

A Biblical View OF THE **END TIMES**

THE RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST, PART 3

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Review:

- In our in-depth study series on Bible prophecy, we are presently focused on the rise of the antichrist.
- We've had two lessons on this matter so far, and we're only part way into the things we will learn about this future evil despot that will rule the entire world.
- In studying God's Word on these matters, we've already corrected some popular misunderstandings about the antichrist:
 - We've learned his rise to prominence – contrary to conventional teaching - will not be sudden and explosive. It will be a gradual process. Perhaps even secretive for a while....
 - We've also learned that the antichrist *"cannot be revealed"* until **after the Rapture**. The Bible is crystal clear about this order in **2 Thess. 2:6-8**.
 - I'll re-read that passage here, and I will insert some reminders of what we've already learned from past lessons:

*"And you know what is restraining him now (**the antichrist**) so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it (**that is the Holy Spirit through the ministry and effect of His church**) will do so until he (**the Holy Spirit**) is out of the way. And THEN the lawless one (**the antichrist**) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.*

- What's clear from this passage – and its immediate context - is the antichrist cannot be revealed until **after** the Rapture.
- Till such point, God is working through His true believers, the church, to act as 'salt' and 'light' on a depraved world (that means we are preserving and exposing).

NOTE: Stop and consider the implications of what is being said there: **"the antichrist cannot be revealed until AFTER the Rapture."** This is a Biblical truth, and this poses real problems for a mid or post-Tribulation view.

- The post-Tribulation people believe the Rapture happens **at the end of the Tribulation**.

- ✓ If the post-tribulation Rapture proponents are correct, then the antichrist cannot be revealed until **after that point**.
 - ✓ That means the antichrist has **zero role to play** throughout the Tribulation. He does not kill the Two Witnesses. There is no Mark of the Beast, there is no global economic system, and so on and so on.
 - ✓ It also means the antichrist has **no role to play** in the closing phases of the Tribulation either. There is no Armageddon campaign, no forced worship system of the antichrist, and so on.
 - ✓ Clearly, the post-Tribulation view is a problematic notion that does not consider all the other Biblical texts. It is NOT what Scripture teaches.
- The fact that the antichrist cannot be revealed till AFTER the Rapture is also a big problem for the mid-Tribulation folks who believe the Rapture takes place around the midpoint of the Tribulation.
- ✓ That's because **Daniel 9:27** is very clear. The Tribulation **starts** with the confirmation of the covenant that the antichrist makes with Israel.
 - ✓ And again, remember, the antichrist, according to **2 Thessalonians 2:6-8**, cannot be revealed till AFTER the Rapture.
 - ✓ Therefore, the Rapture **cannot** happen 3 ½ years INTO the Tribulation, which is a point well **after** the covenant terms between Israel and the antichrist have already occurred.
 - ✓ The mid-Tribulation view consequently implies the antichrist would have already been revealed – at the latest – at a point no less than 3 ½ years BEFORE the Rapture.
 - ✓ This flips the clear Biblical chronology around and it ignores what God's Word plainly states.
- The fact that the antichrist cannot be revealed till **after** the Rapture also means we should stop speculating on who he is.
- ✓ He will not rise to power till Jesus Christ's **true** saints NOW are taken out of this world.
 - ✓ It will be those who come to true faith AFTER the Rapture that will see the antichrist's rise and his identity. Not **us** - here and now.
- **We also learned a few other important things last time we were together.**
 - Israel has a clear motive for coming to the table and confirming this covenant with the antichrist in the first place.
 - ✓ We ruled out FEAR and FORCE as being two of those motives. Israel will not FEAR her surrounding enemies and so she's not seeking a 'peace deal' as is traditionally taught.
 - ✓ Since Israel's main enemies she's always known will already have been defeated via several prophetic conflicts between now and that point, her motive is not FEAR. We will be learning more about this...

