17. What we see in the present is just a little taste of what is coming. There will be a global inquisition against anyone who resists and does not conform to the ideals and beliefs of this false one-world religious system.

I. There are four means or ways that people are killed according to *Revelation 6:8b*

- A. **"Sword"** NOTE: This is Biblical language to denote death by personal violence and conflict.
 - 1. It doesn't mean that the followers of Death and Hades all pick up physical swords and go around chopping up people into little bits, though I'm sure that some will do exactly that.
 - 2. Rather, the term "sword" here is to be thought of the same way "sword" was a key issue in Seal Judgement #2.
 - a. There, the rider of the red horse was given a great sword, and it's clear from the context that this is a symbol of war and open physical conflict.
 - b. It's much the same here. The devotees of Death and Hades those rabid subscribers to a false one-world religious system will use any and all implements of violence against those they wish to kill.
 - c. John is writing from a first century perspective, and so "sword" here is a figure of speech to suggest direct personal physical violence against someone else in order to end their life. Chances are that knives, hatchets, guns, clubs, and all types of weaponry will be used.
 - d. Death and Hades will grant rights to their followers to use physical violence in order to kill
- B. **"Famine"** NOTE: It's at this point with the 'famine' aspect that something very important needs to be said. I would urge each of you to exercise some sobriety and wisdom with what I'm about to say.

- Keep in mind that each of these four means or tools to kill in the last part of *verse 8* are INTENTIONAL. The meaning is that these means are within one's control.
- 2. For example, one INTENDS to pick up a sword or a gun and to kill another person. The weapon is INTENTIONALLY used to end life, whether justified or otherwise. It is deliberate; there is nothing passive about it.
- 3. It's the same thing here with famine and with the other means listed in this verse. There is INTENTION and there is CONTROL with each thing listed.
- 4. Remember, Death and Hades have power OVER one fourth of the earth's population to kill, and so no means to accomplish this mass genocide is passive. The overarching goal is to kill as this passage clearly states.
- 5. I believe famine dynamics in the future, will be a first cousin of the food shortage issues we see taking place today:
 - a. Make no mistake, there is a globalist attack on our food systems.
 - b. Food production factories and facilities have gone up in flames to the tune of several thousand worldwide just in the last two years This is something that hasn't happened before, it is intentional.
 - c. Massive cattle herds have 'inexplicably' died off in ways they never have before. Farmers are being fined and penalized for producing their basic goods, and land and equipment are being taken from multiple farming operations in the EU and Canada.
 - d. More recently, we've learned that a popular chicken feed that many chicken farmers have depended upon is now laced with compounds to keep hens from laying eggs. However, when chicken farmers switch to a different brand, the hens start producing eggs once more.
 - e. One of the key distributors of the problem feed is Tractor Supply. It turns out one of their board members is tied to the WEF and to Jeffrey Epstein (who BTW, absolutely didn't kill himself).
 - f. A couple of research studies have recently shown that eating eggs counteracts the detrimental effects of the COVID 'vaccine.' Eggs have a compound, or compounds, that help the body to resist the adverse effects of the 'vaccine.'
 - g. That's a fact that is inconvenient to the globalists goals to weaken the population's health and to depopulate the planet. Make no mistake here, the globalists want to get rid of you and I.
 - h. They are doing nefarious things to attack egg production, chicken farming, and so on and so on. Again, all these aspects of food shortages that we are seeing mounting in our own times are INTENTIONAL. We live in very evil times.
- 6. And this is exactly the same sort of thing we see here in this verse:
 - a. Famine, food shortages, attacks on the food system, and so on, will be strategically brought about IN ORDER TO KILL.
 - b. What we are seeing in our own time is just scratching the surface of what is to come. In the future, the globalists and the fanatical devotees

of this false one-world religious system, will zero in on those people who refuse to conform, and so, among other methods, they will kill them by FAMINE.

