



## A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE END TIMES

### Week 39: The Seal Judgements, Part 7

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#### Review:

- A. Last week, we had our third lesson on Seal Judgement #4, the text concerning which is found in **Revelation 6:7-8**
- B. We've spent a bit more time on this Seal Judgement than the first three. There are some details in this fourth seal which require us to dig a bit deeper.
- C. What we have learned about Seal Judgement #4 thus far are follows:
  1. Unlike the previous three Seal Judgements that presented a horse with one rider, this particular Seal Judgement shows a horse with TWO riders
  2. Unlike the previous three Seal Judgement where death to many people came as a by-product of other primary challenges to the inhabitants of earth (i.e. the rise of universal socialism, war, famine, etc.), this particular judgement is ABOUT death
  3. Death IS the goal of this Fourth Seal Judgment, bringing an end to human life IS the objective and that's reinforced by the fact that Hades is the second rider of this pale green horse.
  4. That tells us that many people will be killed without a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that it is nonbelievers that go to Hades before they are eventually judged at The Great White Throne Judgement and finally sent to the eternal flames of hell.
  5. Hades is a 'holding tank,' if you will. It is where nonbelievers go before they receive the second death which is detailed in the concluding portions of **Revelation Ch. 20**. This truth is also taught in **Luke Ch. 16** in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.
  6. All that aside, we have studied in the past three lessons how God sends upon this earth this Fourth Horseman of the Apocalypse to bring about massive genocide.
  7. Death will be widespread on planet earth, and many people will be killed. It's not the byproduct of another judgment. Death IS the specific plan of this particular judgment.
  8. This passage in **Revelation 6:7-8** gives us an important clue as to how widespread this judgment of death will be.
  9. This passage tells us the two riders: Death and Hades, are GIVEN POWER OVER one fourth of the earth's population to carry out this plan. There are four means by which one fourth of the earth's population will kill:
    - a. Sword – that means physical violence against another individual. People will be cruelly and violently killed by any means possible to end their lives.
    - b. Famine – just as we see the early signs in our own times, famine and food shortages will be strategically implemented to cause people to starve to death.

- c. Plague – again, just as we see today, there will be disease and pandemic processes which are depraved and intentional. They will be introduced in the future, just as they are now, in order to cause death.
- d. And lastly, the fourth means by which Death and Hades will cause widespread genocide is “the wild beasts of the earth.”

**NOTE:** This “last means” is what we spent our time going in-depth into in last week’s lesson. Like the previous “three means” used to bring about death and widespread genocide, “wild beasts” must also be an agent which is UNDER THE CONTROL of these two riders and a quarter of the earth’s population.

- 10. I shared last week that my conclusion is these “wild beasts” mentioned in this text are likely to be some variation and return of the Nephilim.
- 11. My reason for believing this is because the Greek term used here is “therion” which is the same term used to describe the antichrist in several places.
- 12. The term “therion” is used to also describe the antichrist as having supernatural origins 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,*” so I believe the “therion” of Seal Judgement #4 will also have similar origins.
- 13. As we reminded ourselves last week, this conclusion is consistent with the words of Jesus who said the very end of time will be “*like the days of Noah,*” and that was a time when the Nephilim roamed the earth and were described as violent.
- 14. Furthermore, **Daniel 2:43** also tells us that at the end of time “*THEY will mingle themselves with the seed of men.*” That text deliberately positions THEY and SEED OF MEN as two different sources.
- 15. We looked at several Biblical texts and arguments to support my conclusion, and those notes and audio will be available to go back and study further.

**NOTE:** This week, I want to wrap up our study of Seal Judgement #4, and I want to take a broader look at what I believe is happening at this future moment in time.

**I. Let’s get some basic and important assumptions established:**

- A. These Seal Judgments immediately follow The Rapture of the Church.
  - 1. That much is clear looking at the flow of **Revelation chapters 4-8**
  - 2. John sees a door standing open in heaven in **Revelation 4:1** and he is told to “*come up here.*”
  - 3. He is further told in that same verse that he will be shown “*what must take place AFTER this.*” That means, after The Rapture of the Church. So there is an order here.
  - 4. This reinforces what **2 Thessalonians 2:7** also says: It is not until the restrainer is taken out of the way (that would be the ministry of the Holy Spirit through His church) that the antichrist can be revealed, so that all fits.