- ✓ Israel will also be very powerful and prosperous at this same point as well (again - we will be learning more about this), but other nations will not **FORCE** Israel to come to the table to be protected **from her**.
 - ✓ I believe the motive Israel has for confirming the covenant with the antichrist boils down to a matter of **FOCUS**.
 - ✓ She will want something very specific from these covenant terms. We are in the middle of learning about all that now.
- We also looked at the ramifications of the 5th Seal Judgment last time. This event is found in **Rev. 6:9-11** and it shows the **souls** of martyred saints who are crying out to God in heaven for answers.
- ✓ **NOTE:** This is **after** a picture or type of the Rapture that we find in **Rev. 4:1**. The Rapture has already happened **BEFORE** the 5th Seal Judgment.
 - ✓ The Day of the Lord has **already** started, and all church age saints have **already** been taken out of the world, and they have **already** received their glorified bodies.
 - ✓ But these are 'souls' in the 5th Seal Judgment – not glorified saints. And these souls are referring to bloodshed on earth that has happened **AFTER** the Rapture. That indicates they have been killed **AFTER** that point.
 - ✓ But these souls are also confused and distraught. They want to know **when** God's time of prescribed judgment on earth – His definitive time of wrath and vengeance – will begin(?).
 - ✓ They are clearly aware of the events and purposes of the Tribulation. But they also know what's going on down on earth, and they know the Tribulation has not yet started.
 - ✓ That's why they are asking God, "When do your judgments start? When will you begin the events that avenge our blood?"

NOTE: This is a powerful insight, and it shows several things we need to consider:

- It shows these 'souls' were martyred **AFTER** the Rapture, but **BEFORE** the Tribulation.
- It infers there is an unknown gap of time between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation.
- That also means the antichrist has not yet confirmed the covenant with Israel which **STARTS** the Tribulation.
- Had those covenant terms been consummated, these 'souls' would not be asking "When does this time of your prescribed judgments begin?" They would know it already had. It would already be underway according to **Dan. 9:27**.
- This is another indication that the antichrist – by this point of the 5th Seal Judgment – may not be fully revealed on earth. He could still be in the shadows, waiting his time.

NOTE: That's a solid review. Now, here's where I want to shift gears and look at another element which has relevance for everything we've just learned.

I want to take a step back and get a running start at understanding the 4th Seal Judgment. This will capture some points I barely had time to touch on before.

Keep in mind, I'm still considering this covenant that the antichrist confirms with Israel. I'm still focusing on the start of The Tribulation, which is when the antichrist is most likely to be FIRST revealed according to **Dan. 9:27**.

1. **Let's set some background on Seal Judgment #4.** We find information about this in **Rev. 6:7-8**. That passage reads as follows:

"When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, 'Come!' 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."

- Like Seal Judgments #1-#3 before, we see a horse. This is a pale green horse.
- But unlike Seal Judgments #1-#3, we see **two** personalities riding this horse.
- As I had shared, with the white horse, red horse, and black horse before, there was **one** entity riding each horse.

IMPORTANT: Each rider – and its associated horse - in each of Seal Judgments #1-#3 - represents a specific **dynamic**, a specific **situation** or a specific **effect(s)** on earth (i.e. rapid rise of globalism, open conflict, widespread economic ruin, and so on).

NOTE: I do not believe the riders themselves represent a particular individual. It is tenuous to say the rider on the white horse IS the antichrist, but then not assign a specific identity to the riders of the red and black horses. That is a traditional, but arbitrary, conclusion, and it dilutes the pattern which the Bible is trying to show us.

2. With this fourth horse - a pale green horse which suggests the image of death and decay – there are two entities riding it, and they are "Death" and "Hades."
 - "Death" is easy to understand here. It means "death" just like it says. It means no more "life."
 - "Hades" is not as easy to understand. Again, some English translations may say "Hell" instead of "Hades," but "Hades" is the better translation.
 - "Hades" is a Greek word. We've learned about Hades already. It's the same as the Hebrew word "Sheol." It describes the realm of the dead – here, it represents the state of souls after the physical person dies.
 - We studied this issue in depth a few lessons ago – so, no need to go through it again.
 - ✓ But Hades here implies real conditions that – literally – "follow" death, and it is personified as one of the two "riders" of this pale green horse.

NOTE: Again – let’s consider what is meant by “personified.” Wisdom is personified in **Proverbs Ch. 8** as a woman who calls out trying to get people to gain what she offers. That’s personification. It’s applying human-like qualities to a non-human source.

