

End Times Horses, Horns, Carpenters, Chariots

Introduction

This work is entitled **End Times Horses, Horns, Carpenters, Chariots** because it considers the scriptures Zechariah 1:8-11, 18-21, 6:1-8 with respect to understanding those scriptures according to **“words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual”** 1 Corinthians 2:13 for **“...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life”** John 6:63.

For detailed comments on the studies that follow see Dr Ruckman's works¹. The work by F. Jones² has been most helpful for understanding Zechariah 1:8, 18-19, 6:3, 7.

We will now explore Zechariah 1:8-11, 18-21, 6:1-8 to show how **“...the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding”** Proverbs 2:6 and that as with the early disciples Luke 24:45 still applies. **“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”**

End Times Horses

Zechariah 1:8-11 **“I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest”**³

Zechariah 1:8 **“I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white”** is **“in the night visions”** Daniel 7:7, 13 denoting the End Times in which is the Church Age as shown in Song of Solomon 6:10 **“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon...”** with Paul's exhortation of Philippians 2:15 **“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.”**

“a man riding upon a red horse” is **“the angel that talked with me...the angel of the LORD”** Zechariah 1:9, 11, noting that **“the angel of the LORD”** is an appearance Exodus 3:2, Judges 6:12, 13:3, Matthew 1:20 of the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ **“he...that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting”** Micah 5:2 as Luke 1:32-33 confirms **“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”**

“and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom” indicates that the rider has dismounted in a hollow in which grow myrtle trees underlining that this passage is prophetic for Israel in the End Times as a pre-cursor to the Lord’s restoration of Israel at the Second Advent according to Isaiah 41:19, 55:13, 61:3 **“I will plant in the wilderness the cedar...and the myrtle, and the oil tree...and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off...To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”**

Zechariah 1:13 therefore states with application for today’s believer’s comfort **“And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.”**

“a man riding upon a red horse...and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white” should be considered with reference to Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 **“...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...another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another...and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”**

Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 refer of course to the End Times **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8.

It follows that the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ is first on a red horse because **“The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name”** Exodus 15:3 but He is the true Conqueror – the rider of Revelation 6:2 is actually the satanic world ruler the beast as Revelation 13:3-4 show **“...and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”** – so that John testifies with respect to the Second Advent **“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS”** Revelation 19:11, 15-16.

Though not in the same order as in Revelation 6 **“red horses, speckled, and white”** correspond to the war horse, Revelation 6:4, the plague horse, Revelation 6:8 and the satanic world ruler’s conqueror’s horse, Revelation 6:2. It is significant that the black horse of famine, Revelation 6:5, is not listed in Zechariah 1:8 and its mention is deferred until Zechariah 6:2, 6. The work of F. Jones, see **Introduction**, essentially provides the reason for the omission of the black horse of famine in Zechariah 1:8, which is as follows.

The speckled horse is the *plague* horse of Revelation 6:8 and is therefore **“a pale horse”** but not of a single colour as F. Jones shows. Note the association of the *speckled* horse with the colours *red* and *white* in Zechariah 1:8 *in the absence of black* so that the colour association of the *pale, speckled* horse is emphasised for the colours *red* and *white*. *Red* and *white* are *plague* colours, as F. Jones emphasises, *red* and *white* depicting *leprous blotches* on an otherwise *pale* skin, citing the descriptions given in the Book of Leviticus e.g. Leviticus 13:24-25:

“Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.”

Israel’s believing remnant of the End Times **“...the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”** Revelation 12:17 and **“the saints...they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”** Revelation 14:12 are enjoined to **“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments”** Malachi 4:4 including Leviticus 13. Those who would implement Leviticus 13 would be **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 because synagogues exist during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 until **“...they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land”** Psalm 74:8 at which point **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** and their followers would **“fly into the wilderness...nourished for a time, and times, and half a time”** Revelation 12:14.

