# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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 Gen 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; <u>he will crush your head</u>, and you will strike his heel."

• Theologically, this is called "protoevangelium", or "first gospel".

• It's a promise that has been in place since the fall – partially fulfilled on the cross, but it's ultimate fulfillment is yet future and, is played out in The Revelation of Jesus Christ. (Rev 6-19 is the crushing of Satan's head)

### Daniel 9

 20 I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the Lord my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. 21 As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He explained to me, "Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. 23 The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.

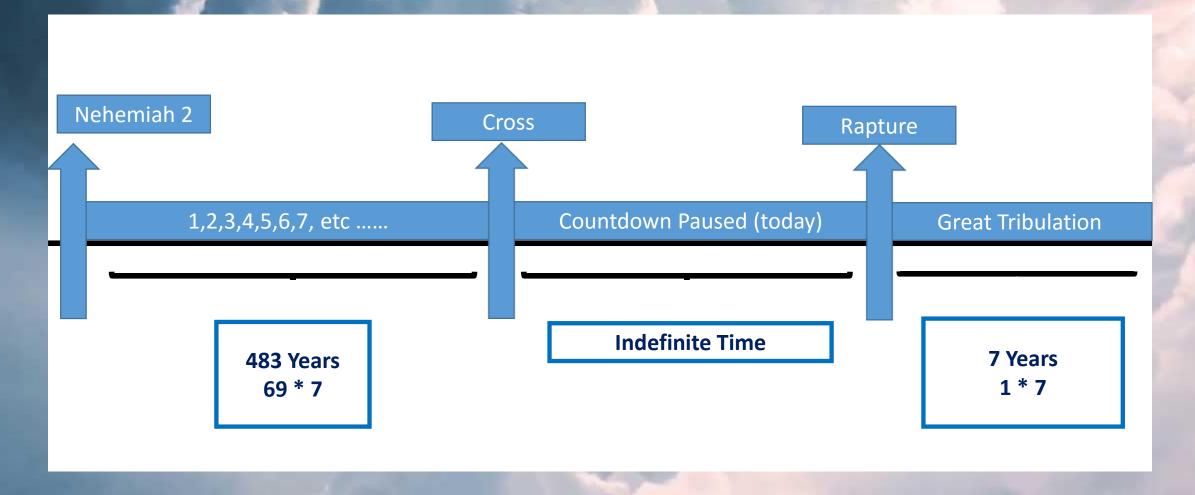
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• 24 "A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. 25 Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One —comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.

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• 26 "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. 27 The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."

## Daniel 9 (70 weeks of years)



 6 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. 3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. 5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine." 7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." 8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

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 Chapter 6 begins with Jesus, the Lion of Judah, and the Lamb of God, opening the first seal on the scroll that was in the Father's hand.

 The chapter will take us all the way through the first six seals, and what is not obvious, without reading the rest of the book, is that the seven seals encompass the whole period of seven years.

 Within the 7<sup>th</sup> seal are contained all of the trumpet and bowl judgments. So the seven seals cover all seven years.

- The first four seals cover the first ½ (3.5 years) of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week, and it is at this point that Anti-Christ declares he is God and demands worship.
- Daniel 9:27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, <u>but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to</u> <u>sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will</u> <u>come one who makes desolate</u>, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."
- The 5<sup>th</sup> seal produces the martyrs who refused the worship the beast of Daniel 9 and Matthew 24 so the 5<sup>th</sup> seal is right around the mid point of the Great Tribulation.

• The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> seals happen in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Great Tribulation in rapid succession.

• In fact, Jesus calls the early troubles in Math 24 "birth pangs" for in verse 8 we read, "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."

• Birth, or labor pains, point to, and signal, a big event and as the event gets closer and closer the labor pains intensify and come in more rapid succession – that is an apt description of seals #6 and #7.

 Most of mankind has thought for years that the world is heading for a massive war known as Armageddon, and while that is true, it is also true that the world will first experience world wide peace.

 Rev 6:2 "I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

• The rider on this horse is not Jesus, it could be Anti-Christ, but is probably more of an idea, "world peace".

 People have spent hours and hours trying to figure out who it is that rides this white horse, but few spend any time at all on the red, black, and pale horse riders.

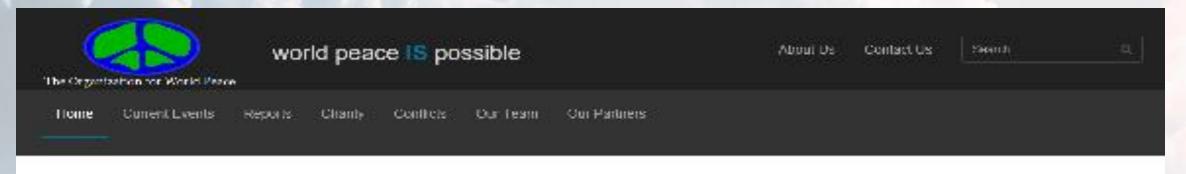
• The rider on the white horse has a crown (not a diadem as Jesus wears), that was given to him <u>seemingly</u> without a fight.

• He has a bow, but no arrows, and somehow he is awarded victories (he went out conquering and to conquer).

 So what is it about this rider on the white horse that makes him so successful at conquering?

• I believe it is the mere promise, the concept of world wide peace. (again, could be delivered by Anti-Christ)

• If you "google" WORLD PEACE you will find many organizations dedicated to the idea that man can live in universal peace with one another.