- ✓ That’s the situation with Death and Hades here, they are personified – they are pictured as human-like with will, intent, and purpose.
- ✓ They are both associated with this pale green fourth horse, and with this 4th Seal Judgment, and they will BOTH have a role to play.
- ✓ (So) as we consider the conditions of the world that Israel will be seeing around her when this covenant is confirmed in **Dan. 9:27**, Death and Hades will impact the decisions of Israel’s leaders then.
- ✓ Death and Hades represent broad conditions and events in the world that Israel will want to be INSULATED from - - going back to our outline from last week.

3. Now, it’s very important to see that Death and Hades are “*given power over a fourth of the earth.*”

- Traditionally, it is taught that a quarter of the earth will die here. I once taught that and believed this is what it is saying. I know better now...
- This is very different wording than – say, **Rev. 9:15**, where we are told “*a third of mankind is killed,*” or in other texts where we read a third of the trees are burned, a third of the water turned bitter, etc.
- Here, Death and Hades are “*given power over a fourth of the earth.*” One fourth of the earth is **empowered** – commissioned - to kill.
- Four means of killing are defined:
 - ✓ Sword – this represents all forms of direct violence
 - ✓ Famine
 - ✓ Plague or pestilence
 - ✓ Beasts of the earth (this is “*therios*” – same Greek term used for the antichrist; likely a reference to non-humans; Nephilim entities).

NOTE: But here is where we need to consider another very important passage that comes from the OT. It’s **Isaiah 28:14-16**, and it reads as follows:

*“Therefore hear the word of the LORD, O scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. For you said, “We have made a **covenant** with **death**; we have fashioned an agreement with **Sheol** (or Hades). When the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not touch us, because we have made lies our refuge and falsehood our hiding place. So this is what the Lord GOD says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will never be shaken.”*

- I believe the Bible shows this prophecy has a dual application (**past:** conquest of the northern kingdom of Israel by Assyria in 722BC / **future:** start of Tribulation).

- This is what some prophecy scholars call a ‘near-far’ prophecy. It applies to a past time, but its fuller application is in a future time.

NOTE: But I want to alert you to the important points from this *Isaiah* passage: something deeply troubles the Jewish state. This is evident by what Isaiah says about this covenant (notice that word - - it’s the same Hebrew word that is found in ***Dan. 9:27***).

- We see Israel’s leadership is very concerned about an “*overflowing scourge*” that is raging in the world-at-large around them.
- And so, they enter an **unwise** covenant with Death and Sheol in ***Isaiah 28:15***. It’s the same thing as Death and Hades in ***Revelation 6:8***.
- This covenant is based upon “*lies and falsehood*.” In fact, a little further on, in ***Isaiah 28:18***, it says this covenant will be “*annulled*” – it “*will not stand*.”
- That’s exactly what ***Dan. 9:27*** says. The terms of the covenant will be unilaterally dissolved by the antichrist in the middle of the Tribulation.
- ***Verses 16 and 17 of Isaiah Ch. 28*** add another element; they mention words and phrases associated with architectural matters: “*lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone*” – “*a precious cornerstone*” – “*a sure foundation*” – “*measuring line*” – “*plumb line*,” and so on.
- There is a strong suggestion in ***Isaiah 28*** that this covenant (in the future sense) is somehow associated with architecture, or a building, a structure.
- (And) in ***Daniel 9:27***, it is strongly implied that the covenant the antichrist confirms with Israel is associated with “*sacrifices and offerings*” and “*the temple*.”
- The question is therefore raised as to what this “*overflowing scourge*” might be, what Death and Hades represent – as well as how they are acting.

NOTE: So, let’s dive in to discover what it is that Israel will want to be INSULATED from....

- We learned that the Bible makes the case that Israel will want two main things: I call them INSULATION, and INSTITUTION.
 - We began last week to understand the first of those two things: INSULATION.
 - The idea I presented was that Israel will want to be INSULATED from those things that are going on in the world at that time.
 - Israel will want no part of what the rest of the world is dealing with in this traumatic and eventful post-Rapture / pre-Tribulation gap of time.
 - Again, we do not know how long this gap is between the Rapture and the onset of the Tribulation, but there is one there.
 - The Tribulation starts with the signing of the covenant between the antichrist and Israel, and for this to happen, the antichrist must rise to power and prominence on the world scene.
 - As well, there must be events that will routinely be taking place that Israel wants no part of.

