

God's Final Move

1 John 2:18-23, 4:2-3 / Mal. 3:1, 4:5-6

John is an enemy of the state who has been banished to the Isle of Patmos, an island reserved for Rome's worst criminal. This is a lonely island surrounded by nothing but water. He can hear the sound of screeching seagulls. He can feel the vibrations as waves are crashing against the rocks. At the age of approximately 85-86 years old he has survived being boiled in oil and is now writing the last book of your Bible. When he was caught up in the Spirit he was shown the things which are and the things which shall be.

Jesus starts off his discourse to John by addressing the seven churches of Asia Minor. These seven churches obviously represent the church age of which we are presently in. The last of the seven churches is Laodicea, an apathetic, luke-warm, obese church that has lost its effectiveness upon the world in the days in which it exist. The description of this church as being the final one of the church age period describes perfectly the time in which we live and the time of which multitudes of other Bible passages describe the church in the last day:

- Matthew 24:12 - And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
- 2 Peter 3:4 (NLT) - Scoffers will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created."

- 1 Timothy 4:1-2 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron...
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 - Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed...

Unfortunately this seems to be the condition of the modern church. Yet in the midst of this unholy mess Jesus is one day coming like a thief in the night and for those of us who eagerly long for his appearing we will be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the air in something called the “catching away” or “the rapture”.

This event is exactly what John saw in...

- Revelation 4:1 “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.’”

From this passage we can clearly see that at the close of the church age represented by the seven churches in chapter 2 & 3 that the church is taken to heaven a seven-year period that is coming on the earth called the Tribulation. I believe that it is crystal clear that the

church will not be on the earth during the tribulation period (which I discussed at length last week) because the church is not mentioned again in the book of Revelation till the end in chapter 22, and then only to reference what was written to the churches in chapter 2-3.

If the church is God's grand idea and has been the focus of God's agenda for the last 2000 years; if the church is the center of the New Testament writings and is the body of Christ upon the earth; how is it possible that it would not be mentioned even once during the seven-year tribulation period? I believe it is not mentioned at all because it is not here upon the earth during the tribulation period!

What does world look like after the church is taken out? When John the revelator is caught up into heaven around the throne he sees a scroll with seven seals.

In chapter 6 John sees the Lamb of God break the first four seals on the scroll and the four horses of the apocalypse start galloping across the globe beginning the Tribulation period. These fateful and fearful horses make up the Anti-Christ spirit and agenda in the last days.

The White Horse - He is not Jesus – he is the anti-Christ o The white horse is mounted by a rider who "had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer" (Rev. 6:2). Some have confused this image with the one in Revelation 19, also

a rider on a white horse. A quick comparison of chapters 6 and 19 reveals the two riders have little in common except that they ride white horses. o The white horse rider in chapter 6 is bent on conquest. The intent of the rider in chapter 19 is to exact divine and just retribution for sin. This rider is called "Faithful and True" and he judges and makes war with justice (19:11). He is called "the Word of God" and his name is "King of kings and Lord of Lords" (19:13, 16). The rider on the white horse in Revelation 19 is unmistakably Jesus, the triumphant Messiah coming to rule the world. o The two riders on white horses serve as theological bookends for Revelation. The figure in Revelation 6 is a fraudulent copy of Jesus Christ, the true messiah. When the white horse rider of Revelation 6 goes out to conquer, havoc and death result. When the Messiah on the white horse of chapter 19 goes out to conquer, he ushers in peace and salvation.

- He is a man (not a computer or an organization). – Daniel 8:15 2.
- He is Satan's demonic messiah – Daniel 8:24 3.
- He will be a great geo-political problem solver - promising the world peace but will bath the world in blood as he conquers while the rest of the world watches without response. This white horse rider is deceiving the world and America right now. This so called treaty (deal) that we have made with Iran is a trick of the enemy.
 - Congress, get rid of the Iran deal now and stand up for Israel or America will be lost in the wake of our stupidity. Wake up congress; make our America military strong

again so that our enemies fear us – WHO CARES IF THEY LIKE US!

- He will institute a one-world system - monetary system, military system and religious system through the mark of the beast.
- He will be heavily involved in Mideast issues - I expect the Antichrist to be a leader who will be heavily involved in shaping relations between Israel and its neighbors. The main reason for this expectation is that Daniel 9:27 tells us that the Antichrist will be able to confirm a “covenant with many” for “one week” (seven years).
- He will be a successful military leader - I think the Antichrist will likely become a successful military leader (if he isn't already a decorated military leader before his rise) in the latter portion of his rise as Daniel 11:39 suggest that he will be able to take on the strongest opponents and win.
- He will be extremely arrogant - I think it is fairly obvious that the Antichrist will have a gigantic ego since he will have the audacity to claim that he is God and will demand the world to worship him. Dan 11:36 / Dan 8:25
- He will change laws and times - Daniel 7:25 9.
- He will have an issue with women • Dan 11:37 - Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.
- He will have supernatural powers • Daniel 8:24 - His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully [to an extraordinary degree], and shall prosper.