It would appear that during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 the cleansing from plague or leprosy marked by **“...a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image”** Revelation 16:2 for a *repentant* idolater is as it was for Naaman according to 2 Kings 5:14 **“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean”** by means of an *End Times not Church Age* application administered by **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 where baptism is both **“the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”**

Today's believer can of course rejoice in John 15:3 **"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."**

Concerning Zechariah 1:9-11 **"Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest":**

That **"These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth"** Zechariah 1:10 indicates that these are *spirit* horses such as the Lord can call upon as shown directly by 2 Kings 6:17 **"And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha"** and by implication by Isaiah 31:3 **"Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit..."** noting in passing that though **"God was manifest in the flesh"** 1 Timothy 3:16 nevertheless **"God is a Spirit"** John 4:24.

Note that riders of these spirit horses are not mentioned in the context of Zechariah 1:8-11. The riders will be considered later. Zechariah 1:9-11 indicate that the horses have a worldwide scouting, reconnaissance or surveillance mission.

Having carried out their worldwide surveillance mission the horses give their firsthand report to the rider of the red horse first mentioned in Zechariah 1:8 **"the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees...We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest"** Zechariah 1:11. Zechariah 1:9-11 suggest that spirit horses can speak. That conclusion is realistic because spirit beasts *can* speak according to Revelation 4:6-8 **"And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle...and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."**

The report that **"all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest"** suggests a calm before the storm of **"the time of Jacob's trouble"** Jeremiah 30:7 **"great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be"** Matthew 24:21 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 such as is depicted in Judges 18:26-27 **"And the children of Dan went their way...and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire."**

The Lord Jesus Christ warns **“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars...but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows”** Matthew 24:6-8. Paul then appears to state that a brief interlude that is **“quiet and secure”** Judges 18:27 follows that is overwhelmed by the storm of **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8.

Paul warns **“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape”** 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3.

It would appear that the report of Zechariah 1:11 **“We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest”** refers to that brief interlude of **“Peace and safety”** 1 Thessalonians 5:3 that is **“quiet and secure”** Judges 18:27 that is overwhelmed by the storm of **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. Note therefore that it is not the horses themselves but the riders *with* their horses that inflict the judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. The Lord states **“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death”** Revelation 1:18 so the Lord can therefore provide the riders **“Death, and Hell”** personified for the plague horse of Revelation 6:8 and destroying riders in different forms for the conquering, warring and famine horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5 according to Jeremiah 15:3 describing in turn judgement by plague, war, famine and conquest with *four* kinds of destroyers depicted. **“And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD...to devour and destroy.”**

The above scriptures are actually therefore reassuring according to Isaiah 45:7 because nothing happens without the Lord as He Himself testifies **“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”**

Concerning a practical aspect of their firsthand report of their worldwide surveillance mission the horses give to the rider of the red horse first mentioned in Zechariah 1:8 **“the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees... We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest”** Zechariah 1:11 today’s believer should always give **“a true report...of thy acts and of thy wisdom”** 1 Kings 10:6 with 2 Chronicles 9:5 like the disciples of old to whom the Lord said **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”** Acts 1:8.

End Times Horns, Carpenters

Zechariah 1:18-21 *“Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it”*⁴

Concerning ***“the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem”*** Zechariah 1:19 note that in scripture horns denote kings as in Daniel 7:24, 8:20-21 ***“And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise...The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.”***

Historically Assyria scattered Israel.

“In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria...” 2 Kings 17:6.

Historically Babylon scattered Judah and Jerusalem.

“And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar” ! Chronicles 6:15.

“And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem...And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon...” 2 Chronicles 36:19-20.

“The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon” Jeremiah 24:1.

“The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon” Jeremiah 40:1.

Historically 1st century Rome of the then Caesars scattered Judah and Jerusalem.

“And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy chil-

dren within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation” Luke 19:41-44.

“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting” James 1:1.

Prophetically papal Rome **“the great whore...a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus”** Revelation 17:1, 3, 5-6 will scatter Israel, Judah and Jerusalem during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21.

