


# WARS AHEAD

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## ***INTRODUCTION***

Long ago Daniel the seer who was greatly loved by God was given to understand that history up and until the first coming of Messiah would occupy the 69 weeks or 483 years from the decree of Artaxerxes2 in 445BC according to Sir Robert Anderson working with the master of Greenwich observatory came out at Nisan(APRIL 6) 32AD.

Daniel the seer's last "seven" of the "seventy" is picked up by John in the Apocalypse as two sets of 3.5 years following the church age symbolized in Revelation chapters 1-3. There are no less than 62 quotations from Daniel referring to this last "seven". Daniel writing of the end times states "the end will come like a flood." ***War will continue till the end*** and ***desolations*** have been decreed. The concertina style record of John moves through 6 time sections marked by the Greek words "after this" and includes at least 6 major wars which we consider in this monograph.

## ***UNIQUE FACTORS IN THE APOCALYPSE***

Within the context of Revelation 4-19 especially *multiple angels* are busily directing righteous oversight of a world being overwhelmed by proud nations, where frenzied tyrants are ensconced as despot leaders, and Satan in his final campaign is orchestrating the most gruesome enormities of war. The end time clash is represented by the Aramaic verb ***YAHAB***-***"It is given/not given"*** intimating the Lord's control as "creator and sustainer" in a nuclear period.

The other matter to bear in mind is that huge movements of people occur in part on account of nuclear endangerment and environmental effects. The *Jewish people* are airlifted by eagle wings to a "desert place". The *purple lady* travels into the wilderness on the back of the "beast" and the last great trade-cum-military movement of China advances using a road route across the Euphrates. Strategic and industrial hubs along with critical infrastructure of cities and digital

connectivity is vitiated and ultimately collapses in proportion to the success and ravages of modern warfare.

### ***WARS TO DATE SINCE 1945***

The modern “period” since World War 2 becomes notable because in 1948 the Jewish people claimed Israel as their homeland under the general umbrella of the Balfour Declaration and instantly had to repulse the concerted Arab armies at that time. It is now in 2022- 74 years since that fateful day. In AD 70 the Jewish nation lost “their place and nation” to Rome and the Gentiles; that was significantly 74years since the birth of Christ. Should the Lord deal in mercy and in parity with Jew and Gentile in these twin pivotal points of the ages it would appear we are on the cusp of a vital turning point of history. With the emergence of a resurgent Russia-the chief protagonist of the Armageddon we can sensibly look for the actions and terror of the “desolator” of scripture.

Since the second World War 1939-45 there have been perhaps 25 conflicts including 10 well-known to us namely the Korean War 50-53, the Suez Crisis, the Vietnam War 55-75, the Falklands Conflict 1982, the Gulf War 90-91 the Afghanistan War 2001-14, the Iraq War 2003-11, the Libyan conflict 2011-2022, the Yemen conflict 2014-2022 and the Russo-Ukraine War 2014-22.

### ***THE LAODICEAN AGE***

We are at the doorstep of the Laodicean Age of the church which in the Apocalypse reaches into the era of the “seals”. That era casts its shadow before it as the “War (“going out militarily) of the Horses” (Revelation 6). The last phase of the Church on earth continues against the cruel backcloth of persecution when believers make their altar cry to the Lord “to take up Your great power to reign.”

We have entered the Laodicean Church age (where the Church bows obsequious to bad law) marked by the clash of freedom with anti-democratic fetters and of bible morality in conflict with new wrought chains of immorality dressed up as culture with a capital “C”. In Russia, Church and State are virtually identical and given the militarism of Russia (where the national church is flamboyant and obsequious) and China (where the Church is brave but silenced) the world apart from our Lord’s oversight is ripe to be dragooned to hell

and the grave. The increasing liaison of Russia, Iran and China (predicted by Ezekiel) needs only one ingredient to lead mankind into the morass of total war and nuclear night-the murderous involvement of Satan-that old Dragon.