The Red Horse

- Over 700 Million people have died in wars since the beginning of documented history. But there is a day coming soon when what took 6000 years to kill 700 Million – 1.5 billion will die in just 3 ½ years. How is that possible? Through the frightening prospect of nuclear war...
- On August 6, 1945, man's destructive capabilities greatly intensified, and the scope of warfare would never be the same. Mankind had come to a turning point—when ALL LIFE on Earth could now be erased in a single brief orgy of war! (Pic of nuclear Bomb on Screen)
- Today longtime enemies India and Pakistan possess nuclear weapons, and although currently talking again, twice in recent years they have rattled their sabers to threaten a holocaust on the South Asian subcontinent.
- (Pic of North Korean leader and Army on screen) North Korea, in violation of signed agreements, has developed several nuclear warheads and stated its intention to produce more in short order. U.S. intelligence sources acknowledged the North Koreans' claim was credible. The renegade country also has an aggressive missile program, steadily increasing their range to the point that last February CIA director admitted Korean ICBMs were now capable of hitting the western United States.
 - U.S. analysts also fear that cash-starved North Korea, which markets its Scud-class missiles throughout the Arab sphere, may up the ante by adding nuclear warheads to the weaponry it offers for sale around the world—possibly

making them available to terrorist groups for the right price.

- Libya, who renounced efforts to develop and deploy weapons of mass destruction, was quickly found to have a nuclear program “much further advanced” than Western intelligence agencies had believed—one that had existed secretly for more than a decade.
- Iran, identified by President George W. Bush as part of the “axis of evil” (along with Iraq and North Korea), was under suspicion of using its Russian-built nuclear reactor—supposedly built for peaceful power-generation purposes—as a cover for a secret nuclear weapons program. o Those suspicions are now known to be more than fact. The Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) now has not only confirmed that they are building Nuclear weapons, they have sanctioned it with the help of our government. Washington has just made a deal with death. Tehran responded that the equipment was already contaminated when the Iranians purchased it from a third country and, after first refusing, finally agreed in December to open its nuclear facilities to more stringent IAEA inspections.
- Pakistan's government denied that it had helped spread its nuclear technology to countries such as Libya, Iran and North Korea—but later confessed that Pakistani scientists had done so on their own.
- Taken together, these many troubling developments point to unstable dictatorships and paranoid regimes scrambling to develop or acquire nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction so they can become the biggest bully on the block.

- Fast-forward to the present: weapon proliferation is today escalating at an alarming rate, with a number of volatile, aggressive nations seeking to join the nuclear club. The power that once destroyed a city—the atomic bomb—now serves as a mere “trigger” for the hydrogen bomb!
- Weapons of mass destruction, so incomprehensibly destructive that they boggle the mind, now threaten humanity as never before.
- The awesome evil of nuclear weapons, unleashed on Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States, sobered prominent leaders and thinkers. They realized that survival of the human race was now at stake.
- With the dropping of the first atomic bomb, war forever changed. No longer were large standing armies the sign of a nation's strength. According to an article in the Encyclopaedia Britannica on the advent of the nuclear age, “These revolutionary characteristics of nuclear weapons have given rise to a phenomenon that is entirely new: there is no longer any relation between power and numbers.” Suddenly, political influence and the balance of world power could shift instantly.
- The twenty-first century has seen the rise of a new kind of warfare. This form transcends all national borders. Its battlefields are moveable and know no limits. Its combatants often look just like ordinary citizens, wearing no uniform and carrying no visible weapons. And it has no qualms about civilian casualties—in fact, they are usually the intended targets. This describes the scourge of terrorism.
- In the coming years, terrorism on a much larger and horrific scale will be experienced by Westerners. Leviticus 26:14-16

states, “But if you [the nations of modern Israel in context] will not hearken unto Me, and will not do all these commandments; and if you shall despise My statutes, or if your soul abhor My judgments, so that you will not do all My commandments, but that you break My covenant: I [God] also will do this unto you; I [God] will even appoint over you terror...”

