

Wisdom on Scripture from Scripture

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” 1 Corinthians 2:13

Introduction

This work considers the scriptures Song of Solomon 8:8-9, Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7, Micah 5:5, Zechariah 1:8-11, 18-21, 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 7:38, Revelation 14:13 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. Those scriptures present a challenge to commentators that this work will attempt to meet by application of 1 Corinthians 2:13. The above list of such scriptures is not exhaustive but sufficient for now to illustrate the application of 1 Corinthians 2:13 effectively in fulfilment of Luke 24:45 ***“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”***

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.

Today’s believer should note how fashionable it is to doubt, even amongst professing fundamentalists, according to *The “Yea Hath God Said” Society* Genesis 3:1 that Dr Ruckman has warned about³. It may be fashionable to doubt but it is not Biblical as King Solomon exhorts. ***“Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge...Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?”*** Proverbs 22:17, 20-21.

Granted there’s much from the Book that God has yet to reveal but He has revealed much already that fundamentalists take no notice of because they won’t do what the Lord says and ***“Search the scriptures...”*** John 5:39 (changed in their favourite versions anyway). Note these examples.

Many fundamentalists will tell us, falsely, that:

We don’t know who Melchisedec was. We do. He is Shem, as Dr Ruckman has shown and the apparent problems in Hebrews 7:3 ***“Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually”*** can be solved by scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13^{4,5}.

We don’t know who wrote the Book of Job. We do. It was Elihu, as Dr Ruckman⁶ has shown, again by means of scripture with scripture. Some modern versions e.g. the NIVs obscure that revelation, of course.

We don’t know how many wise men came in Matthew 2, only that they brought three gifts. We do. Scripture with scripture 1 Corinthians 2:13 confirms that three wise men were present⁷.

We don’t know what kind of sea creature swallowed Jonah. We do, as again scripture with scripture shows and while it’s a help to associate *ketos* with cetology the study of whales, it’s not necessary and less revealing than the English scriptures. The scholars are of course happy to make a liar out of the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 12:40 ***“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth”*** in order to cover up for the devil, Genesis 1:21 ***“And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good,”*** Ezekiel 32:2 ***“Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers”*** and most fundamentalists fall into line lockstep with them.

The whale is the closest type of the devil in scripture, noting "*leviathan*" Job 41, Isaiah 27:1 and "*leviathan*" Psalm 104:26. Adam did not name the whale because the devil pre-existed Adam and Pharaoh "*as a whale in the seas*" Ezekiel 32:2 typifies the devil as one of the seven heads of "*a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads...the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan*" Revelation 12:3, 9. Jonah is a warning to Israel in that he typifies Israel persecuted by the devil in the End Times according to Jeremiah 51:34, Nebuchadrezzar being another of the dragon's seven heads. "*Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.*" See Jonah 1:17, 2:10 "*Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights...And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.*"

The devouring is literal in the End Times⁸ as in Isaiah 6:13 "*But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten...*"

The Lord encourages believers to seek wisdom and He promises that the Spirit of God will impart it, Proverbs 2:1-5 "*Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding...Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God*" Proverbs 2:3, 5, John 14:26, 16:13 "*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come,*" 1 Corinthians 2:13, James 1:5 "*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*"

As indicated, this work will explore Song of Solomon 8:8-9, Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7, Micah 5:5, Zechariah 1:8-11, 18-21, 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 7:38, Revelation 14:13 to show how "*...the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding*" Proverbs 2:6.

The point is that applying 2 Timothy 2:15 "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" will yield a lot more than is generally perceived today as Dr Ruckman has shown⁹. That's in part of course why he drew attention to the words of Pastor John Robinson of the Mayflower who lamented the believers "*unskilful in the word of righteousness*" Hebrews 5:13 of his day. These were his dying words¹⁰.

"I bewail the condition of the Reformed churches...the Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw. And the Calvinists as you see, stick where Calvin left them...Luther and Calvin were precious shining lights in their times. Yet God did not reveal His whole will to them...I am very confident that the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of His Holy Word."

The above examples show how the promise of spiritual guidance according to 1 Corinthians 2:13 may be fulfilled. For further examples, note these scriptures listed above and remarks.

Challenges to Commentators

Song of Solomon 8:8-9 ***“We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar”***¹¹

The challenges to the commentator are to identify the little sister, the occasion of her being spoken for and her likeness to a wall or a door with their respective outcomes.