### ***THE WAR OF THE HORSES***

#### ***(1) WAR ONE-RUSSO-UKRAINE VERSUS NATO BY PROXY***

The prophet Zechariah saw a set of horses sheltering as horses do quietly among myrtle (the symbol of victory) trees. There is a posse of horses in Revelation six which mark out step by step the onset of the war series of the Apocalypse. The white horse fronts the vision and much of what is told us overlaps with the Laodicean era of the church on earth and of course the emerging war narrative leads naturally to the Rapture and thereafter to the final war of this era-the Armageddon in Revelation 16.16.

### ***THE WHITE HORSE-HARBINGER OF DESOLATION- SEAL ONE***

As the seals of history's last pages and polemathy's last stages open with one of the white horse riders that bookend the chapters 4-19 a set of events with precise parallels in our 21<sup>st</sup> century story emerges. Just as the rider went out to war (*NEPHAQ*) in the vision the current Russian president Vladimir Putin initiated a "special operation" that is spelt W-A-R. The President addresses his own and the world constituency from a podium above which there is a rider on a white horse-alongside which there is a flag emblazoned with a white horse and embossed on the desk frontage is yet another logo of a white horse rider.

The rider held "a bow" as the English bible puts it. The Aramaic simple says "He had a bow"-in 1 Maccabees 6.20 a ***BELOSTASIS*** or war engine.

We next read in English translation "He was given a crown" and better still in our Lord's Aramaic tongue "A Star". The "Red star" has long characterized Russia.

Our bible then goes on "He rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest." Here the Aramaic Peshitto (Crawford MSS) reads in transliteration

(1) “**Zaci**, (2)**o’Zaca**, (3)**o’d’n’Zaca**.” You will notice there are three words—for the Aramaic has it “To conquer, conquering and with a will to win”. Further if you run your eye over the three words you find the operative “Z” within each. The word **ZACAN** like the Russian symbol “Z” painted on its tanks in Ukraine and featured on its banners in the Kremlin means “The victory” as you can confirm by googling it. This convergence of prophecy and the plain intent of the Russian leader presents us with a convergence so detailed as to promote the question—“Is this that?”

### ***PEACE ENDS-A SOLEMN GIVEN- SEAL TWO***

#### ***(2) WAR TWO RUSSO-UKRAINE PROXY WAR MARK II***

The “red horse” rider beefs up the conflict as it runs on strongly to end world peace.

There is a plethora of “givens” in the writing of John about the end-times. One is made aware that unsavoury and tragic things arising out of man’s inhumanity and Satan’s murderous incitements are being endured by our Lord **MARAN** pending His soon coming and whilst the gospel outreach nears fulfillment. John refers to the gross evil of men slaying one another or slaying brothers and that with ease they would pierce or summarily kill **HAKKA** each other. More tragic still he refers to fratricide - a replication of the Cain and Abel scenario that marred man’s first years on earth & family felicity. This is today in 2022 the military reality of the “wars of the horses”(the white & red horse wars)and is something we sadly read as a daily occurrence in the Russo-Ukraine conflict.

Another seal is broken –the further future emerges “A red horse goes out to war.” with the irreversible effect of “**snatching**” peace from the earth as quickly as Enoch was snatched up into Heaven. That was the end of Enoch’s story at the time. We can no longer expect “peace in our time.” Peace is a by-gone dream—that is the import of the Aramaic **NASAB**. The Russian “Red army” begins precisely here to become associated with every future engagement until the Armageddon. That awesome conclusion pivots on betting on this horse so to speak. As in the case of earlier linkage this hypothesis is palpably open to proof in the near future for Russia has a “red horse” in the 21<sup>st</sup> century stakes running in the last race—the Armageddon.

### ***THE GIFT OF A GREAT SWORD***

Scripture continues “He had been given a great sword” ***HARBA RABTHA*** (Used in Amos 4 of a “spear” and by Michael the Syrian circa 1199 of a “comet” in the sky. The “gift” is clearly a war tool that flies fast.