- c. This verse makes it clear, just as events in our own time underscore the same point. That famine is an intentional and strategic tool that is wielded by those in power in order to kill populations.
- d. Just as mankind can pick up a sword and slay another person, so mankind will support the means to introduce tactical famine and food shortages to kill off others. The point of this verse is: it is all INTENTIONAL.
- C. **Plague.** NOTE: Just like "sword" and "famine" before it, this method of killing is also INTENTIONAL.
 - 1. I will illustrate my point on plague by looking at the example of COVID-19 in our own time.
 - 2. It is beyond debate at this point that the origins of COVID-19 were not bat soup, but rather the result of nefarious gain of function research in a Wuhan lab.
 - 3. It's part of the reason there is a group rising up in our own community of Fort Collins to stop the government's plans to build a bat virus lab here in our city.
 - 4. It is also beyond debate that:
 - a. This was all planned in great detail as far back as 2015, right down to naming the virus and developing the so-called 'vaccines' and boosters in response to it
 - b. It is beyond debate that the 'vaccine' is not a 'vaccine' and it doesn't work to prevent COVID
 - c. That many of those who receive the so-called 'vaccine' and its subsequent booster regimens develop suppressed immunity systems
 - d. That the "vaccine" and its boosters have resulted in massive surges in death, cardiovascular compromises, cancers, and a profound escalation of death in otherwise normal healthy young people
 - e. That our own government officials and other globalist leaders exempted themselves from receiving the so-called 'vaccine.' More recently have required that they be shuttled from country to country by UN-vaccinated pilots. They don't want their pilots spontaneously dying on them or having health emergencies in midair....
 - f. NOTE: I could go on and on here there is SO MUCH information now to prove that everything COVID-related is an evil scheme to depopulate, to weaken health, and to control the masses.
 - g. I know this is very hard for some of you to hear and accept, but I need to speak the truth and not sidestep the facts.
 - h. The truth is gradually getting out there, and from the very outset all of the truth is reinforcing each and every point I am making.

- i. However, if your news diet is Mainstream Media, this is not information you will learn or hear.
- j. The so called "fact checkers" are doing everything they can to bury the truth and to suppress anyone and anything that speaks the facts.
- 5. It's just where we are today in this evil world that contrary to the ideas of many churches and pastors, it is getting WORSE, not BETTER. That is what Bible prophecy states the trend will be:
 - a. When the usefulness of COVID-19 has run its course, the globalists will adapt it for new nefarious intentions or find another "plague" to introduce. This much is clear, and they've already telegraphed this very plan.
 - b. And so, that's exactly what this verse is saying. "Plague" will be introduced as an INTENTIONAL means to target and to take out those who the followers of Death and Hades no longer want around.
 - c. Remember, Death and Hades "have power over a fourth of the earth" to equip them and to authorize them to kill. All of these means in this verse are part of that active plan.
 - d. Each means can be activated, each can be strategically set up and implemented, that's what's important to understand here.
 - e. Just like "sword" and "famine" before it, "plague" will be an active and strategic means to kill and to depopulate and to rid the planet of anyone that does not conform to the deceptive agendas of that future time.
- D. That brings me to the last tool or means on this list by which the followers of Death and Hades kill: "the wild beasts of the earth." NOTE: Considering that Death and Hades have power OVER one fourth of the world's population to authorize them to kill, this "wild beasts" matter has limited options to be included on this list.
 - 1. There are various theories which have been touted to explain this 'wild beasts' angle:
 - a. One theory is that all the lions and tigers and bears (as well as Fifi and Rover), all decide to turn against humanity and tear it to shreds
 - That theory is pretty far-fetched and entirely inconsistent with what this passage is trying to say.
 - The passage says Death and Hades have power over a fourth of the earth to kill using four different tools.
 - That would mean that a fourth of humanity can control the will and instincts of wild and domesticated animals to the point where they can direct all these creatures to strategically kill certain people groups. Again, a pretty far-fetched idea.
 - b. Another theory (and I have heard a couple of well-known Christian pastors tout this one) is that "wild beasts" means germs and microorganisms
 - The idea is that in the wake of war and carnage and famine, that disease processes take over, think the way it was with rats and

fleas and the Black Plague in the Middle Ages) and kill off many people.

- Again, this is a hard sell. It completely removes the elements of INTENTION and POWER that this passage is emphasizing, and it means germs and such are categorized as "wild beasts."
- c. A third theory is that the creatures and animals of earth become demon possessed at this future point in time. Much like the herd of pigs became demon possessed in the Gerasene incident.
 - The idea here is that these demon-possessed animals turn on humans to destroy and kill them.
 - There is nothing in Scripture to reinforce this view, and even in the Gerasene incident, the demons destroyed the pigs themselves.
 - As well, this theory has to totally dismiss the elements of POWER and INTENTION that are made very clear in this passage.
 - So, this third idea of demon-possessed animals is very weak, at best.

NOTE: There is a fourth idea concerning these "wild beasts." I need to confess to you up front that it is my own idea. It is a conclusion I have arrived at, and I have not seen anyone else promoting this idea. Perhaps there are, but I've not found it.