Song of Solomon 8:8-9 appear to be prophetic, depicting millennial Jerusalem where John states of that time and resurrected saints ***“...they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years”*** Revelation 20:4 and its temple where ***“...have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion”*** Psalm 2:6 and the Lord Jesus Christ reigns ***“King of nations”*** Jeremiah 10:7 ***“and he shall rule them with a rod of iron”*** Revelation 19:15 according to Isaiah 2:3 ***“And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”*** and context, with historical associations.

The ***“We”*** of Song of Solomon 8:8 therefore appears in type to be the Lord Jesus Christ and the church of whom Paul states ***“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”*** 2 Corinthians 11:2.

Song of Solomon 8:8 ***“We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?”*** cross-references, the grim context of Jerusalem’s historical ungodliness notwithstanding, to Ezekiel 16:3, 7-8, 46, 55, 60 ***“...Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem...I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare. Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine...And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters...When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate...I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.”***

Jerusalem is covenanted forever to be the Lord’s following the Lord’s perception of the city’s maturity whereby His covenant with her was first established historically. The Lord perceives Jerusalem as having the attribute of sisterhood historically with neighbouring cities and it appears that Jerusalem’s attribute of sisterhood will remain during the Lord’s millennial reign and be extended to the Lord Jesus Christ and the church. ***“a little sister”*** appears to be a description of ***“a little city”*** Ecclesiastes 9:14 and of millennial Jerusalem where the Lord will reign, see Psalm 2:6, Isaiah 2:3, Jeremiah 10:7, Revelation 19:15, 20:4 above. Ezekiel 48:31, 35 state ***“And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel...It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there”*** i.e. approximately 64 square miles when all the dimensions of the city are considered, Ezekiel 40:3-8, 48:30-34. Millennial Jerusalem is therefore small when compared with, ***noting the association “...concerning Christ and the church”*** Ephesians 5:32 ***“...the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal”*** Revelation 21:2, 16, those dimensions giving a city of approximately 1500 square miles, much greater in extent than millennial Jerusalem.

Song of Solomon 8:9 ***“If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar”*** cross-references to the temple in millennial Jerusalem as Ezekiel 40:5, 13, 41:1-2 state ***“And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man’s hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed...He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door...Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle. And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.”***

Song of Solomon 8:9 suggests that the Lord Jesus Christ and the church have a part in the construction of the millennial temple. The wall and the door of Song of Solomon 8:9 certainly correspond to the same items that Ezekiel 40:5, 13, 41:1-2 list. Note that the expression ***“boards of cedar”*** occurs elsewhere in scripture only with respect to ***“...the house which king Solomon built for the LORD...”*** 1 Kings 6:2 i.e. ***“So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar...And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar...And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place”*** 1 Kings 6:9, 15-16. It is therefore altogether realistic that the term ***“boards of cedar”*** Song of Solomon 8:9 should refer to the temple in millennial Jerusalem.

Concerning the expression ***“a palace of silver”*** note that silver was ***“the redemption money”*** Numbers 3:49 ***“...silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary”*** Leviticus 5:15, 27:3. Note then the little chambers, Ezekiel 40:13, *with roofs*, indicating they are atop the temple and together could make up a palace. Scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13, therefore indicates that Song of Solomon 8:8-9 refers to millennial Jerusalem with its temple topped by a *silver* palace of chambers providing, say, meeting places or even visitors’ accommodation for a special group of individuals in whose joy today’s believer will be able to share.

“And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness...the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” Isaiah 35:8-10.

Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7 *“Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia: That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!...The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more”¹²*

Isaiah 18:1 *“Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia”* appears geographically to refer to Egypt, a type of the world in scripture¹³ as the Lord shows in Deuteronomy 4:20 *“But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day”* with Galatians 1:3-5 *“Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

“...this present evil world...” Galatians 1:4 will have a satanic world ruler of whom Daniel, describing *“shadowing with wings”* and John state respectively *“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate”* Daniel 9:27 *“...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?...Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six”* Revelation 13:3-4, 18.