- These things will take some time to come together - - we do not know if it is weeks, months, or even years.
- But to help us understand this post-Rapture / pre-Tribulation timeframe, we looked at the seal judgments of **Rev. Ch. 6**.
 - In particular, we looked at Seal Judgment #5 which describes those martyred saints.
 - We noted that they are asking God, “How long till you judge the inhabitants of the earth.”
 - I suggested to you that these martyred saints do not know where the timeline is at. They have no reference point. Further, they are asking when God’s judgments will start.
 - Their question to God would make no sense if the Tribulation had already started by this point:
 - ✓ Number one, they would know where they are in the timeline. The Bible is very clear about the chronology after the Tribulation.
 - ✓ Number two, they would know that God’s judgment had already begun. They wouldn’t be asking when it would start.
 - My conclusion is these saints are martyred in that gap of time between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation. I’ve arrived at the same conclusion that other scholars, like Bill Salus have come to.
- To help us understand how and why these martyred saints came to be killed as they were, we backed up one step to look at Seal Judgment #4.
 - Seal judgment #4 is about Death and Hades having power OVER one-quarter of the earth’s population to kill.
 - They wield tremendous sway and influence over 25% of the earth at this future point to murder many.
 - And it would seem – from looking at Seal Judgment #5 – that their focus is on those who follow Jesus Christ. It is this population that they are most murderous against.
 - ✓ **Rev. 6:9** tells us that these martyred saints were “slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.”
 - ✓ So that is clearly a reason these folks were targeted.
 - However, while that is true, I think the bigger picture tells more. I think Death and Hades are ALSO intent on killing anyone who does not conform to a larger agenda – more specifically, to a one-world religious system that will emerge and take over after the Rapture.
 - THIS is one of the key issues that Israel will want INSULATION against. And here’s where we pick up from where we left off last week.

NOTE: Let me set the right picture here with some important reminders about this future point in time just before the onset of the Tribulation:

- The world will be in unprecedented upheaval. The Rapture has taken place and extreme efforts are being made to explain it away by any means other than the truth. We’ve learned this in our previous lessons.

- The Holy Spirit's ministry and influence through the church is gone. The Holy Spirit is not gone (He's omnipresent, and His role is still to convict people of their sin), but the values and the impact of those who are believers are no longer present.
- The antichrist is rising on the world stage now that the Rapture has taken place. He cannot be revealed until the church is removed.
- Now that he IS rising, and now that globalism is taking over, extreme lawlessness abounds. Not only lawlessness, but deception and lies, wars and conflicts, and all sorts of food shortages and economic disruptions.
- These things will markedly exacerbate after the Rapture. We just see the smallest shadows of all these things now, but they will become FAR worse after we are gone.
- As I have previously taught, this is also a time when the fallen angels will return and *"mingle themselves with the seed of men"* according to **Dan. 2:43**. It will be "as the days of Noah" as Jesus warned once more.
- I believe whatever form of Nephilim emerges at this future time – it may be the 'beasts' of **Rev. 6:8**. The Greek word "therion" is the same word used here as the one used to describe the antichrist as a 'beast.'
- I personally believe a false one-world religion will arise and take over the globe rapidly after the Rapture. This is discussed in great detail in **Rev. Ch. 17**, and we will be studying this in-depth.
- But for our purposes today, this false one-world religious system will be a stew of occultic, new-age, evolutionary, globalist, and climate control ingredients. It will seek to murder anyone that does not conform to its deceptions.
- That's why the saints are martyred in the 5th Seal Judgment. The Bible says they clung to "the word of God and they maintained their testimony." They held to the truth. For that, they paid the price with their lives.
- We already see the shadow of this dynamic starting today. Recently, various of the left have vented extreme anger against Christians. Some of them have used the word "kill" against those they despise.
- The left hates God, and they hate those who follow God and hold to His laws and values. They'll even assassinate such folks if they want to.
- This present-day situation will become far worse in that period after the Rapture. And it will continue to worsen from there.
- Death and Hades will have a field day after the Rapture. It will be legal - and it will be encouraged - to kill anyone who does not conform to the new world order and the false global religion that will take over.

NOTE: So, as you can see - - this whole situation will be a problem for the Jews and for Israel.

- **Dan. 9:27** suggests that the temple will be rebuilt by the terms of the covenant, and we know from that same verse that the sacrificial systems will be put in place and will be operating.