5. It is AFTER The Rapture of the Church that the antichrist rises on the world scene and is perceived as a political superstar and the answer to all the world's problems at that moment in time. This is the essence of Seal Judgement #1, and I think it is sound to see this happening quite quickly after The Rapture has taken place.
- B. The order and the dynamic of Seal Judgements #1-#4 conform to the things we see happening in our world right now.
1. That does not mean I am saying we are experiencing the Seal Judgments in our own time. We are not. The Bible is very clear that these judgements FOLLOW The Rapture.
  2. However, what it does reinforce is the depraved leaders of our world right now are striving with all their might to bring these things about, and we are seeing the early signs of all that right now.
  3. God will not allow the full fruition of the Seal Judgement dynamics to take place until AFTER He removes His saints from this earth. (Much like he removed Lot and his family before He judged Sodom and Gomorrah, or how he removed and protected Noah and his family before He sent the global flood).
  4. In the same way, God will not allow the antichrist to be revealed and to rise in power on the world scene until AFTER He removes His church.
  5. It is AFTER God removes His church that there is a full release of all the depraved dynamics that we see the globalists striving to bring upon the world even in our own time:
    - a. For example, it is after The Church is removed that global socialism is implemented and a one-world leader is given power and control. There are various national leaders who are on record even now saying they want this structure, however God will permit it only in His way and in His time.
    - b. That worldwide socialist system, that globalist mindset, will be perceived as "peace and safety" (*Cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:3*), but it will be a false and short-lasting peace according to *Revelation 6:4*.
    - c. It is within the fruition of this socialist-globalist mentality, that wars and interracial conflict will erupt everywhere. No surprises there, we've seen a destabilization and eruption of those same issues since the socialist-globalist leaders of our world today have fraudulently taken power.
    - d. It is within the blossoming of the socialist-globalist ideals that certain people's lives will be given priority and protection over other people's lives.
    - e. As we see the beginnings of it now, it will be the values, the politics, and the religious beliefs of certain groups that will be targeted.
    - f. Famines and food supplies will be strategically managed to disadvantage and to decimate certain populations.
    - g. It is the same thing with plagues and pandemics. These things will be intentionally designed and navigated to destroy and cause death to

certain populations. Again, we are seeing all this trying to gain traction now.

- h. And finally, with Seal Judgement #4, we see a campaign of Death directed against populations. Various means will be employed to bring about this genocide.
- i. All these things we see in Seal Judgements #1-#4 are showing early signs of taking place in our own time. However, they cannot fully manifest until the restrainer is removed, and the church is Raptured. The Bible is clear on this matter.

**NOTE:** I want to comment on one question I received recently. "You see all this very differently than the message that's being put out there in the media. How do you know you are correct?"

(a.) First of all, don't trust the media. Most of it operates by an agenda to distract you, and to cause you to believe things which are not true.

- Look at the various patently fraudulent elections, the deception of the COVID "vaccine," the assertion that men need tampons, and so on, just to illustrate that fact.

(b.) Secondly, it is only through a proper relationship with Jesus Christ that we can perceive the world we live in properly.

- **Proverbs 9:10** is very clear about this. It says, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*"
- I don't care how many degrees you have, or how many books you have written or read. If you don't have a right relationship with the Lord, you will not show true wisdom.

(c.) Thirdly, I believe as we get closer to the very end of time, we will see things with greater and greater clarity.

- There will also be a wider separation between those who wisely understand events that are happening, and those who make their decisions by the world's standards and values.
- Truthfully, the latter group understands very little about what's going on, and they constantly exhibit foolishness instead.

1. This is a Biblical truth. In **Daniel 12:10**, it reads:

*"Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand."*

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2. The point is, as we get closer and closer to the very end of time, two dynamics will take place:

- First, there will be a greater and greater chasm that exists between those who have the proper knowledge and fear of the Lord and who are able to perceive things with wisdom than those who speak by, act by, make decisions by the world's godless standards.
- Second, more and more truth about the end times and about what Bible prophecy is telling us, it will be understood as we get closer to the very end.
- Even Daniel himself, in **Daniel 12:8**, did not understand some of the things that were revealed to him.
- He was told that "...the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end." That means it won't be until the time of the end that some of the prophetic truths are fully understood.
- As we get closer and closer to that time, more and more will be understood about eschatology. There will be greater and greater separation of those truths from the lies and deceptions of the world.
- This, I think, is one of the reasons why sound pastors and strong Bible teachers often seem to go out on a limb. It is also why there are fewer and fewer of these folks.
- The things they teach and state, while based on Biblical truth, increasingly run counter to the direction and flow of the world's values. There are strong pressures to conform to the world and to its mindset.
- (OK, let's get back to our assumptions).

C. The third is the last assumption about these Seal Judgements and about this future time of judgment. We need to understand is every effort will be made to bury the truth and to put down anyone who declares it.

1. Even in our own time, truth-tellers are censored, shut down, ridiculed, fined, "fact checked," and even imprisoned and persecuted.
2. In some countries, truth tellers are killed. Believe me, the far left in our own country wants that same thing to happen here.
3. So, it should be no surprise to us to discern that Death and Hades are sent out on a worldwide genocidal campaign.
4. It should be no surprise that they empower a fourth of the world's population to kill by any means possible.
5. It should be no surprise that in a worldwide socialist-globalist stew of the devaluation of human life, the elevation of deceptive agendas, and the red carpet rollout of Satan's agenda, that truth, especially BIBLICAL truth, will receive a full-frontal assault.