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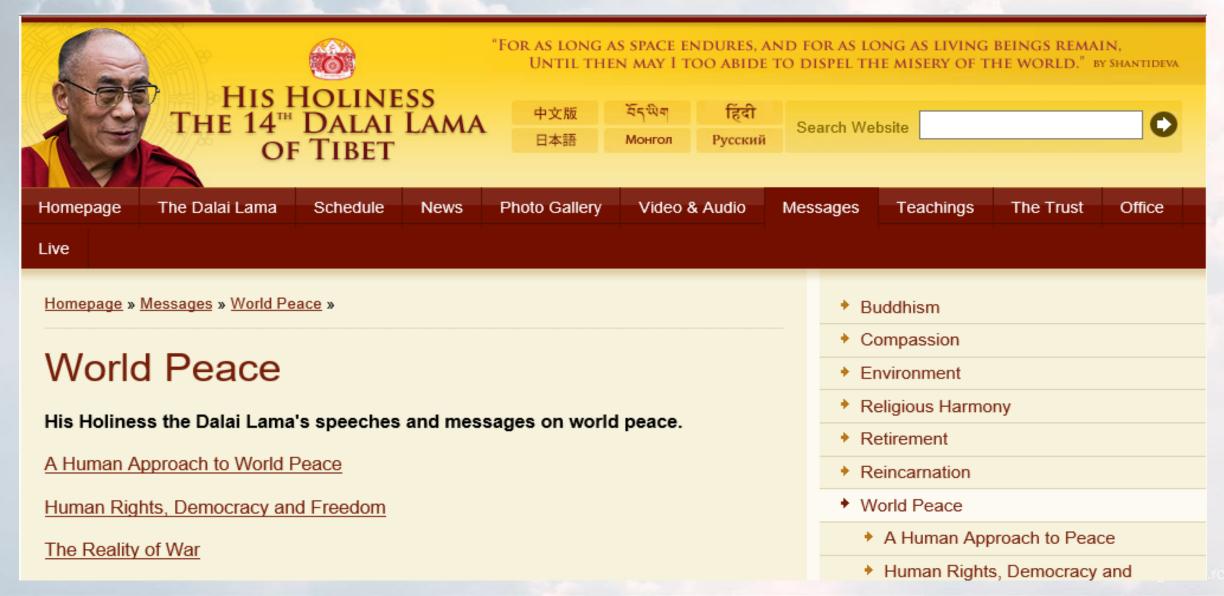
Words carry vibrations strong enough to inspire, heal and transform the human heart as well as the Kingdom of plants, animals and all creation.



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### The Promise of World Peace

In 1985, the Universal House of Justice addressed a message to the peoples of the world inviting them to consider that a new social order can be fostered by all peoples' seeing themselves as members of one universal family. This message was presented to world leaders and countless others during the United Nations International Year of Peace.

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### To the Peoples of the World:

The Great Peace towards which people of good will throughout the centuries have inclined their hearts, of which seers and poets for countless generations have expressed their vision, and for which from age to age the sacred scriptures of mankind have constantly held the promise, is now at long last within the reach of the nations. For the first time in history it is possible for everyone to view the entire planet, with all its myriad diversified peoples, in one perspective. World peace is not only possible but inevitable. It is the next stage in the evolution of this planet—in the words of one great thinker, "the planetization of mankind".

• So when the rider on the white horse is awarded victories without any arrows, and is given a crown it just may because the idea of world peace is so intoxicating.

But it will be short-lived, and it is in fact, a deception.

 Jesus predicted that the 'end' would begin with a deception.

- Math 24:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many."
- Jesus is responding to "when is the end?" and says it is coming, and it begins with a great deception.
- And our world is ripe for this very deception because the intellectual elites have been dreaming of a utopian society for years and years.

### **False Peace**

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### War

 6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

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### **Famine**

 Math 24:7 and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

### Death

 Math 24:9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

### **Famine**

• Rev 6: When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

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 Again we see one of the four living ones before the throne involved in the coming judgment.

 This time the horse is red, and he is the horse of war and the judgment on the earth is war.

• Remember Jesus said the 'end' would begin with a deception? The 'world peace' was the first judgment because it set the world up for a big fall.

• When the third seal is broken we read, "Rev 6:5 Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth."

• If this were to happen today, we would talking about 1 billion people or more. (remember this post-rapture)

• I should note here that all of the judgments we will see are ordered by God. This is the time of His wrath.

• 1st Thes 1:9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

More evidence that the rapture is pre-tribulation.

 Mark 13:8 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

• So far we've seen a false, deceptive, peace and now we see war unleashed on the earth killing as many as 25% of the population.

 And these are just the beginning of the birth pangs signaling God's ultimate triumph over sin, death, and the devil's ultimate defeat.

- Anti-Christ will be a key player in the judgment of war as he was in the judgment of the false peace.
- Dan 9: 23 "In the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. 24 "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. 25 "And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without human agency.

• Oh, and not to be forgotten in all of the things that will be coming down on mankind in chapters 6 – 19, there seems to be no end to the war and slaughter that begins with the second seal.

 So while people are starving, being attacked by diseases, by animals, being subjected to earthquakes and pestilences, there is the ever present danger of war.

May God have mercy on those who do not trust Him.

