

## EUROPE RUSSIA AND THE LORD

### *ABC Monograph*

This monograph assesses what the bible has to say fresh from the prophetic press-that is to say-citations now relevant and clarifying by the day from what we have long read in the bible.

This monograph features the years we have entered which offer to the world today a rousing wake up call to our Lord's "visitation" and the quite horrendous events of the book of Revelation (which hereafter is called "the Apocalypse". The visitation or **rapture** I call God's "burglary" and the "**horrendous events**" God calls "the Great Tribulation".

The entire Apocalypse Chapters 4-19 almost exclusively pre-record the last seven years of history before Christ's return. A large section thought to be 50% of that Heptad(Daniel's "last seven years of the seventy"(Dan.11)respects the final 3 ½ years(Dan.12.7) which is affirmed three times and projects back to its roots in the seals and forwards to its vintage in the trumpets and bowls-all these parts. cf 11.2, 12.6, 12.14,

### *The musketeers of God*

Billy Graham wrote a book under the title "The Four Horsemen of Revelation". The first purpose of these riders was vigilance and we are told of one great foray they made surveying the state of the earth and of their report.

Behind the words of John the divine lie the writing of the prophet Zechariah and Joel. **Zechariah[6<sup>th</sup> cent.BC]** 1 & 6 speaks of 4 horses and horsemen waiting among the myrtles (a peace plant). The horsemen report the whole earth is at rest and in peace but as yet Jerusalem is not mollified nor comforted by her Messiah-70 years on

(in the first instance this prophecy relates precisely to our Lord's first advent but it is cited again here by the Spirit of God but this time it is not about divine peacekeepers but human warmongers). The earth is settled in a manner displeasing to the Lord who says "I am very angry with the nations that feel secure...I was but a little angry but the went too far with punishment. The context at first seems to fit the first advent but in Apocalypse 6.4 "the peace" has held in Europe for 73 years as of now-but at this instant it is seriously fractured. **Zephaniah** 1 consents with Zechariah introducing his narrative of deep gloom with God's words "I will sweep away everything from the earth...man beast birds fish...when I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth

### *Modern war machines revealed*

**Joel(2 & 4)[8<sup>th</sup> century BC]** twice speaks of a day of darkness and trouble created by machines he tells us enter houses and fly over mountains. Today we understand the rocketry and aircraft that are capable of such then incredible now breathtaking **catastrophe**. Thus "comfort" without the Lord and "doing vengeance" instead of leaving it to Him brings on a penalty. Such a situation without the **Rapture** or home-call of the Lord's people is not envisaged in the teaching of our Lord detailed in Matthew 24 & Mark 13-hence the pre-tribulation Rapture or "Burglary".

### *The seeds of catastrophe*

Turn to the start of the "seals" (Chapter 6) and weigh the expression with which the final epoch of secular history is unfolded by heaven as the Lamb breaks the first seal. There rides out one mounted on a white horse. A fact to hold in relief is that emblazoned on the Russian

flag is just such a warrior on a white horse. The emblem over millennia has identified a victor and war hero.

The first seal sets the stage for all seven –the last of which in 7.8ff takes us to a “silent heaven” whose ½ hour pause of an awesome nature leads to a cyclone of prayer and the heavenly response of thunder lightning and earthquake and the awakening war trumpets heralding the sinister 1/3 rd of everyone and everything vital being devastated. The point is-we are on a terrible trajectory and the “rider on the white horse” initiates something **catastrophic**. To underline this *scripture makes five points* when John watched the Lamb unseal this final heptad(7 years) of the final epoch.

1 One of the majestic living creatures near the throne was speaking- this is from the top Escalon-this is solemn.

2 The living creature’s voice was exactly like thunder-this is a message issued in anger and with deep indignation.

3 “And I heard” [The Greek does not have this response!]. John heard the fearful sound and saw the horse-he partook millennia ahead of frightening noise that modern war unleashes.

4 To Him there **exists** a bow. That means he had long range war implements.

5 And a crown **had been** given him. This is not a chaplet of baptism or marriage though Orthodox Church members use both but a wreath of victory.

6 He went to war

7 He came-he conquered (The Aramaic is Babylonian showing the Aramaic picked up a Babylonian confirmatory term) - then is added “He conquers” in traditional Aramaic and after that “he would conquer”-the NIV has “A conqueror bent on conquest”.

### *The Last Russian leader in Ezekiel & Daniel*

1. **Ezekiel 38.18** The Leader or president is called “Gog” a word drawn from Amos 7.1. His land is “Magog” which is noted in an ancient script on the building of the Great Wall of China erected to keep out Magog(Russia) other wise called “Rosh” by Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 38.3 we are told in the Hebrew that the chief prince captain or leader is *aycn cwr* “The lifter up of Russia’s head” i.e. The one who restores her greatness.