“...this present evil world...” Galatians 1:4 will have woe, Isaiah 18:1, at the Second Advent because the Lord states *“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible”* Isaiah 13:11. It is therefore most instructive to note the wording of Isaiah 18:3 *“All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.”*

Isaiah 18:2, 19:7 *“That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!...The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more”* with Isaiah 19:1, 3, 19, 20 *“The burden of Egypt...the idols of Egypt...the heart of Egypt...the spirit of Egypt...the land of Egypt”* would in the light of Isaiah 18:1 and associated references appear to refer to *“an ambassage”* Luke 14:32 sent by sea in a swift vessel as a *written worldly** communication i.e. *“even in vessels of bulrushes...paper reeds”* therefore by the satanic world ruler to *Israel in the End Times* to set out the covenant of Daniel 9:27. *i.e. *Egyptian* in emphasis i.e. *burden*, priority i.e. *idolatry*, central theme i.e. *heart* and essential tone i.e. *spirit*, in sum *ungodly*, see remarks below and Isaiah 28:15, 17-18. Isaiah 19:7 indicates that no further such written communication will be sent to Israel after the judgments of Isaiah 28:17-18 fall.

Isaiah describes that covenant that Israel enters into to secure the satanic world ruler’s protection through her leaders’ treachery at the time of the First Advent as John and Luke reveal *“...The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar”* John 19:15 *“But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people...crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;*

Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus" Acts 17:5-7 and God's judgement upon it *that involves a flood of waters upon the land.* See John's corroborative statement below.

"Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves...Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it" Isaiah 28:15, 17-18.

Israel may well be described as **"a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!"** because Numbers 23:22, 24:8 state of Israel **"God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn...God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows"** but Isaiah, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and John give further revelation for Israel in the End Times matching the remainder of Isaiah 18:2, John noting believing Israel's deliverance from the despoiling rivers, Isaiah 18:2, the woman to which he refers being believing Israel **"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars"** Revelation 12:1.

"...the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD...removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten..." Isaiah 6:11-13.

"For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! 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" Luke 21:22-24.

"...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. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth" Revelation 11:2, 12:14-16, the Lord fulfilling Exodus 19:4 **"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself"** again, this time for believing Israel in the End Times.

Scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13, therefore indicates that Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7 refer to satanic overtures in writing from the beast, Revelation 13, that no doubt **"by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple"** Romans 16:18 to Israel in the End Times to submit to him in return for his protection and God's judgement that she incurs for so doing through her leaders together with God's deliverance of believing Israel scattered in the wilderness.

Today's believer can nevertheless rejoice as End Times believers will at Daniel's vision of the Second Advent **"...I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame"** Daniel 7:11 and Zechariah's vision of the Lord making His people a terror to the nations as of old, with emphasis on Jerusalem. **"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone"**

for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it” Zechariah 12:3.

In addition, note this missionary application for Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7. The Lord Jesus Christ said, in a passage closely related to Isaiah 53:7-8, **“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me”** John 12:32. He could do this in part by means of **“ambassadors...vessels of bulrushes...paper reeds”** Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7, i.e. possibly written portions of translated key scriptures such as Isaiah 53:7-8, from which the Gospel could be preached (as Philip did in Acts 8:35) and progressed as **“ambassadors by the sea...upon the waters,”** carried by missionaries applying 2 Corinthians 5:20 **“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God”** even to the Britannic Isles and beyond (see Dr Ruckman’s comments later). (The foregoing is, of course, not the context of Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7, though **“Ethiopia”** is mentioned in Isaiah 18:1 but the terms used in those verses are strikingly descriptive of written communications that will probably never be fully supplanted by electronic means.)

The 1611 Holy Bible is the absolute text for the End Times, as Dr Ruckman explains with respect to what happened in history¹⁴, his emphases.

*To [fulfil] Acts 1:8 [for the Lord’s witnesses to go to **“the uttermost part of the earth”**]...All the Lord needed was a Bible in line with what He had already written and preserved; since He had already decreed (in 1000 BC) that there had to be present **“the word of a King”** Ecclesiastes 8:4 before there could be any spiritual **“power”** in that word (Romans 13:1-4), and since His king was a JEW (John 18:34)...God needed a king with a Jewish name; He got one...this time it was JAMES. James is the English word for JACOB...*

*After 1588, **“Britannica ruled the waves,”** and...with **absolute time** determined by **England** (Greenwich Observatory), with **absolute location** on the earth’s surface located from Greenwich, England (longitude)...by 1850 the sun **“never set on the British Empire.”***

Britain set aside the Imperial Book that made her great and her imperial past has therefore faded into history but the Book itself has not.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33.