The Black Horse

In the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, Umberto Boccioni's *The City Rises* portrays the four horsemen of the Apocalypse in a modern, urban setting. The oil painting occupies a massive six-foot-six-inch by nine-foot-ten-inch canvas. It singles out the horror of the third horse and its rider. Boccioni depicts the black horse as a tornado, spinning wildly above the other horsemen

As the third seal is broken in Revelation 6:5-6, the jet-black horse gallops across the globe in the horrific wake of the first two horsemen. The third horse is black as midnight. Black as tar. The mere color itself signals something ominous, dark, and dreadful. But what do this horse and rider represent? Although there have been several different suggestions for the identity of this horse and rider, they clearly personify famine and hunger. The black color undoubtedly signifies the lamentation and sorrow of extreme deprivation.

Four points favor this identification of the black horse and its rider.

1. After the red horse and the outbreak of war, food shortages cannot be far behind. This is the way it has always been. Hunger is one of the wretched results of war.
2. The identification is confirmed by the parallel with Jesus' list of end-time signs in Matthew 24:7, as we have already seen. According to Jesus, the first three birth pangs of the end times are false messiahs, war, and famine. As we have seen, this tracks parallel with the horsemen in Revelation 6:1-8.
3. The color black often signifies the haunting specter of hunger. For instance, Lamentations 4:8-9 says, "Their appearance is blacker than soot, they are not recognized in the streets; their skin is shriveled on their bones, it is withered, it has become like wood. Better are those slain with the sword than those slain with hunger; for they pine away, being stricken for lack of the fruits of the field."
4. and the clincher) The fact that the rider holds a pair of scales in his hand. This refers to a bar with scales "in his hand. This refers to a bar with scales at both ends—or some kind of weight at one end with a pan suspended at the other. 24 In Revelation 6:5, the rider is carefully weighing food on the scales: "And he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand." This activity reveals that food is in short supply. Consuming food in carefully-weighed-out portions is a sign of famine (Ezekiel 4:16—17).

Three devastating consequences of this famine

1. **TERRIBLE INFLATION** - During the famine of the Tribulation period, it will take a denarius to buy a measure of wheat or three measures of barley. A denarius in that day was a silver coin equal to the average day's wages for a working man. A measure (koinix) or "quart" of grain in the first century was equal to slightly less than our modern quart. And one measure or quart of wheat was the basic portion of food for one person for one day. What this indicates is that the purchasing power of a denarius will drop far below what is normal. In other words, the world will experience runaway inflation. Food prices will be so high that it will take everything a person can earn just to buy enough food for one meal. The prices listed here are eight to sixteen times the average prices in the Roman Empire at the time John wrote.

2. **DEGENERATING FOOD QUALITY** - With the world economy suffering runaway inflation, the kind of food people can afford will quickly degenerate. Since it will take all a person can earn in a day just to buy enough regular food for one person for one day, people will resort to lower quality food just to put something on the table for their families. Wheat was the main food of the ancient world. Barley was a lesser quality grain with less nutritional value, often used to feed animals. During the future famine of the end times, people will quit buying the normal foods they have been used to and will turn to cheaper foods. By eating food of grossly inferior quality, a family of three could eat three meals a day of barley, whereas they could only eat one meal of wheat. To put this in today's market perspective, it will take all the money a man or woman can

earn in a day just to buy meat and potatoes for one person for one day or macaroni and cheese or beans to feed a whole family for a day.

3. ECONOMIC INEQUALITY - Revelation 6:6 makes clear that the famine that breaks out during the first half of the Tribulation will not be universal. One group will be exempt from this horror. As the masses endure runaway inflation and degenerating food quality, the wealthy will enjoy a temporary exemption from this time of judgment. Verse 6b adds, "and do not damage the oil and the wine." This means that while the basic staples for life are being decimated, the oil and wine will go untouched. And in that day, oil and wine were more in the categories of luxury than wheat and barley. During the coming Tribulation, the gulf between rich and poor will grow even wider. Food will be so expensive that only the wealthy will have enough. Famine will relentlessly hammer the middle and lower classes.

The Pale Green Horse

The translators of the original King James Version of the Bible (1611) gave us the word PALE for the fourth horse. Let's look at how they came up with that. In the GREEK text, the word "chloros" is present. "Chloros" means GREEN. It is the same as seen in the world chlorophyll, which is the green color of plants. Obviously, the translators could not imagine a green horse, so they gave us the

word "pale" instead probably because of the Old Testament passage in Zechariah.

The Old Testament reference to the fourth horse in the KJV called it, "grisled and bay". "Grisled" is not a color, but a texture (spotted or splotched). The Hebrew word that is translated "bay" here is not used anywhere else in the Bible. It is an uncertain term that more accurately means "strong or courageous."