The current Russian commander-in-chief boasts a missile that travels at 9 times the speed of sound and can take vertical and horizontal evasive action. Previous to unveiling this weapon –indeed less than a month previous in September 2022 within his operations room President Putin demonstrated a weapon that could travel at 5 times the speed of sound. The updated version must have been at the production stage as he spoke. Thus Russia has an “advanced” weapon faster than any such in the world and without rival excepting perhaps the lazar weapon that the US reportedly has ready to be revealed. Such a world nuclear threat is tantamount to advice that the “desolator” of Daniel 9.27, 11.31 &12.11 is in situ.

### ***THE BLACK HORSE-SEAL THREE***

The next horse is black. “Black” is used of clothes given to the poor – of “patched and sewn garments of the Jewish poor”. The black horse is associated with famine.

The one who remained seated on it had scales ***MSATHA*** (a balance) in his hand. John heard a voice –a musical voice-one so sweet but yet one of sorrow ***QALA***.

The poetry of sorrow giving the commodity prices runs in Aramaic

***QABA D'HATA B'DINRA***

***W'THALAHA GABIN***

***D'SHARA BEDINRA***

***W'LAHMARA***

***W'LAMSHHA***

The price of wheat and barley would be “a measure for a soldier’s wage” and that of barley three measures for a “day’s wages” and there is then a plea “Do not be contentious or quarrel about wine or oil”. The Lord(for it looks clear this is His voice) does not want harmful pricing and dispute about wine which was used for stomach ache (Syrian Anatomy)and oil for light and anointing the sick. The Aramaic gives us some indication of our Lord’s sorrow about the sicknesses and darkness of this and future years –afflicting the poor especially.

As this horse in cantering through the earth we are listening as it were to a divine commentary expounding the compassion of our Lord for the World's poor. In a time of coming "darkness" and nuclear night oil will be available-in a time when war intercepts food provision essentials will be available. The earth will be able to say "With mercy and with judgment my warp of time He wove".

### ***THE PALE GREEN HORSE-SEAL FOUR***

This is a very rare equine breed. In our bible it is interpreted as "pale". The Greek uses **CHLOROS** which also means "Green" and the Aramaic colour is "green" so let's stay with "Green". Green is the colour of life with us- but gray & green easily merge with fallow tints in the scale of sickly colours. Its rider is called "Death". In one understanding both colour tints may hold good. The horse is "plodding" into battle and the rider on this dangerous dying nag wreaks havoc on life itself. The rider represents "death" not by a thousand cuts but by four means. Death is effected by the sword=war; by famine=food shortfall; by death=disease or misadventure and by wild creatures **KHAYUTHA** [suggestive of transferred viruses (not cattle **BAIRA** and not of the leopard leonine type **NEMRA**

This horse was pursued by Sheol. The dying would be going to Sheol – hell will have a field day and many souls will be captured for the prison of the dead who await judgment). The fifth and sixth seals explain what will happen to the balance of souls and also to the balance of the living on earth.

We are told that this horse and rider had absolute authority by divine allowance **YIHAB** over a quarter of humanity. Three quarters of the human race were provided with "freedom" and "a place" of safety during the ravages wrought by the rider of this horse. Note that far distant future events are spoken of as recorded history-already complete by the angel and Apocalyptic writer so my tenses used in this monograph may vary despite the foundation fact that the events as written are prophetic and in the future.