Micah 5:5 *“And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men”*¹⁵

“this man” appears to be an End Times fulfilment of 2 Kings 13:5 *“And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime”* considering Micah 5:6 *“And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders”* and **“the Assyrian”** identified as the Antichrist or the beast, see remarks above on Revelation 13:3-4, 18 and the following scriptures.

This writer agrees with Dr Ruckman who identifies **“this man...the peace”** as *“The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD...of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen”* Lamentations 4:20. He effectively resists **“the Assyrian”** until **“taken in their pits”** Lamentations 4:20 i.e. captured but then delivered being evidently the Lord’s viceroy of Israel *“...brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne”* Revelation 12:5.

It is God who gets the final victory because God states concerning **“the Assyrian”** *“That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders”* Isaiah 14:25 with Malachi 4:3 *“And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts”* and Revelation 16:16, 19:19-21 *“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon...And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”*

The remainder of Micah 5:5 *“and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men”* appears to take place during the defeat of **“the Assyrian”** coinciding with the events of Daniel 9:27 *“and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate”* see remarks above on Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7.

A historical type for the remainder of Micah 5:5 is found in 1 Kings 20:13-15, 19-20, 26-29 *“And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou. Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand...So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them...And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country. And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have*

said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD. And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

The remainder of Micah 5:5 speaks of an End Times equivalent of the victories of 1 Kings 20:13-15, 19-20, 26-29 whereby seven of the ***“eight principal men”*** are as ***“the princes of the provinces”*** 1 Kings 20:14, 15, 19 and command seven detachments of their young men with ***“the children of Israel”*** 1 Kings 20:15, 27, 29 any two of them ***“like two little flocks of kids”*** 1 Kings 20:27 i.e. consisting of young warriors as in ***“the young men of the princes of the provinces”*** 1 Kings 20:14, 15, 19 and each of the detachments as a flock has a second-in-command giving the ***“seven shepherds”*** of Micah 5:5. The eighth principal man is at least for a time the overall commander of Israel’s resistance to ***“the Assyrian”*** and he is ***“this man...the peace”*** Micah 5:5 ***“The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD...of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen”*** Lamentations 4:20 and ***“thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders”*** Micah 5:6. See remarks above.

1 Kings 20:13-15, 19-20, 26-29 and Micah 5:5-6 with their outcomes are an incentive for today’s believer with respect to Daniel 11:32 ***“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.”***

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"*¹⁶

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, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?"** with Paul's exhortation **"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"** Philippians 2:15.

"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 **"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"** Luke 1:32-33. The red horse upon which this man is mounted is discussed below together with the horses that follow him, all of which are also discussed under Zechariah 6:1-8.

"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, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together...Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir 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"** and context. See remarks under Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7. Note Ezekiel's matching prophecy with respect to the Lord's judgements on Jerusalem in the End Times **"For thus saith the Lord GOD...I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast..."** Ezekiel 14:21 noting of **"the noisome beast"** Revelation 13:6 **"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."** Jerusalem is **"the holy city"** yet **"...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” Revelation 11:2 because Jerusalem is also **“...the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified”** Revelation 11:8.

Note that Jerusalem is not a great city in size, see remarks under Song of Solomon 8:8, 9, but it is a great city in that the Lord will restore it at the Second Advent so that Jerusalem will be **“...The city of righteousness, the faithful city...The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel”** Isaiah 1:26, 60:14.

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.

Psalms 46:8-9 therefore state with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ as both Warrior and Conqueror at the Second Advent, *defeating the satanic world rule of Revelation 6:2 and bringing in worldwide peace by means of armed warfare* **“Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.”**

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 – actually horses, plural, see remarks on Zechariah 6:2-3 - 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.:

“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” Leviticus 13:24-25 and context.

Note that Revelation 7:4, 7 **“And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel...Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand”** indicate that no distinct Levitical priesthood exists 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 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8.

Israel's believing remnant of that time **"...the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ"** Revelation 12:17, see remarks under Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7 on Revelation 11:2, 12:14-16, and **"the saints...they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"** Revelation 14:12 are nevertheless 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 no doubt including Leviticus 13. Those who would implement Leviticus 13 would therefore 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. Again, see remarks under Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7 on Revelation 11:2, 12:14-16.