Therefore, when we combine what we know about the fourth horse from both Zechariah and Revelation, we see a "strong, courageous green" horse.

In seminary I was taught that the pale horse represented death because when a person dies their skin tone turns pale as the blood ceases to flow through the circulatory system. But now something interesting has been brought to the forefront of the world's mind since 9/11 and the terrorist attacks upon America. The radical Islamic ideology that we are seeing spread and affect the whole globe is quickly becoming a force to be reconnected with. It is interesting to me that God would use the word green to describe this horse.

According to the FBI fact book and Wikipedia the universally identifiable color of Islam is green. When you look at virtually ANYTHING that has to do with Islam and you will see GREEN. And it is definitely STRONG, COURAGEOUS!

Look with me again to Revelation 6:7-8 - 7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

I believe that Islam is the green horse of death seen in Revelation 6:8.

1. Islam comprises 1/4 of the world's population

According to a 2013 report in muslimpopulation.com, Islam has 2.04 billion adherents, 25% of the world population. According to a 2013 report in The Economist magazine, over 70% of Muslims support Sharia law and 90% support execution of apostates.

2. Green is the color of Islam

In 1878, Littell's Living Age magazine published an article entitled, "The Green Flag of the Prophet" in which the author revealed the story of the banner belonging to Mohammed, founder of the Muslim religion. Mohammed's banner was green. It was written that Mohammed, gazing out upon a vast prospect of fields, said: "Nature is green, and green shall be my emblem, for it is everlasting and universal."

Put up Pic of flag - Mohammed's flag is made of green silk, with a large crescent on the top of the staff, from which is suspended a long plume of horsehair (said to have been the tail of the Prophet's favorite Arab steed), while the broad folds of the flag exhibit the crescent and quotations from the Koran."

Brewer's Dictionary (1894) furnishes this description: "The Banner of the Prophet (Mahomet) : What purports to be the actual standard of Mahomet (Mohammed) is preserved in the Eyub Mosque of Constantinople (now Istanbul). It is called the Sinjaqu 'sh sharif. It is made of four layers of silk, the top-most being green, embroidered with gold. In times of peace it is guarded in the hall of the 'noble vestment' as the dress worn by the prophet is styled. In the same hall are preserved the sacred teeth, the holy beard, the sacred stirrup, the sabre and bow of Mahomet."

It is said that if this green banner of Mohammed is ever raised above the Mosque in Istanbul, it is a sign to the entire Muslim world that it is time to go to war against Christians throughout the world.

"The raising of the green standard is a call which none may disobey, without sacrificing, as the Koran calls it, all hopes of Paradise.

It is a summons to an anti-Christian crusade, a challenge of every believer in the Prophet to arms; a war-signal in fact, which, like the fiery cross of Scotland, would flash its dread command through the domain of Islam. In the interests of humanity, however, we may hope that the "commander of the faithful" will never utter the

dreadful word; for then indeed would the whole soul and strength of Christendom turn against the enemy of all civilized laws, human and divine.

The Prophet himself predicted that one day when his followers should number a hundred millions-which they do now, with twenty millions more added to it-his flag should fly against the advancing power of the northern races; and the Koran, or Mohammedan Bible, says that when its silken folds are flung forth "the earth will shake, the mountains melt into dust, the seas blaze up in fire, and the children's hair grow white with anguish." (Littell's article - 1878).

In a September 2006 article, WorldNetDaily.com reported an influential Islamic preacher in Gaza, Sheik Abu Saqer declared "the day will come when the GREEN FLAG OF MUHAMMED will be raised upon the Vatican and all around the world."

This is in DIRECT CONFLICT with the TRUE ENSIGN, the flag of God, Jesus Christ. Six times, Isaiah called Messiah an ensign (a banner or flag). God "will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and ...they shall come with speed swiftly," (5:26). Jesus Christ is the true flag of God, and when He returns, His presence will be infinitely more significant than the flag of Mohammed. The "diaspora" (dispersed Jews) began immigrating to Israel around 1948. Jesus' return will signal worldwide "aliyah," the second and final immigration! At that time, Jesus will establish His global kingdom on earth, ruling from Jerusalem, Israel. All the scriptures attest to it.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ENSIGN of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to RECOVER THE REMNANT OF HIS PEOPLE, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ENSIGN for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth," Isaiah 11:9-12.

3. Radical Islam is a religion of death

Islam according the Koran in Surah 9:5 is a religion of the sword.