**NOTE:** That brings us to something very important that we need to understand about Death and Hades' genocidal campaign. Turn to **Isaiah 28:14-19**

6. This is a prophetic passage which concerns the very end of time - - a timeframe which is the same as Seal Judgement #4.
7. It is a prophetic passage which may have some near-far application. A number of Biblical prophecies have this dynamic.
8. That means, they have a partial application in a prior event, but not all details of the prophecy find full fulfillment until another point in the future.
  - a. This is how some choose to see the **Psalms 83** prophecy. They see this passage as having partial fulfillment in Israel's War of Independence in 1948, but the full details of that prophecy are not completely addressed until a point still in the future.
  - b. Some commentators state this passage in **Isaiah 28** concerns a previous conflict Israel had with Assyria, but even if that is partially true, not all the details of this passage occurred at that time.
  - c. The full context of this passage makes it clear that God is prophetically speaking through Isaiah concerning the time of the end, and it appears that "the time of the end" is one and the same with the timeframe of Seal Judgement #4.

**NOTE:** It is at this point that I am going to lean on the excellent scholarly work of Bill Salus concerning this passage. He has done extensive study on this text as it applies to the time of the end.

- II. It is important to note that the riders called Death and Hades in **Revelation 6:7-8** are probably the same Death and Sheol (the Hebrew term for Hades) mentioned in **Isaiah 28:15, 18**.
  - A. This means that Death and Hades are going out on a specific mission - - this key agenda is to direct one fourth of the earth's population in **Revelation Ch. 6** to kill.
    1. And that's why we read in **vss. 15 and 18 of Isaiah Ch. 28**, that Death and Hades are the probable perpetrators, the agents, the overseers if you will of the "overflowing scourge."
    2. This "overflowing scourge" has, by this point, impacted the world. It's self-evident that it's a scourge of death. Again, the two parties are called Death and Sheol (AKA Hades).
    3. We know from **Revelation 6:7-8** that this "overflowing scourge" mentioned in **Isaiah 28** is a global genocidal campaign. The goal, as we've learned, is to kill, and there is a reason Death and Hades want to kill.
    4. They want to rid the world of opposition, of non-conformists. More on this in a moment.
    5. This "overflowing scourge" is what concerns Israel here in **Isaiah Ch. 28**, and causes Israel to become a signatory of the false covenant which **Daniel 9:27** confirms is the start of the Tribulation.

6. **Isaiah 28:15** reads (and I'll insert some emphases) "Because you (Israel) have said, "We have made a (false) covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.""
7. But according to **Isaiah 28:18**, this covenant "...will be annulled." It says in the same verse that this agreement "...will not stand."
8. That conforms precisely to **Daniel 9:27** where we find that the antichrist breaks the covenant he confirms with Israel after three and a half years.

B. I've just touched on some of the basics here that provide strong evidence to tie all this together.

NOTE: Here's the important thing to understand: If this is the case, then this means that the other party to the false covenant of **Daniel 9:27** comes on the scene with the opening of Seal Judgement #4.

1. If you are tracking with what I'm laying out here, that means that it's not until somewhere around this point that the start of the Tribulation begins, because The Tribulation starts with the confirmation of this covenant.
2. At the point where the covenant is confirmed, Israel, the antichrist **AND** Death and Sheol (Hades) are all together on the world stage.
3. Death and Hades are agents as I mentioned earlier. They represent a larger cause or campaign.
4. The Antichrist confirms the covenant between Israel **AND** Death and Sheol.
5. As I shared, this implies that the false covenant could be confirmed somewhere around this point. One might think that the Tribulation begins when Seal Judgment #4 is opened, however as we will see next week, the details of the fifth seal suggest that won't be the case.

### III. So, what are Death and Hades the agents of? Why are they on a genocidal mission? Why are they overseeing this 'overflowing scourge,' and "What is that all about? Why does Israel care?"

- A. As we learned in past lessons, there rapidly arises on the world scene after the Rapture a false one-world religious system. We've already learned in these lessons that:
  1. This false one-world religious system and the antichrist mutually depend on one another for a period of time. They both need each other for each to achieve their respective goals.
  2. The antichrist will hate this arrangement according to **Revelation 17:16**. At the halfway point of the Tribulation, the antichrist and his ten kings will destroy the false one-world religion viciously and the antichrist will demand self-worship instead.
  3. Until that halfway point, the false one-world religious system is genocidal and bloodthirsty against the true saints of God (**Cf. Revelation 17:6**). We will further see this fact affirmed next week with Seal Judgment #5.