Note Luke 21:20-24 **“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains...For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled...for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”**

Note Revelation 11:2, 12:14 **“...the court which is without the temple...is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months...And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”** This woman, scattered by papal Rome, is as indicated earlier believing Israel **“...a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars”** Revelation 12:1.

Concerning **“four carpenters”** Zechariah 1:20 note that Zechariah 1:21 refers specifically to **“the horns which have scattered Judah”** such that **“four carpenters...are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it”** Zechariah 1:20-21. That would refer to the occupation of Judah’s territory and the captivity of the Judean Jews. It is *these* horns that the four carpenters fray.

Babylon historically scattered Judah and Jerusalem but Babylon historically was frayed, driven away and cast out by the Medes and the Persians who would therefore constitute two of the four carpenters of Zechariah 1:20.

“Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple” Jeremiah 51:11.

“PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians...In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old” Daniel 5:28, 30-31.

Historically 1st century Rome of the then Caesars became no more when it was ultimately frayed, driven away and cast out into oblivion by *papal* Rome **“the great whore...a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus”** Revelation 17:1, 3, 5-6. That would make *papal* Rome the third carpenter of Zechariah 1:20.

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Note Revelation 17:12, 16-17, 18:8 with respect to the satanic rulers that the Lord uses to fray *papal* Rome. **“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast...And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled...Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”**

It is comforting for today’s believer that though **“...we wrestle...against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”** Ephesians 6:12 nevertheless **“God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will...until the words of God shall be fulfilled”** Revelation 17:17 and they will be, likewise in the life of today’s believer.

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” Isaiah 55:11.

End Times Horses, Chariots

Zechariah 6:1-8 *“And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”⁵*

“the...mountains of brass” Zechariah 6:1 locate this vision in Israel ***“A land...whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass”*** Deuteronomy 8:9. This is where the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:1-3 are assembled before they are deployed to their various destinations in Zechariah 6:6-8.

“four chariots” Zechariah 6:1 whereby ***“In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses”*** Zechariah 6:2-3 will be associated with ***“red horses, speckled, and white”*** Zechariah 1:8 and though not given in the same order ***“...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...another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another...and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him”*** Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 because the scripture associates chariots and horsemen.

“And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen...and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen...” 2 Samuel 8:4, 10:18.

“And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen” 1 Kings 4:26.

“And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 1 Kings 10:26.

“...and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots...” 1 Chronicles 19:18.

“And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen...” 2 Chronicles 9:25.

The riders of the horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 will therefore be *spirit* chariot horse-men as in 2 Kings 2:12, 13:14 **“the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.”** The chariots will be **“chariots of fire”** 2 Kings 6:17 driven by angelic charioteers of God **“Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire”** Hebrews 1:7.

The horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 are in turn associated with the horses of Zechariah 1:8, which are no doubt the same creatures and the horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 according to *colour* as follows, noting that **“black horses”** Zechariah 6:2 are now included, matching **“a black horse”** Revelation 6:5.

The matching of the red and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the red and white horses of Zechariah 1:8 is plain – being more than one in number, as the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3. The matching of the red, black and white horses of Zechariah 6:2, 3 with the white, red and black horses of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5 is likewise plain even if as indicated not in the same order. It is the matching of the **“grisled and bay”** horses Zechariah 6:3 with the **“speckled”** horses of Zechariah 1:8 i.e. more than one as chariot horses like their red and white counterparts, see remarks above, and **“a pale horse”** Revelation 6:8 that requires further explanation.

Note first the association between **“speckled, and grisled”** Genesis 31:10, 12 and this statement from remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11.

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The horses of the last chariot in Zechariah 6:3 are **“grisled and bay.”** The bay colour is the red colour of the horses in the first chariot of Zechariah 6:2 because bay is a red colour, applied to horses and that meaning is confirmed by Zechariah 6:6-7 **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth**



toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth” where by inspection **“the bay”** plural can only refer to the red horses of the first chariot in Zechariah 6:2. The term grised or grizzled according to current spelling is gray or grey and a *grey-haired* individual is said to be a *grizzled* individual, *gris* being French for *grey*. Note the expression **“gray hairs”** Genesis 42:38, 44:29, 31, Hosea 7:9 and **“the gray head”** Proverbs 20:29.