2 **Daniel 11 40-45** Daniel has reconnoitered long eras and then comes to what is immediately recognizable as the last days setting “the time of cutting off or harvesting” 11.40. This lead up appears to be the Second World War where Russia was involved in Yalta and the distribution of land after that war (Daniel 11.39). As it happened that very settlement is the alibi for the present Ukrainian invasion and war by Russia. The king of the South will “shudder” “bristle up” or “be fierce as a tempest”. The king of the North (Russia) with tanks(chariots) and soldiers and **great** ships(a large navy/subs) will enter countries and overwhelm them or swallow them up[cf Chechnya Crimea and Ukraine] and pass over. He will come to the glorious land (beautiful as the gazelle) Many (countries) will totter[Roman idea of “talipedare” waddling or tottering at the ankles]-they will be made wretched (the idea seems to return to their own fortresses). Edom Moab and the “Rosh(pro Russian) heads of”(Aramaic) the Sons of Ammon[Jordan]will escape. He will take control of Egypt and silver and gold [treasures which western diplomats in Ezekiel 38.12-13 suggest is the reason for his invasion of the southern Mediterranean. Diplomacy is the western tool of tottering lands. Lebanon and Cush will be in step with him-the verb

suggests “in a dilatory way” as those pressed into compliance. Reports from the East or “scattering out” and the North will terrify Him and he will go to war with great rage to lay waste (cities) and cut off people and put them to total ban i.e. leave not one alive [cf Ezekiel 38 on “fire on the North and the Coastlands]. And he will pitch his military stronghold between the seas-the Mediterranean and Dead Sea-or the Galilee and the Dead Sea belonging to the mountain of Holiness (Jerusalem the city of God) and he is come to his harvesting-none will help him. The NT says our Lord shall destroy him with the breath of His mouth.

#### *Through hard places to the skies*

The seals lead on to the cessation of world peace and certainly European peace which has persisted for 70plus years. Crashing economies and ghastly famines, plagues and persecution produce **multiple catastrophes**. Saints call on the Lord for intervention and curtailment of deep grief. The Lord demands patience. As to the saints who plead we must observe they are home in glory-another non-annotated reference to **the Rapture**.

The world shaking quake with darkness involving sun moon and stars occurs in 6.12-17 This is a global catastrophe from which the Rapture takes the church of God -that church had endured 20centuries of persecution but we can be content the Lord knows how to rescue those He loves.

#### *Trumpets sound*

Heaven's armies are in place robed in white and at this juncture John is assured that those in the “stoles” are militant saints who have “come out of great tribulation 7.14. The word MIN in Aramaic or Hebrew denotes “part abstracted from the whole” so the believers in “a short time” known to the Father were **raptured** from the world as

part of the world. Before the first trumpet the 7<sup>th</sup> seal and uncanny ½ hour silence in heaven- prayers accepted and fire flung to earth resulting in earthquake and thunder. The trumpets mark multiple calamities including **the fall of a great nation** [& political sea-change] and a star like bitter poison [“wormwood” in Greek- “Chernobyl” in Russian] falling and in sequence “darkness” with every similarity to “nuclear night” then locust-cum-scorpion aircraft under Apollyon 9.11(the war god) or Abdo(Aramaic-“the one who passes over” “who invades” “Who violates”(air space?) “Who removes(others)from office” “Who silences or obliterates” and “Who decrees”. This 5th trumpet enshrines the first woe-another **catastrophe**. The 6<sup>th</sup> dries up the Euphrates conflict to open another greater evil-a 200 million force ready to kill a third of mankind. This is a catastrophe that sees the end of over 2 or 3 billion souls.

#### *Elijah on TV*

Chapter 11 Divine wrath with heaven's prayer vigil surmounts catastrophe to hail the glorious Kingdom. So we pass to the last 3 ½ years and the appearance of Elijah and another unknown linked with the word of Malachi 4.5-6. They discipline the age based on Israel but are killed by the Northern warrior-**another Catastrophe**. TV (11.9) captures their resurrection-a miracle that brings awe to world audiences and yet another “**stealing away**” but not at all inconspicuous. This great woe brought new ultimate instability with thousands dying in Jerusalem. The last war trumpet proclaimed the victory of the Lamb seen once more from the heavenly perspective.

#### *Rapture and Flight*

Yet again in Chapter 12 we have the rapture “The child of the woman is snatched up to God” and Israel herself is protected in the

"wilderness". She flies there by the wings of an eagle. Some say Petra some America but why not Israel itself? The nation that commits itself to every Jew and maintains its defenses is the surest protection an Israeli could ever have. Michael whom Daniel notes stands for the Jews battled Satan in heaven and then on earth-now replacing Elijah under God as her last defender in Tribulation.

#### *The Mediterranean power re-emerges*

Seven heads and ten horns speak of a union beyond the Church's stay-into the post rapture era. This politico religious corporate blasphemes the saints who have been **raptured** 13.6 and even militarily opposes Israel (13.7). This beast is joined by another which is not a traditional maritime power but land based. It prides itself on rockets which ascend and descend from heaven in a display of fire. The wounding of the European or Western Beast may have been by the Rapture and the bolstering of this first Beast was from the Second and the image or imprint of the Beast was 666. The digital age had arrived-Big Brother is to become as draconian as anything seen in China or Russia today-a quiet but terrible **catastrophe**.