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 below. 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 the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: 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"** could therefore be viewed as an example of 'straight from the horse's mouth.' It 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: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, 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.

"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 historical understudy of **"the Assyrian"** see remarks under Micah 5:5 taunted the Jews with the challenge **"Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them"** 2 Kings 18:23 with Isaiah 36:8. The Lord takes up that taunt by providing riders for the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. For example 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 15:2-3 describing in turn judgement by plague, war, famine and conquest with *four* kinds of destroyers depicted. **"And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity. And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, 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 concerning the Lord 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.

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"*¹⁷

Concerning **"the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem"** Zechariah 1:19 noting 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, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes" 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" 1 Chronicles 6:15.

"And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia" 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. See Jeremiah 52, noting 4x13¹⁸.

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 children 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.

“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; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! 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” Luke 21:20-24 and context, which is clearly prophetic.

“...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” Revelation 11:2, 12:14. Here **“the woman”** is believing Israel as Revelation 12:1 states. **“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.”** See remarks under Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7.

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. See remarks above with respect to the horns of Babylon, 1st century Rome and papal Rome. It is *these* horns that the four carpenters fray, though it should be noted as known from history and as indicated in scripture that the Lord did fray or drive away, Genesis 15:11, Deuteronomy 28:26, Jeremiah 7:33 and cast out Assyria by means of Babylon historically.

“Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria” Jeremiah 50:17-18. The first application of Jeremiah 50:17-18 is historical. Jeremiah 50:17-18 will also have application to **“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. See remarks above on papal Rome scattering Israel, Judah and Jerusalem.

“But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back...She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness” Nahum 2:8-10. Like Jeremiah 50:17-18, Nahum 2:8-10 has historical *and* End Times application.

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.

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 is frayed, driven away and cast out into oblivion by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Advent. He even uses satanic rulers at the time to accomplish that end. That would make the Lord Jesus Christ the fourth carpenter of Zechariah 1:20, which is not a surprising result and one that the term **“carpenters”** itself suggests.

“Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?...” Mark 6:3.

“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” Revelation 17:12, 16-17, 18:8.

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.

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”¹⁹*

“the...mountains of brass” Zechariah 6:1 locate this vision in Israel **“A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; 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 repeatedly associates chariots and horsemen, even if in different proportions compared with the essentially one-to-one correspondences of Zechariah 6:2-3 and Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8. The Lord doesn't need spare horses as the ancient worldly armies did.

“And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen...And the Syrians fled before Israel; 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 horsemen 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 – these in addition to the first red horse mentioned with its rider 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.

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.:

“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” Leviticus 13:24-25 and context.

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 grisled 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 **“grisled 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 realm²⁰. 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 according to 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.”** See remarks on Zechariah 1:10 above.

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 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”** 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. The Lord has deployed them harnessed to chariots and no doubt driven by *spirit* charioteers as in 2 Kings 13:14 **“the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof”** suggesting two horsemen or charioteers per chariot. They are listed in different order from the horses and their riders of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8 but 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 and are equivalent to those listed in remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11 that the Lord pronounced against Jerusalem in the End Times **“For thus saith the Lord GOD...I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast...”** Ezekiel 14:21 noting of **“the noisome beast”** Revelation 13:6 **“And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven”** but this time inflicted far beyond Jerusalem, **“the noisome beast”** corresponding to the white horse and his rider of Revelation 6:2. Note this insert from remarks under Zechariah 1:8-11.

With reference to Revelation 6:2 **“...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”**...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?”**

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 extracts²¹.

Corporate Agribusiness—America’s Merchants of Greed

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Corporation: n. “that inglorious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility.” - Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil’s Dictionary*, Neale Publishing Co: 1911

Greed: n. “excessive, inordinate or rapacious desire, esp. for wealth when unqualified, suggests a craving for food; it may, however, be applied to all avid desires ...” - *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language (Unabridged Edition)*, Random House: 1967

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, by pride in its “bottom line.” Family farmers, meanwhile, see efficiency in terms of respecting, caring and contributing to the overall health and well-being of the land, the environment, the communities and the nations in which they live. While corporate agribusiness stresses institutionalized organization, hierarchical decision making, volume, speed, standardization of the food supply and extracting as much production from the land as quickly and impersonally as possible, family farmers and peasants strive through order, labor, pride in the quality of their work, and a certain strength of character and sense of community to take from the land only what it is willing to give so as not to damage its dependability or diminish its sustainability...