### ***SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR –SEAL FIVE***

From Apocalypse 6.9 to 8.3 we move through a heavenly parenthesis where the Deuteronomy 32.8 principle of the size of the Gentile peoples in God's book is measured by the number of the Jews and that

number is applied specifically at this latest time to “elect” or Messianic Jews reaching 144,000 in the church age i.e. complete and by its “whole number” providing an indicative of the “completing of the Gentile elect from all nations at this time. We move by consequence of the completion of the elect from earth to heaven and from prayers of the persecuted to the felicity of the redeemed at this season. The elect are represented as freed from the famine introduced by the signature visions of the black and pale horses. God’s elect are swept to glory ere the waters turn bitter under the trumpet sequence. This explanatory note John gives us when he is moved by the Holy Spirit and instructed by the angel before moving through the events.

This Fifth seal takes us to a very, very important cohort of mankind who with faithfulness and courage laid down their lives but are very much alive-being described as “*under the altar*”. These *belong to below* (or humbly at the altar still) but by the supreme sacrifice are translated after being slain for their testimony to Jesus to heaven. John is telling us that from under the altar of giving their lives they remain in glory *at or above AL* the altar of prayer for Christ’s kingdom as to the ministry of their souls and they cried with a great voice of sympathetic pleading-“How long will you not dispute or require our blood from the “*sojourners*” or literally *Gomorrhah sort* of the earth. The Aramaic word suggests that the earth is ripe for judgment and is come to the very day of judgment like ancient Gomorrhah. *The term “Gomorrhah” is used of “a priest’s concubine” and so of corrupt relationships irrupting everywhere-even in the Laodicean church.*

Martyrs are given a white stole which recognized a faithful matron and assured her protection is well understood. The Lord was confirming He had not overlooked their faith and obedience.

They were asked to wait. In Aramaic the time factor is specific *EDEN ZEBAN ZAOD* and it was commanded they should rest until their community members and brothers make life sacrifice.

Their wait (a) was to be “temporary” *EDEN* but happy (like a little Eden) for Satan was to be cast from heaven though active on earth to slay the saints.

Their wait (b) was to be **ZEBAN** ‘once only’ and the last of all waits connected to martyrs like Pharaohs one more time only request for forgiveness (Ex10.17).

Their wait (c) was to be “diminished” **ZAOD** (Job15.11 “diminished consolations” and Amos8.5 of the “diminished moon”). *The Lord appears to shorten the tribulation period (for His dear ones) by allowing saints limited episodic foretaste of the opening gamut of its seven years.* Saints will be taken from of the “Great Tribulation” in accord with the Lord’s relevant petition of our Lord’s Prayer and “God did not appoint us to suffer wrath” 1Thess5.9. Notwithstanding sufficient mystery remains as to how deep the waters of trial we shall wade ere the prescriptive Trumpet sound and Archangel’s voice heralds our “out-redemption”. On the cusp of His *sealing work* we may well live for a little witnessing the gathering storm clouds of Tribulation below but it is above in glory we shall mark with awe the seven angels who bear the trumpets heralding the events of the **Great Tribulation**.

### **THE GREAT SHAKE-SEAL SIX**

We now must grasp and grapple with the events that crowd around the “silence of heaven”. The trumpet call of God and the voice of the angel would appear to be in the rear mirror when silence occurs and the subsequent thunder, quake and lightning bolts startle the earth and mark the road ahead as the first of seven sharp shophars sound to herald a series of military conflicts among which we can trace major events of warfare heralded by angels of the military host seen that first Christmas.

John takes our eyes off the frenzy of modern life and beyond our hills, valleys and plains –wide of our native land to speak of a global earthquake and a daily gloom that comes with the direst disruption earth has known since the flood. The eye-gate of modern man has been stormed by digital science and its virtual world to the near universal exclusion of the bible and its vital prophetic message. The world in its so-called “enlightenment” is soon to enter the daily obscurity of a horsehair tent **AOCAM** when the moon will show up at night like on orb of blood.

The stars, (**KOKABIN**) be they comets or satellites or interplanetary rocks, shower down like falling fruit of the fig tree.