So what is the oldest reference to "Allah" discovered in antiquity? Who was he and what did he represent? The answer should shock many in the scholarly community.

The oldest reference to "Allah" (before this publication), according to Kenneth J. Thomas, was discovered in Northern and Southern Arabia dating back to the fifth century B.C.

But new research linking "Allah" being worshipped as a deity can be found in the Epic of Atrahasis chiseled on several tablets dating

to around 1700 BC and was not found in Arabian records, but in Babylonian.

What should shock historians and theologians alike is that this much older reference to the literal name of a deity called "Allah" was never even linked by any of the experts on Assyriology who have written on the subject or any of the translators of the Atrahasis epic.

Even more troubling for Muslims today is that this deity was described nearly four millennia ago to be the god of "violence and revolution".

DEATH is the trademark of the GREEN HORSE, just as death is the trademark of Islam. Can anyone question the accuracy of that prophecy when Islam today is associated around the world with the nearly 3000 deaths in the World Trade Center attack of 9-11-01, and over 8,000 subsequent Muslim bombings around the world since that time. Where is this so-called "religion of peace"??

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran fueled by his Muslim extremist spiritual adviser Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has repeatedly sworn Iran and Islam to the death and destruction of both Israel and the United States. He publicly pledges to "wipe Israel off the map."

The leadership of Iran has repeatedly said of Israel, "this cancerous tumor of a state should be removed from the region."

Muslim clerics cynically boast that the West loves life, but that "Islam loves death." This is consistent with the prophecy. They teach their followers that the most glorious path to paradise is martyrdom - death by killing others while performing the act of suicide.

Due to Islam's growth and subsequent threats in even Western nations such as England, France, and Spain, anti-Americanism is flourishing in many new places. Islam is a driving force in more and more nations around the world, including Saudi Arabia (Wahabbi), Egypt (Muslim Brotherhood), Syria (Hezbollah), Iran (Revolutionary Guard), Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan (Al Qaeda) Kashmir, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Turkey, all the Eastern Block nations of Europe, Russia, and many others. Radical extremism around the globe, including cells in America pose increasing threats to Israel and America's futures.

If only 10% of Muslims are radical (and some studies say as many as 25-30%) that means there is approximately 160 million to 500 million people who think it is the will of God to kill everyone who doesn't worship Allah and submit to Sharia law. America only has a population of 320 million!

What is possibly coming?

1. Islam will gain momentum - I speculate that as Islam gains momentum around the world, and as the West, particularly the U.S. liberal establishment continues to turn in fear and run

from Islamic aggression, Islam will finally gain the first stages of global dominion immediately before Jesus Christ returns.

In the first half of Daniel's 70th week, (in the first 3.5 of the last 7 years before Armageddon) the European Union, backed by the Roman Catholic Church, will enjoy a short-termed renaissance, and global supremacy. This is the "Iron and Clay Feet" of Nebuchadnezzar's image in the book of Daniel.

In the middle of that seven years, Antichrist will impose the Mark of the Beast with possibly the Roman Catholic Church endorsement, but at the very least a false religious system.

But as Islamic populations mushroom in Europe, they will quickly intimidate and threaten the political powers-that-be in London, Berlin, Paris, Madrid and other population centers of Europe. Islam will finally challenge the Roman Catholic Church's influence on politics on its own turf. See my article [TURKEY: Where East Meets West](#). I suspect that Islam may finally invade the European Union politics, and destroy Rome (to break its hold on the EU) immediately before Armageddon.

The Bible says that the Beast will finally HATE THE WHORE and destroy it. I expect that Islam will rise up to take control of Europe and simultaneously destroy the Roman Catholic Church. I may be wrong, but right now, that sounds mighty accurate.

2. The United States will be weakened - I expect to see the United States greatly weakened at the United Nations, and a Muslim majority take over there. (They already control well over one-

third of the votes in the General Assembly.) I also expect to see the major population centers of Europe become so Islamicised that their politicians and political processes will come under great duress to yield to continuously increasing Muslim demands, with less and less ability to resist the Islamic insurgence world-wide.

Unless and until the free world realizes the seriousness of the threat, there will not be enough military will-power to drive them down. Ultimately, nothing and nobody will conquer Islam other than Jesus Christ Himself at His coming to Armageddon. But He most certainly will.

Closing: God's final move

Malachi 3:1 NKJV

1 Behold, I send My messenger, Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, Says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 4:5,6 NKJV

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

According to the Encyclopedia of World Religion Allah was a pre-Islamic Baal god - a moon deity. Baal is who Elijah fought!