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...

Thus, with just these seven merchants of greed, we can see exposed not only what has become standard corporate behavior in pursuit of economic and political dominance, but a lexicon of those characteristics that threaten to destroy our family farm system of agriculture, do immeasurable damage to our environment, sell farm and field workers into economic slavery while destroying rural communities, raise serious questions about the health and safety of our food supply, and restrict the consumer’s freedom of choice while at the same time leaving them less and less democratic control over the price and availability of their daily food supply.

The article shows that agribusiness that is dominant in the developed world is contemptuous of the Lord’s agri-wisdom of Leviticus 25:3-7, 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. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land. And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are***

in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat...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" and context.

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."**

The outcome for individuals is then as is described *historically* though with respect to a *benevolent* dictator even with no agribusiness as such or contaminated and/or over-cultivated ground and despoiled environment in Genesis 47:19-20 **"Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's."**

Pharaoh of 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 heralded by the horse and rider judgements of Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8, the conquering white horse rider, beast and satanic world ruler of Revelation 6:2, 13:3-4 is of course *not* a benevolent dictator but a tyrant **"...a king, against whom there is no rising up"** Proverbs 30:31 such that **"...when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance...shall stand up"** Daniel 8:23.

Noting **"the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority...and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast"** Revelation 13:2-4 this king is one with 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 where **"a scarlet coloured beast"** and **"a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads...the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan"** Revelation 12:3, 9 are one and the same. *Until Revelation 17:12, 16-17, 18:8 come to pass. See remarks under Zechariah 1:18-21.

As a warning therefore to Israel's believing remnant of that time **"...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 this king **"shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect"** Mark 13:22 **"And through covetousness shall...with feigned words make merchandise of you"** 2 Peter 2:3 via **"that great city Babylon, that mighty city!"** Revelation 18:10, that king's merchandise being **"slaves, and the souls of men"** Revelation 18:13 as in Genesis 47:19-20 but in the End Times, that king will pressure men to take the mark. **"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"** Revelation 13:16-17.

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 - and indeed other business mentality 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 willing²² in accordance with James 4:15 **“For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”**

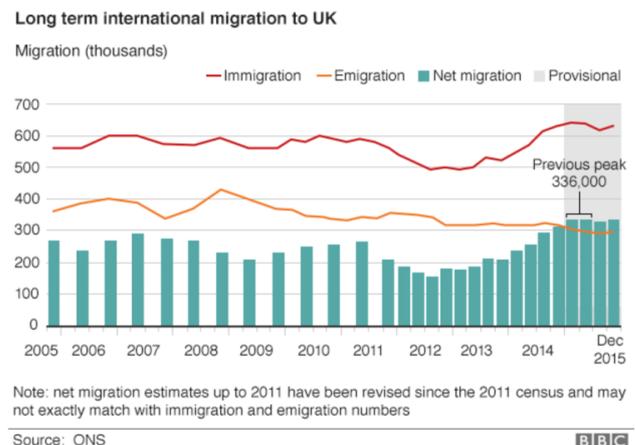
God’s spirit according to 1 Peter 4:14 **“the spirit of glory and of God”** is no doubt stirred by developed world idolatry just as Paul’s was by the Athenians’ idolatry. The black and white horse famine and conquest judgements of Zechariah 6:6, 8, Revelation 6:2, 5, therefore, **“these that go toward 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, for the quietening of God’s spirit through right judgements. **“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 grisled 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. These 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 full²³.



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 full²⁴.

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 with respect to the horse that is *speckled white and red* and *pale gray*. The Lord’s warning to apostate Israel on these diseases with the speckled condition is as follows.



“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed...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, see remarks above, 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.

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 directly 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.

1 Corinthians 7:38 *"So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better"*²⁵

If the wording of the verse can be accepted as it stands, I believe that the context of 1 Corinthians 7:36-38 indicates that 1 Corinthians 7:38 is referring to the man who could give *himself* to "**his virgin**" as in Ephesians 5:31 *"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh"* but doesn't e.g. for greater flexibility for them both in serving the Lord as 1 Corinthians 7:25-29 indicate *"But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none"* 1 Corinthians 7:29.