Most significant the heavens part asunder **PARASH** and roll apart like a scroll **CIRCU** reminding us of a kindred event in John 1.32. This “tearing open” might well afford a view of the gathering of saints and the end of reaping and the church’s world ministration may be compared with the baptism of our Lord and a parallel heavenly event when the Holy Spirit came.

On earth we are told in our NIV bible “*every island and hill were moved*”. The Aramaic is **MIN DOKTHAHON** which simply means over all the earth a long expected quake predicted in the Old Testament “*occurred simultaneously*” right around the earth. The Greek lacks the refinement of the Aramaic and suggests a re-organised geography. Eusebius’ *Manifestations* and Clement’s *Recognitions* support the Aramaic usage.

There is a universal cowering response to this great shake. Generals, rich men, servants, children and free people in their nations hide in caves and rocks fearing the advent of God’s wrath. Man is everywhere aware of the anger **RAGAZ** of Almighty God.

The ministry of Angels interposes and curiously the earth becomes very still. Trade winds appear to fail and the angels secure the planet from harm to its soil, seas and trees whilst God’s elect are taken to heaven. It is in 7.9 that we read of the scene in heaven where “generations” “communities” or “assemblies” or “language groups” **CANOSH** have now appeared. The great question as to the identity of this vast throng posed and answered. John who understood the short term of hardball (i.e. persecution) that was first century mission could not comprehend a mass of mankind in glory far greater than earth’s first century population. “These are they (to quote the reply) who have come *from the face of* great calamity, siege, straits” **AOLZANA**. These holy ones in heaven wear the robes of saints the Lord protected and it is said of them that they were given holy standing and by commitment to death they were a sanctified people

The sixth seal ends with an Aramaic poem whose content and rhyme I have translated and reproduced below in English.

The Lamb who opens latest history from the throne  
Leads His raptured flock beyond the earthly sigh  
By shimmering streams He guides His own  
With tender touch he wipes each languid eye.

## ***SILENCE REIGNS-SEAL SEVEN***

The Apocalyptic narrative passes to the most material question for today's Christian believers "Who are these in white robes and whence came they?" Evidently heaven in this context is leaking in a Socratic manner the high material moment and imminence of the homecoming of the saints and martyrs- bookended by the final seals and opening trumpets. They will shortly be beyond horses and wars and famine and trumpets and quakes, darkness and bitter waters. They will "hunger no more" and enjoy "fountains of living water" and the Lamb will wipe away every tear from every eye." So we emerge into more warfare- with its sinister harbinger of "a silence of half an hour" in heaven itself where the saints and their prayers are no longer under the altar but their prayers are on the altar and in course of being answered by angelic implementation ordered by the throne before which the saints now stand.

A turning point event now flows from the throne of heaven itself-it is the "Big Quake" in the wake of thunderings, shouts and lightnings.

## ***TRUMPET ONE***

When this Trumpet sounds long something akin to the seventh plague of Egypt (Exodus9.13) takes place. There is "fire and blue hail **BARADA** mingled with water". This event, be it a massive storm or be it missile induced-and the text does not say more. The hail falls as missiles and affects the earth, the fruit-bearing trees **AIULNA**(cf Genesis1.29)and the grass[& cereal] **ASBA** (cf. Genesis3.18). California and Canada produce large supplies of fruit and wheat and Russia and Ukraine the greatest abundance of cereal. All these will be hugely affected.

Whilst China India the US and Russia and to a lesser extent Europe hold reserves of grain there is scarce a year's supply -this era and its population is quite different from Egypt under Joseph's 7-year provision (Gen41.53-4). The world under the first trumpet will be compelled to negotiate through conflict to secure the staff of life-but it appears the momentum of war will continue hardly punctuated. We should be aghast and civilization at this point will be living a nightmare because a third of the world will be burned and under conflagration **YAQAD**.

The Greek text reads the “Mix” as “hail fire mingled *with blood*” as distinct from “*water*”. This may be taken to enforce the notion of warfare in the skies but the Aramaic reading provides a better parallel to the ancient Egyptian event.