By inspection, since the other individually-coloured horses of Zechariah 1:8, 6:2-3 black, white and red or bay have been accounted for, the speckled red-white horses of Zechariah 1:8 are the **“grised and bay horses”** of Zechariah 6:3 and these horses are therefore *tri-coloured* creatures, *speckled red and white i.e. the plague colours*, see insert above, *on a pale gray background* like **“a pale horse”** Revelation 6:8.

Such horses do exist in the physical realm⁶. The horse is *speckled white and red* and *pale gray*.

These horses are identified as *spirit* horses in that **“These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth...So they walked to and fro through the earth”** Zechariah 6:5, 7 or designated parts of it, Zechariah 6:5-7, confirming that they are the spirit horses of Zechariah 1:8 **“they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth”** Zechariah 1:10.

Concerning Zechariah 6:6-8 **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grised go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country”** consider the following:

As with the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 the horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 **“go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth”** Zechariah 6:5 harnessed to chariots and listed in different order from the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. It may be noted that though given in different order the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 go before the horses and chariots of Zechariah 6:2-3 following the sequence of Zechariah 1:8 consisting of **“a man riding upon a red horse...and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.”**

The mission of the chariot horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 would therefore not be one of reconnaissance but of judgements, following in the wake of and of the same natures as those of the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 where the natures of the judgements are given in detail.

Note that whereas Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 give the natures of the judgements inflicted by the four riders and horses followed up by the four chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3, as indicated above Zechariah 6:6-8 reveal *where* the judgements of the four chariots and horses will fall, or fall initially.

Zechariah 6:6, 8 state **“The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them...Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.”** The indication is one of famine in the *developed* world i.e. mainly north of Israel where the chariots and horses are assembled, see remarks on Zechariah 6:1, followed by *papal conquest*, no doubt facilitated by food shortage where national governance is therefore surrendered in return for physical sustenance. Specifically how that famine comes about may be the end result of modern agribusiness that is profit-driven by maximising yields with no regard for environmental consequences. Isaiah describes the End Times outcome. **“The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant”** Isaiah 24:5. See for example these extracts⁷.

Corporate Agribusiness--America’s Merchants of Greed

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In another era they would have been called “the robber barons.” Today, the ADMs, the Cargills, the ConAgras, the IBPs, the Smithfield Foods, the Tysons, the Chiquitas and other corporate agribusiness behemoths which produce and manufacture our food have become the merchants of greed. Food, next to life itself, is our greatest common denominator, but to the merchants of greed it is but the coin of the realm, a means by which they can enrich themselves while the poor go hungry; family farmers are discarded as “excess human resources;” farm and food workers and peasants become the slaves they rent...

Whereas family farming/peasant agriculture has traditionally sought to nurture and care for the land, corporate agribusiness, exclusive by nature, seeks to “mine” the land, solely interested in monetizing its natural wealth and thus measure efficiency by its profits...

Used and abused perhaps best summarizes the fate of the environment at the hands of corporate agribusiness, and in Smithfield Foods, the nation and the world’s largest pork producer and processor, we see case after case where its processing facilities and its factory farms have been despoilers of the water and air we and nature depend on for life...

The article shows that agribusiness that is dominant in the developed world is contemptuous of the Lord’s agri-wisdom of Leviticus 25:3-4, 20-22 **“Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard...And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it**

shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store."

The end result of profit-driven agribusiness in the developed world could therefore be famine according to the outcome of Proverbs 13:23 **"Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment."**

Thanks at least in part to agribusiness, the stage appears to be set in the developed world for the black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5.

Zechariah 6:8 **"Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country"** cross-references to Acts 17:16 **"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry."** Athens typifies the developed world **"...for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols"** Jeremiah 50:38. Developed world idolatry includes the God-defying agribusiness mentality - see article extracts above - that James describes.

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil" James 4:13-16.