#### *Messengers in the heavens*

Chapter 14 brings to us what must be a satellite ministry-an eagle flying in mid heaven-exactly that where satellites move. It was sent up in time gone by but carried its live message to the post rapture world. Another messenger -"eagle" (American?) flew with a message that the Great world politico-industrial complex with strong mystical connotation had fallen-a **catastrophe** bewailed by all great world merchants-this satellite carried current news. A third carried virtually the scripture of 14.9-11. To this the Spirit appended a

message that by now **raptured saints** enjoy heavenly rest and so "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord"

#### *The Son of Man on the cloud*

In Rev.14.14-20 we have two harvests-one intimated by the "cloud" of saints (already accomplished) who accompanied our Lord to Glory in the Rapture and the one here expounded-the winepress harvest of wrath which involved a great final war otherwise known and later detailed as the Armageddon- a human **catastrophe** where the lead player as seen in Ezekiel 38-39 & Daniel 11 is Russia. The death and destruction accompanying this greatest of battles spread 100 plus miles in the Levant. This is a terrible catastrophe which for the **raptured saints** over whom Christ reigns as "a cloud of witnesses" presages the glorious rule of their Lord.

#### *Bowls of wrath*

The first bowl was marked with cancerous boils in the Mediterranean economic-political-mystical Union area. We read of rivers springs seas and all waters being grossly affected and even the sun alters its mellow rays to prove a minister of wrath. The very centre of governance in the regrouped Europe is plunged into darkness and where religion was mistress people curse God. Again we read of the Euphrates "drying" or warring powers withdrawing to be replaced by a mighty eastern military push by the powers of the east. In face of all this in part re-expressed and yet extended vision -three diplomatic agents of war source support worldwide for the Armageddon. The final catastrophe is plotted by the dragon Satan ably abetted by an earthly dragon power [*China*] and the Beast-our well embedded Western power of the Mediterranean and the False Prophet ensconced in Jerusalem and known in Daniel 9.27 as the

Abomination of Desolation (the desert). So the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl is outpoured in the air-a nuclear event without question which promotes an earthquake of unparalleled proportion. Amid this our Lord reminds us "**Behold I come as a thief**"-the great Burglary of the earth is what we must be concerned about despite this **catastrophe** which tears mountains down, splits Jerusalem and results in cities worldwide falling. The prophet says "Every wall and stair will collapse" If this is not utter catastrophe we might ask what is? A hail-fell amid this turmoil and men literally cursed God because that plague was so devastating.

### *Babylon lamented*

The Apocalypse story of disaster by bowls of wrath is spelt out in some detail but embedded in it is a larger threefold message of doom for the former religious seat which prostituted its message and testimony over historic ages and even persecuted those who loved Christ.

John was drawn into the wilderness of the Medieval times-to see the Roman emperors who cruelly afflicted the church with no less than 10 persecutions from Claudius to Domitian. The world wide religious influence of Rome thereafter was often even more cruel. Rome like a mistress ruled over Europe's kings and their often deeply evil inquisitions. The Apocalypse is after all a history of the church and that history contains abysmal immoral records which in the last days attract the most solemn retribution. The call "Come out of her my people" is not a call for Reformation though that step began spring-cleaning in the church but it is the **Rapture** call. This city and hub of empire will fall to a fiery end and the world's merchants as the bible says will watch their long years of business go up in flames and the

world's mercantile heartland burn to pieces-an **untold catastrophe**. This "purple lady" who sat as a queen made bold to say "I am no widow" although she was bereaved of her children and the Lord disowned her. A plain parable from the lips of our Lord in Matt 24 42-44 speaks of His burglary which draws those born of the Spirit out of the house of this world despot of the politico religious framework of the "purple lady" and leaves her sadly belatedly aware of the truth of the Rapture. This great city through which passed every choice commodity and which traded even human lives would have no longer any religious candle or any marriage procession. Even in her was found the blood of "preachers" who as prophets spoke of the coming of our Lord.

### *King of kings and Lord of lords*

The fall of Babylon not the Armageddon north of Jerusalem is the sad subject of the end of divine wrath among nations in this book which is of course devoted to the Christian Faith. The fall of Babylon attracts one of three hallelujahs—from all of heaven—from all the apostles and rulers-Peter Paul and the glorious martyrs. The second hallelujah accompanies the adoration of God and the Lamb and the third expresses glorious rejoicing upon the marriage of the Lamb and His bride. All this heavenly prelude is harbinger of the final Advent of Christ with His armies to rule the nations with a rod of iron and to judge the nations as He deals summary justice to the Beast and false prophet who suffer the Lake of Fire -the destiny also of those not written in the Book of Life[19.20 & 20.14] The glorious millennium of 20.7 concludes this era and this all to brief 3 ½ year epoch account.

*Even so come Lord Jesus -Amen Maranatha*

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