The “fire” and “burning” here is not connected to the sun and seems in another league from global warming effects. The element of nuclear conflagration cannot be ruled out.

### ***(3) WAR 3 TRUMPET TWO-FALL OF A “GREAT” NATION THIRD WORLD WAR PHASE I***

The war that never seems to have morphed into diplomacy reflects what the bible says in Apocalypse 11.18 “**The nations were angry**”. This aggregate of fury builds in trumpet two inevitably to wide involvement as a major nuclear event hits a European maritime nation—probably the U.K. John says “I saw a Great Mountain fall burning into the Sea. The event compares with the eruption of a long smouldering volcano. **This event changes the world. It is without doubt a pre-emptive nuclear strike.**

We know that mountains in the bible represent “states” and realms”. The realm in question (a) is “Great” in the end times and (b) is probably surrounded on all or most sides by the sea and (c) a third of the sea became blood. The immense outcome of this event which must mark an escalation in warfare and vital commitment of Russian nuclear resource and that targeted on the west and NATO. Scripture says that a third of all creatures in the sea and a third of the ships were destroyed. This phase of the war for the very reason of naval concentration involve submarine, destroyer and frigate engagement. It would be passing strange if it did not substantially involve a Europe wide coalition and Europe wide impact on naval resources. This trumpet bears record to a calamitous event that occasions the fall or collapse of a “Great nation. The word “fall” *NEPAL* indicates “loss of honour, rank and function” as this nation “burns” and falls”.

Which state or nation is this “Great” nation? Which nation named and known as “Great” is exactly like a Great Mountain—an Everest of the world? Is it America, Egypt, Greece, Rome, or Great Britain which

withstood Rome in the first century and stands on its own feet again today?

Let's add a modern layer of concern. In the recent stages of Britain's undiluted support of Ukraine the Kremlin became livid and the Presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov threatened Britain with a Poseidon Nuclear device which he said would be exploded off the British coast to trigger a tsunami that could over-wash the country by hundreds of metres. This may be a wild statement but it also may describe the treatment Russia could meet out in the event of an all out nuclear conflict.

Taking the long view it would be careless to read this critical development without reference to Ezekiel's commentary on Russia's move against Israel recorded in Ezekiel 38.13. There we read "Sheba, Tarshish and *all her young lions* say to **ROSH** (Russia) "Have you come for great spoil?" This group of nations exercising diplomacy includes Tarshish and I would argue that Britain is a lead nation in that group of Nations yielding silver, iron, tin and lead in 1<sup>st</sup> century as in Phoenician times.

Tarshish is arguably not Tartessus in Spain for that city near modern Saville was destroyed in 500BC 40 years before Ezekiel's day.

The fact is Tarshish is Tar-si-si -the large island off the Spanish coast that we call Sardinia (the island the Greeks called "island of silver veins").

Phoenician traders plied their trade in metals from a staging post in Sardinia from Tarshish -then onwards to Tarsus and to the Hittite warlords or to the overland destination in Mesopotamia.

As to the sourcing of metals in the west the Vikings harvested 10 hoards of chopped silver in Britain. Homer (700BC), Herodotus (484BC) and Diodorus Siculus (30BC) each refers to the exploiting of metals from the far West –in one instance from the fall of Troy. Britain was not only one such source but possibly the main source of metals. Another noteworthy reference to Tarshish is in Isaiah 60.9 where we read "The Lord brings back His people from Tarshish and *causes Tarshish "to declare his glory among the nations"*". The 1948 Balfour

Act combined with the mighty missionary thrust of Britain in the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries serve to consolidate ancient industrial and modern mission and political evidence linking Britain with the Bible and the evidence stacks up further when one adds the Balfour Act and its link with the formation of the State of Israel.

Where is this leading? It is leading to the place where Britain's population as the Armageddon nears can still despite possible devastations in between sing "There will always be an England" though perhaps less lustily "Britannia rules the waves". And how, tell us, should this be so?

