The White Horse and the Rider

Revelation 6:1—*And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.* 2*—And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

*Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

## The Opening of the First Seal vs. 1-2

### The Releasing of Divine Judgment "A white horse"

( 1.) "White" Righteousness

( 2.) "Horse" Divine Power. A righteous judgment of God on the Earth.

### The Commission of The Rider

( 1.) "He that sat on him had a bow. " The "bow" is an instrument of war.

Not of a destructive war-but of a moral war.

**Psalm 45:4**—*And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.* 5*—Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.* **64:7***—But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.* 8*—So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.* 9*—And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.*

**Habakuk 3:8***—Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?*

9*—Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.*

**Isaiah 26:9***—With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*

( 2.) " And a crown was given un to him" "And he went forth conquering, and to conquer. " Isa. 26:9;

**Ps 110:3** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

**Daniel 12:8***—And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?*

*9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

*10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*

**Joel 2:28***—And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:* 29*—And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

30*—And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*

[A white horse] Represents the Gospel, and pointing out its excellence, swiftness, and purity.

[He that sat on him] Represents Jesus Christ.

[A bow] The preaching of the Gospel imparts conviction into the hearts of sinners.

[A crown] The emblem of the kingdom which Christ is to establish on earth.

[Conquering, and to conquer.] Overcoming and confounding the Jews first, and then the Gentiles; spreading more and more the doctrine and influence of the cross over the face of the earth.

So the rider on the white horse is the Holy Spirit, who comes in Christ’s name, who empowers us to overcome.

What is more, nothing is said in the first seal about taking peace from the Earth;

Nothing is said about men slaying each other; nothing is said about war. It is not in the text!

The rider does not engage in physical battles, but spiritual battles.

Ps 45:3-5 76:7

and a. 14:14 19:12 Zec 6:11-13 Mt 28:18

and he went. 11:15,18 15:2 17:14 Ps 98:1 110:2 Isa 25:8 Ro 15:18,19 1Co 15:25,55-57 2Co 10:3-5

a horseman could serve as an immediate metaphor of military power and conquest.

However, Revelation's visions and content contain many dozens of allusions to the Old Testament. Here we also find the metaphor of the bow as a symbol of conquest (Psalm 46:9; Jeremiah 49:35; Ezekiel 39:3; Hosea 1:5).

The crown, which the rider of the white horse wears, is also a symbol of military conquest. The Greek word here is stephanos, which was the victor's wreath, not the diadema, which meant a royal crown.

Thus, the white horse and his rider symbolize the spirit of conquest and militarism. Their meaning would differ from the red horse who more specifically stands for warfare. As we know, there is more to conquest than war alone. Economic power, propaganda, the use of religion, diplomacy and political shrewdness are also part of successful conquest.

Winning by information, non physical violence war, lies and deception

Money and influence from Egypt motivates USA.

Usa helicopters, tanks

## A Prophetic Announcement of The Messiah

### Zech. 6:9-15

Here we have Joshua the high priest crowned with

kingly honours as a symbolic representative of the

Coming Christ.

I. A Prophetic Announcement of His Nature -vs. 12

"Behold, the man whose name is The Branch;"

1. As a title of His Messiahship -

"The Branch" is one of the most significant

titles of the Messiah. A branch bears the fruit

and reveals the character of the tree.

2. As a revelation of His humanity -

Christ is metaphorically called a "Branch"

springing from the family of David. Giving

Him the rights to the throne of David.

Isa. 11:1 Jer. 23:5 33:15

3. As a revelation of His divinity -

As "The Branch" revealed the true character

of the Father. John 14:9 " He that hath seen

Me hath seen the Father;" John 10:30 "I and

My Father are one."

Also revealed in the "Crowns" of "Silver and

Gold." "Silver" a type of His redemptive

work as the Son of Man the sacrifice for sin,

"Gold" a type of His divine nature.

II. A Prophetic Announcement of His Work - vs. 13

"He shall build the temple of the LORD;"

1. The temple is the church - Matt. 16:18

"Upon this rock I will build my church;"

The builder has to -

(1) Have a plan - the Word of God is the plan.

(2) Prepare the material - I Peter 2:5

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a

spiritual house,"

(3) Join the material together - Eph. 4:16

"From whom the whole body fitly joined

together"

2. The church is a spiritual temple -

I Cor. 3:16 I Cor. 6:19 II Cor. 6:16

Eph. 2:21-22 I Peter 2:5

III. A Prophetic Announcement of His Glory - vs. 13

"And He shall bear the Glory"

1. As the High Priest He bears the glory -

(1) He bore the burden of our sins -

(2) He bore the burden of the cross -

(3) He shall bear the glory - Heb. 2:9

"We see Jesus, who was made a little lower

than the angels for the suffering of death,

crowned with glory and honour;"

2. As the King He bears the glory -

"Shall sit and rule upon His throne"

Isa. 9:6 Rev. 11:15

3. As Priest-King He bears the glory -

"He shall be a priest upon His throne:"

Joshua could only be a priest - the kings

could not take the priest's office.

This prophecy of the Messiah declares

He would be both Priest and King after the

order of Melchizedek. Heb. 5:6 Heb. 7:1

(1) An Enthroned Priest -

The Priest to intercede -

The King to rule -

(2) Revealed in the crowns - vs. 11

Crowns of "Silver and Gold".

"Silver" a type of redemption -

the sacrificial work of the Priest.

"Gold" a type of His divine nature

ruling as the Son of God. Govern

His people - and subdue His enemies.

"The counsel of peace shall be between

them both."

A message of peace comes from between,

or belonging to both - the cross and the

throne.

I John 3:16 "Hereby perceive we the love

of God, because He laid down His life for us:"