- That will clearly be an exception to what is going on in the rest of the world. While the rest of the world is being forced to conform to a one-world false religion, Israel will want to do its own thing.
- This is what I mean by INSULATION. Israel will want to be insulated from what is going on in the world around them. She will want no part of the murderous and deceptive events that are decimating the rest of humanity.
- She will want her own religious system. She'll want her temple and sacrificial system - - and this is what I mean by INSTITUTION. This is the second of her two motives.

NOTE: It's here that I want to unpack a bit more information about Death and Hades.

- We've seen that they are personified in **Rev. Ch. 6** as two riders on the fourth horse.
- The Bible paints Death and Hades as having will and intent - - as having power and authority.
- Now we need to glance sideways a bit and see that Death and Sheol are also personified the very same way in **Isaiah 28:14-16** which I read a bit ago.
- It is in this passage where we see Death and Sheol (or 'grave') as being two entities that the boastful leaders of Israel **will enter a covenant with**. It's very important that we see Israel will strike a deal with these two personified entities which have will, power, and intent.
 - Why are these leaders boastful? After all, they have already been victorious in several major wars and conflicts.
 - Their traditional enemies have been defeated. By this point, the War of Gog and Magog is behind them. God will have supernaturally demonstrated His protection over Israel and the Jews.
 - They will be boastful for their successes in wars and for achieving their wishes.

NOTE – I mentioned before that this passage in *Isaiah 28:14-16* is a prophetic one that has near-far application.

- In the NEAR sense, it applied to the Assyrian conquest and the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC.
- In the FAR sense, it applies also to the start of the Tribulation.

NOTE: Some people have trouble seeing how this passage could apply to two different situations. So, let's talk briefly about Scriptures that have a "near-far" prophetic application. The OT is full of these kinds of passages:

1. For example, there is **Isaiah 40:3-5**.
 - This passage was originally given as a word of comfort about the return of the captives from Babylon. That's the NEAR application. It had relevance then.
 - But later we also see it also was a word about John the Baptist who would prepare the way for the Messiah (**Cf. Mark 1:2-3**). That's the FAR application. It also had relevance later in time.
2. Here's another example, and it's found in **Psalms 22**.

- David is lamenting his extreme despair. He feels as though he is being rejected by God.
- He is surrounded by enemies that want to kill him, and several of his statements have profound near-far application:
- He says in **vs. 1**, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* (and we know Jesus quoted those very same words on the cross)
- David further mentions those who hurl insults at him. He says he is *“poured out like water...that all his bones can be counted and they are out of joint....that his garments are being divided....that his hands and feet are pierced...and that he is suffering extreme thirst.....etc.”*
- We know all these specific elements were part of Jesus’ crucifixion experience as He paid the ultimate penalty for sin. Again, there’s a NEAR-FAR application.

There are many other OT passages that have a near-far prophetic application, and I believe this same dynamic is what we are seeing in **Isaiah Ch. 28**.

NOTE: Let’s pull all this together. I want to underscore several points as we move forward.

- First, I think it’s important for us to consider the premise that the Death and Hades of the Fourth Seal Judgment in **Revelation 6:7-8** are likely the very same Death and Sheol that are mentioned in **Isaiah 28:15&18 (REVIEW THESE TWO MENTIONS)**.
- And if we can accept that reasonable premise, then we must also consider the fact that Death and Hades – while not specifically mentioned in **Dan. 9:27** – factor in to the confirmation of the covenant that **starts** the 7 years of the Tribulation.
- Within these three passages (**Rev. Ch. 6, Dan. Ch. 9, and Isaiah Ch. 28**), lie some key issues and some related themes. For example:
 - There is the ratification **AND** the annulment of a future covenant.
 - This covenant includes an arrangement with Death and Hades (or Sheol).
 - This covenant is also made with boastful and scoffing Jewish leaders that rule Jerusalem.
 - This covenant is confirmed by the antichrist.
 - This covenant ultimately ends up being a lie – a deception.
 - And - - for Israel, this covenant addresses something called *“the overflowing scourge.”*
 - (I could say more, but my point is made....)
- Putting all these connections together means that Death and Hades are the likely perpetrators of this “overflowing scourge” that is mentioned in **Isaiah 28:15**.
 - So, getting back to the issue of Israel’s FOCUS as being their motive for entering this covenant - - I feel this overflowing scourge is what Israel wants to be INSULATED from.