Quite simply Great Britain is a "Great Nation" with an associated Commonwealth and the United States is its 'other self' and co-guardian of liberty. Great Britain is on all sides surrounded by Sea in the form of the western approaches to Europe and the Mediterranean. It has perfect qualifications to be the object of a nuclear attack as warfare deepens and darkens the world. As a nuclear power it is caught in the consequences of defending the doctrine of territorial integrity in which connection it determined to give a stalwart lead opposing Russia in Ukraine. My analysis all but assures us that Great Britain fits the biblical prophetic slot for the foremost nation taking a significant lead in the world as wars of this decade develop inexorably and draw an angry and fearful world kicking and screaming into the vortex of Armageddon.

The great battle approaches in these hastening years ahead as the Western and International coalition with *(Tarshish[Great Britain] and her young ravening lions* play a central role. The West poses the final and critical diplomatic question to the Russo-Iranian alliance "Have you gathered your hordes to loot, to carry off silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods and to seize much plunder?"(Ezekiel 38.13b) Note that the Hebrew of Ezekiel is specific of "young lions" **KEPHIRI** and not **KEPHARIM** "villages" of Sardinia as the faulty text of the NIV reads (For the usage in two additional texts of Ezekiel please refer to Ezekiel 19.2 & 32.2).

The most alarming section of the Apocalypse for Great Britain in its modern moral and spiritual decline is the judgment of God and the ruin

it must yet face if this analysis is correct. The most heartening thought is that the nation survives to contest the expansionist thrust of Russia against Israel-the apple of God's eye.

### ***TRUMPET THREE***

#### ***(4)THIRD WORLD WAR (PHASE 2)***

A great star falls blazing from the sky over an area equal to a third of the world and embitters or poisons the springs and rivers of that very considerable area. The star is almost certainly a nuclear device of immense power judging by its recorded effects. The huge light associated with a nuclear explosion warrants the "blazing star" description.

Many years ago in Ayrshire, Scotland our water sources suffered from fall out blown on the prevailing winds from Chernobyl. There was an immediate ban on the sale of mountain sheep and the reservoir had to be treated as a result of the heavy water that rained down into the feeder streams in the containment area.

The name given to the star was "wormwood" *APSITHNA* in Aramaic- This name is the equivalent of a Greek word that describes a substance that can turn honey bitter and one can readily understand that the description is suited to the power of nuclear radiation that poisons and embitters water. The associated term *MARMAR* enhances the notion of a thermo-nuclear explosion and radiation release with grievous painful and virulent effect for life on earth within range of the fall-out.

Hosts *SUGAA* of mankind die from consumption directly or otherwise of the contaminated water supply and from foodstuffs produced by irrigation of land poisoned by this fall-out. There is no antidote to nuclear radiation released on this scale, nor any short term control measure to avoid deaths except perhaps population movement. The scale of the problem appears under the next trumpet blast which represents a thorough assessment of the terrible effect of a fearful, reactive and devastating use of the most dangerous weapons man has ever created. There is no percentage of affected humanity given but the "mountain spring and rivers" give a geographic clue. This is not an event in the Khalahari or Gobi deserts or necessarily in the Arctic or

Antartic but where it affects rivers it affects great population centres which by and large are established on or close to the estuaries of great rivers. This which I call the second phase of an upcoming war will by implication not leave metropolitan centres untouched and is reflected in the final “vial” of divine wrath in Apocalypse 16.19.

### **TRUMPET FOUR**

#### **(5)THIRD WORLD WAR-NUCLEAR “NIGHT”**

Nothing could be clearer or more readily grasped in the light of our knowledge of nuclear devices than the concept of “nuclear winter”. There is a great body of evidence that the world would be plunged into penumbral life for years after the explosion of a series of nuclear weapons.

