

DAY 16: THE COMING WORLD WAR AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

The seven seals are judgement events poured out by Jesus. They are sequential events under the sovereign control of the Lord. The first four events (four horses) are enacted by humans on humans, the final events are enacted by God. The rider on the white horse is the Antichrist, who establishes a form of peace that will be shattered when the second seal is torn.

I. GRANTED VS. TAKEN

- A. "A crown was given to him"(Revelation 6:2)
- B. "Permitted to take peace... he was given a great sword." (v. 4)
- C. In multiple places we see the Antichrist given power and authority by God (Daniel 7-9, Daniel 11, Revelation 12-13).
- D. Satan also gives the Antichrist his power, throne, and authority (Revelation 13:2)
- E. God will some day give the Saints over into the hand of the enemy
 - 1. Jesus bore the cross to show us how to carry one
 - 2. Jesus' cross-bearing absolves our penalty for sin, but it does not absolve us from the mandate to follow His ways
 - 3. Our cross bearing displays Jesus to the nations

II. THE FINAL WORLD WAR

- A. The opening of the second seal describes the final World War (Revelation 6:4)
 - 1. A series of military campaigns that will set context for the taking of peace
 - 2. Will be shocking in magnitude
 - 3. Essentially God removing his restraining hand to reveal the nature of man
 - 4.
- B. The beginning of the end will be the emergence of a political leader, bent on conquest, who stirs up the most brutal war in all of human history
- C. The great sword (v. 4)
 - 1. Describes violence that has never been seen before
- D. The first seal shows the rider carrying a bow and wearing a crown
 - 1. The crown representing political authority
 - 2. Carrying the bow representing false peace (having power, not using it)
- E. The second seal shows the sword ready to act

III. PEACE TAKEN FROM THE EARTH

- A. The Syrian Civil War is a good example of what it looks like when peace is taken and a sword is given
 - 1. A political-military power exercised in a way that is catastrophic
 - 2. Imagine this on a global scale
- B. The arrival of the Antichrist and the new world order brings a perception of peace
 - 1. Later, we see him devoted to destruction ([Daniel 11](#))
- C. Having peace taken from the Earth will culminate in the Abomination of Desolation
- D. Series of military confrontations that take place before the Abomination of Desolation is set up ([Daniel 11](#))
- E. Wars and rumors of wars before the Abomination of Desolation is set up ([Matthew 24:4-8, 9-14](#))
- F. Jesus told us that there would be war before the Abomination of Desolation, this means that peace will be taken before the Abomination of Desolation
- G. “When they say peace, sudden destruction comes upon them” ([1 Thessalonians 5](#))
 - 1. Upon who? The people that establish peace
 - 2. Peace in the Middle East is not established without confrontation
- H. The violation of Israel’s borders will take place before the Abomination of Desolation is set up
 - 1. Have to first occupy the land to be able to set up the Abomination of Desolation

IV. FALSE PEACE & THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

- A. The Antichrist will set up a covenant with many at the beginning of seven years ([Daniel 9:27](#))
- B. He was then desolate the City at the end of the seven years
- C. There is an establishment of false-peace that always is a precursor to the Antichrist setting up the Abomination of Desolation
- D. There will be a season of significant war before the next phase of the Antichrist’s conquest