IMPORTANT: Let me be very clear; I believe this “overflowing scourge” mentioned in **Isaiah 28:15** is **one and the same** with the *“power which is given to one-fourth of the earth’s population to kill”* mentioned in **Rev. 6:8**.

- And so, this role of Death and Hades leading up to the start of The Tribulation is a role that is very distressing to Israel.
- It's something Israel wants INSULATION from, and it's something that motivates Israel to become a participant in this future covenant which is based in lies.

NOTE: Now, it's time to examine these matters of Death and Hades more closely.

- I want to tell you where I am at with my thinking as I study the greater counsel of God's Word.
 - As I do so, I want to pull together various elements of our study series up to this point.
1. First, and as the topical point here, I believe Death and Hades in **Rev. 6:7-8** represents an expression or function of a one-world religious system that has massive sway and influence at this future point in time.
 - This massive sway and influence is represented as being OVER – or IN CONTROL OF - one fourth of the world's population.
 - As we know from previous lesson points, this will be a future iteration of the fourth – and final – Gentile empire: the Roman empire.
 - That's how God sees it anyways. There is a direct connection between the Roman Empire of Jesus' First Coming, and the Roman Empire of Jesus' Second Coming.
 - More on that later....
 2. I feel this one-world religious system will emerge from foundations that were already laid and in place before the Rapture.
 - It will rapidly impose itself upon the entire globe immediately following the Rapture.
 - And one of its chief goals will be to explain away the Rapture.
 3. I believe this one-world religious system will be heavily infused with the display of occultic supernatural miracles, entities, and wonders which will result in a "*powerful delusion*" according to **2 Thess. 2:11**.
 - It will be a "seeing is believing" situation.
 - It will be a situation which will see the inhabitants of the earth interacting with fallen angels "*as it was in the days of Noah*" according to **Matt. 24:37**.
 - These fallen angels and dark spiritual entities will directly "*mingle themselves with the seed of men*" according to **Dan. 2:43**.
 - The inhabitants of the earth at that time will embrace the role of these fallen angels and deceptive entities as being one that has mankind's best interests at heart.

- Mankind at that time will buy into the notion that they are the lucky ones for having missed the Rapture. It was the fuddy-duddies that were taken out of the way so the rest who remained could evolve.
4. It makes perfect sense to me that this one-world religious system will not tolerate dissenters or anyone that does not want to conform to its belief system and to its lies.
 - We already have ample evidence of this kind of intolerance and hatred now from those who set up fraudulent governments, who believe in climate change, who embrace socialism, and who want a one-world government.
 - If you speak the truth about any of these things today, you are flagged, censored, oppressed, and shut down.
 5. **IMPORTANT:** I believe this one-world religious system will behave in the future the same way it has already shown tendencies to behave in the past.
 - We will see this to be the case in **Rev. Ch. 17** when we study that passage.
 6. And I see the character and tactics of this one-world religious system will be one the Bible calls an “*overflowing scourge*.”
 - It will persecute and kill anyone who does not embrace its goals, its lies, and its mission.
 - Its ambition is not to encourage unity, but to impose conformity. Again - - we see these tendencies in our own time from those who have rejected God and His laws.
 7. I believe this one-world religious system will cultivate a specific hatred against anyone that has trusted in Jesus Christ for their salvation....much the same way it has before.
 - Death and Hades will enforce compliance to a message that runs contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Truth will not be welcome. It will be shut down and silenced at all costs.
 8. And this is why I believe the martyred saints in the 5th Seal Judgment of **Rev. 6:9-11** immediately follow the introduction of Death and Hades in the 4th Seal Judgment.
 - As I see the flow and presentation, one quarter of the world’s population is influenced by Death and Hades to martyr these Christians.
 - As the Bible says, they have stood for the Word of God and they have ‘maintained a righteous testimony.’ They will be hated for this.

These are some of the issues which – when considered carefully - help us to understand some of the content of this false covenant that the antichrist confirms with Israel.

NEXT WEEK: Revelation 17 – What is the harlot one-world religion? And, what does the Bible show us about the temple being rebuilt as part of the covenant that the antichrist confirms with Israel?



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