4. Moreover, as we've studied at length in previous lessons, this false one-world religious system is largely built around the Catholic faith. There are various details in **Revelation ch. 17** to affirm this, as well as the letter to the Church in Thyatira in **Revelation 2:18-29**.
5. And as we've already learned – the implications of all of this are sobering:
  - a. Most of the Catholic church will be left behind in The Rapture.
  - b. They have adulterated the truth of the Gospel and they do not believe in a wide range of fundamental Biblical doctrines.
  - c. Moreover, as we also studied, the Catholic Church today is the most recent variation of the Roman Empire. Remember the evolution of that empire as we studied its history:
    - Western and Eastern Roman Empire: giving way eventually to the Eastern Leg headquartered in Constantinople, becoming the Holy Roman Empire, then the Holy Roman Catholic Church and today simply The Catholic Church.
    - It is an unbroken historical record proving that the Roman Empire never really went away; it just kept morphing.
    - Today, the Catholic Church is overseen by a pope who is a strong globalist, who believes in the arrival of aliens (and their absorption into the Catholic church), who touts multiple genders, global warming, interfaith cooperation, and a host of other woke and socialist ideas.

B. So, let's wrap all this up and tie it all together. Here are the bullet points to know:

1. Immediately after The Rapture the antichrist comes on the scene. He immediately begins to implement a socialist-globalist plan.
2. The false one-world religion arrives on the scene as well.
  - a. It's goal is to tie all remaining left-behind faiths together under one cooperative agenda headed up largely by occultic Catholic dogma.
  - b. A key goal of the false one-world religious system is to argue against the truth of The Rapture.
  - c. Even the antichrist will do this. **Revelation 13:6** says he will blaspheme against those "*who dwell in heaven.*" The Rapture proves the veracity of God's Word, and that truth will not be tolerated by a depraved world.
  - d. Any dissenting opinions will not be permitted, and many non-conformers will be targeted and killed as a result. Various tactics will be used to achieve this.
3. Fallen angels return to earth after the Rapture as various Biblical passages affirm, and it will be as in the days of Noah once more.
4. Their presence, and the "*counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders*" mentioned in **2 Thessalonians 2:9** that they are part of, will convince many that the antichrist is to be followed, that God does not really exist, and the false one-world religious system is the "*belief du jour*" to really get behind.

5. Deception will reign supreme. Truth will be actively put down, and many will be killed who question what is going on or choose to believe in Jesus Christ.
6. Also, at risk of being killed is anyone who chooses to hold to another faith or belief system. This is a problem for Israel, fresh off victories noted in ***Psalms 83, Jeremiah 49, Isaiah 17, and Ezekiel 38 and 39.***
7. Israel wants to build their third temple and reinstate the Levitical laws and sacrificial system. These details are noted in ***Daniel 9:27*** as well as hinted to in ***Isaiah 28:16-17.***
8. Because Israel wants no part of the “overflowing scourge,” this global genocidal campaign, and because Israel has uniquely demonstrated a strong rise in military and economic power - - the antichrist confirms a covenant with Israel AND with Death and Hades. The representative killing agents of this false one-world religious system.
9. The covenant details permit Israel to be an exception to the genocide that’s taking place on the world scene. At least that’s the way Israel’s boasting leadership will see it.
10. The covenant permits Israel to build her third temple and to reinstate the sacrificial system.
11. The Tribulation begins at the signing of this covenant according to ***Daniel 9:27.*** Therefore, logic tells us that it is sometime AFTER the arrival of Death and Hades and the opening of the Fourth Seal Judgment, that the Tribulation begins.
12. Death and Hades are also signatories to the covenant terms that the antichrist signs with Israel. Their PRESENCE, THEIR REPUTATION AND ROLE must already be actively on the world scene in order to motivate Israel to come to the table in the first place.
13. There are no other exceptions to these covenant terms provided on the world scene. In particular, Christians will be brutally killed as this false one-world religious system gains strength and momentum. We see that in ***Revelation Ch. 17,*** and we will study that in more detail with Seal Judgment #5 next week.
14. But, at the halfway point of the Tribulation, three and one half years into it, the antichrist decides he wants self-worship. So, he violently puts down, burns, and destroys this false one world religion according to ***Revelation 17:16.***
15. At the same time, he enters the third temple, sets up “*the abomination that causes desolation,*” he ends the sacrificial system the Jews have been engaged with, and he annuls the covenant he made with Israel.
16. Now, he pursues the Jews with all means possible in order to fully exterminate them. Israel thought they had an agreement, but instead, as ***Isaiah 28*** states, they “*made lies their refuge.*”
17. The Jews are now running for their lives, and the rest of the world is also threatened with extinction if they do not take the mark and worship the antichrist.