That's definitely not for everyone, Matthew 19:11 *"But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given,"* but it fits the context of what Paul is saying and he does make allowance for those, probably the majority, who would follow 1 Corinthians 7:28, 36 *"But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you... But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry"* and marry.

Today's believer has of course a responsibility in marriage as Paul sets out in Ephesians 5:22, 25 *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord... Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."*

Revelation 14:13 *"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them"*

Revelation 14:13 does not refer to anything pre-Rapture i.e. Revelation 4:1-2 *"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."*

No-one is in the Lord now unless he is in the body of Christ by means of having the Spirit of Christ Who puts you in the body of Christ, Romans 8:9 *"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his"* with 1 Corinthians 12:13 *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."*

Those *"in the Lord"* in Revelation 14:13 are those described in Revelation 14:12 *"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"* i.e. tribulation saints Matthew 24:13 *"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved"* who suffer martyrdom. *"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled"* Revelation 6:9-11. They are *"in the Lord"* in the sense of not being in the beast's kingdom by means of his implanted mark. See Revelation 14:9-11, 16:10 *"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their*

torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name... And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain."

A further point can be made in that those in the Lord in Revelation 14:13 are clearly those in the Lord's kingdom that comes into effect in the End Times after the rapture of Church Age saints.

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night" Revelation 12:10.

That is, in the End Times of great tribulation, the tribulation saint of Revelation 14:12-13 has absconded from the beast's kingdom and joined **"they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"** and is therefore **"in the Lord"** Revelation 14:12, 13 in the sense of being a subject of **"the kingdom of our God"** as it is come then and under **"the power of his Christ"** Revelation 12:10 being part of the fulfilment of Matthew 28:18 **"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."**

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Summary Observations - Extracts

Song of Solomon 8:8-9 "a little sister"

"a little sister" appears to be a description of **"a little city"** Ecclesiastes 9:14 and of millennial Jerusalem where the Lord will reign, see Psalm 2:6, Isaiah 2:3, Jeremiah 10:7, Revelation 19:15, 20:4 above. Ezekiel 48:31, 35 state **"And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel...It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there"** i.e. approximately 64 square miles when all the dimensions of the city are considered, Ezekiel 40:3-8, 48:30-34...

Scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13, therefore indicates that Song of Solomon 8:8-9 refers to millennial Jerusalem with its temple topped by a *silver* palace of chambers providing, say, meeting places or even visitors' accommodation for a special group of individuals in whose joy today's believer will be able to share.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness...the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" Isaiah 35:8-10.

Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7 "vessels of bulrushes upon the waters...paper reeds by the brooks"

Isaiah 18:2, 19:7...would in the light of Isaiah 18:1 and associated references appear to refer to **"an ambassage"** Luke 14:32 sent by sea in a swift vessel as a *written worldly** communication i.e. **"even in vessels of bulrushes...paper reeds"** therefore by the satanic world ruler to *Israel in the End Times* to set out the covenant of Daniel 9:27. *i.e. *Egyptian* in emphasis i.e. *burden*, priority i.e. *idolatry*, central theme i.e. *heart* and essential tone i.e. *spirit*, in sum *ungodly*, see remarks below and Isaiah 28:15, 17-18. Isaiah 19:7 indicates that no further such written communication will be sent to Israel after the judgements of Isaiah 28:17-18 fall...

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speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" Romans 16:18 to Israel in the End Times to submit to him in return for his protection and God's judgement that she incurs for so doing through her leaders together with God's deliverance of believing Israel scattered in the wilderness.

Today's believer can nevertheless rejoice as End Times believers will at Daniel's vision of the Second Advent **"...I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame"** Daniel 7:11...

Micah 5:5 "seven shepherds, and eight principal men"

...Micah 5:5 speaks of an End Times equivalent of the victories of 1 Kings 20:13-15, 19-20, 26-29 whereby seven of the **"eight principal men"** are as **"the princes of the provinces"** 1 Kings 20:14, 15, 19 and command seven detachments of their young men with **"the children of Israel"** 1 Kings 20:15, 27, 29 any two of them **"like two little flocks of kids"** 1 Kings 20:27 i.e. consisting of young warriors as in **"the young men of the princes of the provinces"** 1 Kings 20:14, 15, 19 and each of the detachments as a flock has a second-in-command giving the **"seven shepherds"** of Micah 5:5. The eighth principal man is at least for a time the overall commander of Israel's resistance to **"the Assyrian"** and he is **"this man...the peace"** Micah 5:5 **"The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD...of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen"** Lamentations 4:20 and **"thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders"** Micah 5:6...