I have run this idea by several notable folks in the prophecy world, and some of them have indicated significant interest in my thoughts. Here is my personal view on what this "wild beasts" thing is all about:

- 2. The Greek term for "wild beasts" in *Revelation 6:8* is "therion," and what is most important about this term is it is also the same term that is used to describe the antichrist.
 - a. For example, when the "beast" is mentioned in *Revelation 13:1* as rising up "out of the sea" (which is a phrase used to denote his Gentile origins), he is called a 'therion'
 - b. In other places where the antichrist is referred to as the "beast," the term 'therion' is also used.
 - c. Perhaps most significantly, in *Revelation 17:8* where the "beast" is described as an entity which *"was, now is not, and will come up out of the abyss"* is, once again, called by the same Greek term, 'therion.'
 - d. But in this last passage, it is also clear the antichrist has supernatural origins
 - e. In *Revelation 9:11,* the leader of the dark supernatural horde that rises from the Abyss is called in Hebrew, Abaddon, or in Greek, Apollyon (or Apollo).
 - f. It's worth noting that the free-masons which had a significant role to play in the founding of our nation were, and still are, awaiting the return of Apollo!

- g. Many new agers today believe Apollo will return to usher in a new "golden age." Well here, in *Revelation 9:11*, the Bible makes the same case, and it links Apollo with being the antichrist.
- 3. I've said before that the reason the antichrist and the false prophet bypass the Great White Throne Judgment and are thrown directly into the Lake of Fire is because they are not human, or not fully human (so they're condemned already and without any hope of repentance or salvation).
 - a. It's the very same dynamic with those who will take "The Mark of The Beast."
 - b. I believe that those who take The Mark will knowingly and willingly take into their bodies a physical element OF the beast, or OF a 'therion.' The result is they are no longer 100% in the image of God.
 - c. It's a popular idea that The Mark of the Beast means little more than it's HIS mark, HIS sign, HIS brand, and that sort of thing. That much is true, but I think there is more to it than that. It also means it is OF him; It is, in effect, part OF him.
 - d. This also explains why the bodies of the recipients break out in "ugly and painful sores" according to *Revelation 16:2.* The reason is they have taken into their bodies some sort of agent or element to which their bodies adversely react.
 - e. It's not unlike many bodies of those who have received the COVID 'vaccine' have also reacted adversely.
 - f. Remember: the 'vaccine' now is not the future Mark of The Beast, but it is the globalists attempt to prototype all their plans for that sort of thing in the future.
 - g. The recipients of The Mark of The Beast may appear human, but the truth will be that they are genetically corrupted to the point where the angel announces they will have condemned themselves.
 - h. They will no longer be redeemable. It's no longer an issue of God's mercy and grace. God did not redeem the Nephilim, but He destroyed them instead. The recipients of the mark OF the beast will be destroyed.
- 4. Let's come full circle now to the point I want to make: the term "wild beasts" in *Revelation 6:8,* is ALSO 'therion,' so here's my conclusion:
 - a. "Wild beasts" in *Revelation 6:8* is another of several Biblical references to the return of the Nephilim in the very last days. Hybrid entities that are totally and completely consumed with evil and violence against humanity.
 - b. In *Daniel 2:43* we are told that at the very end of time "they will mingle themselves with the seed of men." In this passage "they" and "seed of men" are two different sources, and we are told in *Daniel* that this mixture won't work out very well.
 - c. Jesus Christ said in *Matthew 24:37* that the very end of time will be *"like the days of Noah"* which was a timeframe unique in that the hybrid Nephilim roamed the planet and fallen angels were actively seeking to

eliminate the pure human genome and therefore disrupt the prophetic arrival of the Messiah.

- d. We also know from *Genesis 6:11* about this era in which Noah lived that the *"earth was filled with violence and corrupted."*
- e. And, let's not forget that **2** Thessalonians **2:9** says the coming of the antichrist will be accompanied by "counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders." In other words, the arrival of the antichrist is going to be in concert with the clear, ongoing, and visual manifestation of dark supernatural forces and, I believe, entities.
- f. I could say much more to support my point, but I think you get the basic idea.
- g. The antichrist is "therion" and so are "the wild beasts" of *Revelation 6:8.* The antichrist is of supernatural origins, and I believe the "wild beasts" are too.
- h. It is the reason they are a means and a tool that falls under the POWER and INTENTION of Death and Hades.
- i. As the Bible says, they will arrive once more. They will arrive to serve a purpose, and that continues to be the disruption of God's plans.
- j. Part of their purpose is to exercise violence and death against all who do not conform to the agenda of the antichrist and the false one-world religion that will dominate the globe in the wake of the Rapture.