This writer therefore makes a practice of using the expression DV *Deo volente* God willing⁸ in accordance with James 4:15 **"For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."**

God's spirit according to 1 Peter 4:14 **"the spirit of glory and of God"** is no doubt stirred by developed world idolatry just as Paul's was by the Athenians' idolatry. The black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5, therefore, **"these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."** Revelation 16:5 may be applied practically, especially with respect to contaminated ground water, see article extracts above. **"And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus."**

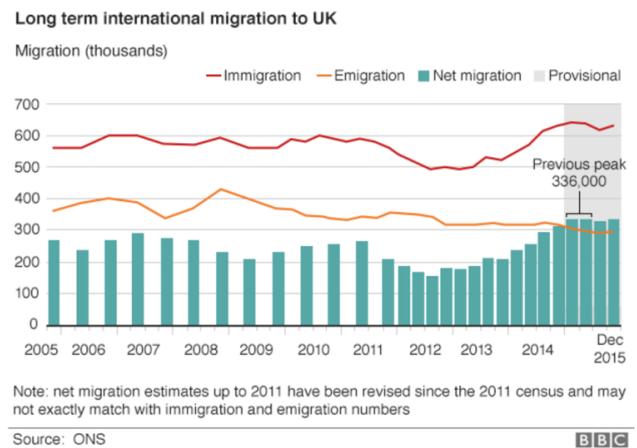
Zechariah 6:6 **“the grised go forth toward the south country”** focuses on the Lord’s warning to apostate Israel such as those Jews in the End Times during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21. Those Jews declare **“We have no king but Caesar”** John 19:15. The Lord’s warning is with respect to



communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** Deuteronomy 28:60 that will quickly be spread far and wide by *mobile End Times populations* when **“even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro”** Daniel 12:4. The current migration from North Africa to Southern Europe is an example of what is to come. What communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** Egypt geographically being in North Africa do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full⁹.

Moreover hundreds of thousands of immigrants have entered Britain in recent years. What communicable **“diseases of Egypt”** do these migrants carry with them? No-one seems to know in full¹⁰.

The Lord’s warning on those diseases reveals a *speckled* condition, see remarks on Zechariah 1:8, 6:3, Leviticus 13:24-25, Revelation 6:8, 16:2 and the graphic for the *speckled white and red* and *pale gray* horse. The Lord’s warning to apostate Israel on these diseases is as follows.



“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt...Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee” Deuteronomy 28:27, 60. The end result is the judgement of Revelation 16:2 **“And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image”** Revelation 16:2 and context.

As indicated earlier, relief from that sore would require *End Times not Church Age* water baptism administered by **“the rulers of the synagogue...the chief ruler of the synagogue”** Acts 13:15, 18:8, 17 of 1 Peter 3:21 where baptism is both **“the putting away of the filth of the flesh...the answer of a good conscience toward God.”**

Revelation 14:7 therefore makes good *practical* sense even now. **“...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”**

Zechariah 6:7 **“And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth”** with Revelation 6:4 **“And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword”** show that God’s judgement of warfare in the End Times during **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** Jeremiah 30:7 **“great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”** Matthew 24:21 is worldwide. Isaiah sums it up. **“For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many”** Isaiah 66:16.

It should be noted that though the chariots and horses of Zechariah 6:2-3 and the horses and riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 are listed in different order, the **“grisled and bay horses”** of **“the fourth chariot”** Zechariah 6:3 are listed last as is **“a pale horse”** upon which is seated **“Death, and Hell followed with him”** Revelation 6:8. It would be expected in each case that plague would follow satanic conquest, war and famine.

Thankfully today’s believer has these assurances as Paul exhorts Timothy **“...that thou by them mightest war a good warfare”** 1 Timothy 1:18 **“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place”** 2 Corinthians 2:14.

Conclusion

Finally, thank the Lord that what He did for the early disciples, He continues to do today as the explanation of these passages of Zechariah 1, 6 show and as the **Introduction** indicates Luke 24:45 still applies. Luke 24:45 should be memorised.

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”

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