1 Kings 20:13-15, 19-20, 26-29 and Micah 5:5-6 with their outcomes are an incentive for today's believer with respect to Daniel 11:32 **"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."**

Zechariah 1:8-11 "behold a man riding upon a red horse...and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white"

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 – actually horses, plural, see remarks on Zechariah 6:2-3 - 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.:

"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" Leviticus 13:24-25 and context...

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 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 concerning the Lord 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.

Zechariah 1:18-21 “behold four horns...And the LORD shewed me four carpenters”

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. See remarks above with respect to the horns of Babylon, 1st century Rome and papal Rome. It is *these* horns that the four carpenters fray, though it should be noted as known from history and as indicated in scripture that the Lord did fray or drive away, Genesis 15:11, Deuteronomy 28:26, Jeremiah 7:33 and cast out Assyria by means of Babylon historically.

“Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria” Jeremiah 50:17-18. The first application of Jeremiah 50:17-18 is historical. Jeremiah 50:17-18 will also have application to *“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. See remarks above on papal Rome scattering Israel, Judah and Jerusalem...

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.

Zechariah 6:1-8 “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...

“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 repeatedly associates chariots and horsemen, even if in different proportions compared with the essentially one-to-one correspondences of Zechariah 6:2-3 and Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 8...

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...

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 "grisled and bay horses" of Zechariah 6:3 and these horses are therefore *tri-coloured* creatures, *speckled red and white i.e. the plague colours...on a pale gray background* like "a pale horse" Revelation 6:8...

Zechariah 6:6 "the grisled 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 who declare "We have no king but Caesar" John 19:15 with respect to *communicable* "diseases of Egypt" Deuteronomy 28:60 that will be 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 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...with respect to the horse that is *speckled white and red* and *pale gray*. The Lord's warning to apostate Israel on these diseases with the speckled condition is as follows.

"The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed...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, see remarks above 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.

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"...

1 Corinthians 7:38 "he that giveth her in marriage doeth well...he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better"

If the wording of the verse can be accepted as it stands, I believe that the context of 1 Corinthians 7:36-38 indicates that 1 Corinthians 7:38 is referring to the man who could give *himself* to "his virgin" as in Ephesians 5:31 "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh" but doesn't e.g. for greater flexibility for them both in serving the Lord as 1 Corinthians 7:25-29 indicate "But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none" 1 Corinthians 7:29...

Today's believer has of course a responsibility in marriage as Paul sets out in Ephesians 5:22, 25 "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord...Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Revelation 14:13 ***“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth”***

Those ***“in the Lord”*** in Revelation 14:13 are those described in Revelation 14:12 ***“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”*** i.e. tribulation saints Matthew 24:13 ***“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved”*** who suffer martyrdom. ***“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held...and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled”*** Revelation 6:9-11. They are ***“in the Lord”*** in the sense of not being in the beast’s kingdom by means of his implanted mark. See Revelation 14:9-11, 16:10 ***“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name...And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain”***...

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Conclusion

This work has shown with respect to several preliminary examples, see **Introduction**, and further examples Song of Solomon 8:8-9, Isaiah 18:1-2, 19:7, Micah 5:5, Zechariah 1:8-11, 18-21, 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 7:38, Revelation 14:13 considered in detail that ***“...the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding”*** Proverbs 2:6 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. As indicated in the **Introduction**, Luke 24:45 shows that what held true for the early disciples with respect to ***“the words of the LORD”*** Exodus 4:28, 24:3, 4, Numbers 11:24, Joshua 3:9, 24:27, 1 Samuel 8:10, 15:1, 2 Chronicles 11:4, 29:15, Psalm 12:6, Jeremiah 36:4, 6, 8, 11, 37:2, 43:1, Amos 8:11, Acts 20:35 holds true now for today’s believer. Luke 24:45 should be memorised.

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures” Luke 24:45.

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