The bible tells us that one third of the sun moon and stars will indeed be “struck” **BAL’A** under the “fourth” trumpet. The word is picturesque in significance. Sunlight, moonlight and starlight are literally “*devoured*”. The word “**struck**” has colour also as it presents very accurately the Aramaic rendering of iron striking iron as in work on the anvil. The picture further extends to excitement of flame as when a sword or even a horseshoe is being shaped on the anvil –the malleability of the atomic structure is involved. So with this occurrence –the Sun shines above the nuclear cloud and the moon sails high above it at night and at far greater distance the stars remain unaffected but atmosphere and vision and warmth are all dramatically altered on earth. Suddenly global warming will turn to global cooling and icing.

The day and night will for a third of them not be exhibited **HOR** and so the world will be subject to what is in scientific jargon called “a nuclear winter”

### **THE (AMERICAN?) BALD EAGLE WARNING**

Between the fourth trumpet and trumpets 5-7 there is the triple “woe” call which emanates from a “high flying eagle”-a bird that keeps watch on the earth usually from high on a perch and is king of the air over vast swathes of territory. That this proverbial bird of Apocalypse 8.13 is indeed an eagle is quite obviously not the case-this bird symbolizes a divine warning that one nation aware of biblical revelation can give to

the earth, let us look deeper. As a matter of historical interest the bald eagle emblazoned on American heraldry is precisely the species mentioned in the writings of the prophets of Israel long time ago. This same eagle is granted honorable mention in Exodus 19.4, Deut. 32.11 and Psalm 91.4 and signifies the Lord's loving care over Israel. The protective shield that America has modernly provided for Israel enforces the relevance of this symbol. It was chosen as America's national bird in 1792.

The cry of the eagle is a triple "Woe" –in Greek **OUAI** and in Aramaic **HOI**. I recall in a Hebrew lecture almost 60 years ago now that our lecturer pronounced this the "saddest" word in the Hebrew language. We are being warned that upcoming events are of the most ominous and heart-wrenching sort. No other nation but America and its prophetic preachers is so well equipped or positioned to deliver this message in our time.

The "eagle" **NESERA** cannot be a literal eagle because it declares a twelve word warning. The Greek text represents the "eagle" as an "angel" ostensibly because of this spoken message. With the modern scientific and satellite era we have to hand the very obvious solution that meets both veins of interpretation. America which has a fantastic program of satellite launching will in the time ahead launch a satellite to do exactly what is predicted in scripture. That of course is predicated on America becoming aware of the progress of modern conflict. It also is predicated on there being believers now or in the period ahead intent on warning of the gruesome events ahead. Though I have no confirmation of this exact satellite message I am confident that a US satellite warning of the sort bearing on the next three wars of this biblical text as here detailed will be given worldwide.

The message before the Locust war, the Russo-Chinese War and the Armageddon – is undoubtedly a final global and critical warning.

**TRUMPET FIVE**



## **(6) THE LOCUST WAR**

We move now to what is assuredly the most fascinating engagement of modern time and as an upcoming aerial war with distinct objectives—one quite like no other. Its distinctive is the command given to its “locust-like” devastating aerial craft—“not to harm any grass or tree but only those without the seal of God on their forehead i.e. not brought up under the sign of the cross.

The introduction is startling. A star falls from the sky upon the earth. We have had this image introducing the fourth trumpet. This KOKBA is yet another war star—a Mars symbol. Its fall is linked to possession of the key KALIDA to the deep pit or well BARA D'TAHOMA. The complex symbolism gets more complex. Smoke SALAQ comes from the well like that of a big furnace ATHONA which was heated D'MA'SHATHGAR and the pit or oil extraction caused a darkening of the sun and the air.

The option of linking the “pit” with “hell” is obtuse—*for hell is not on earth*. This quite simply is the oil industry fuelled by oil drawn from deep under water or under ground. Carbon release into the atmosphere through mass production of machines for air, land and sea is currently actively fulfilling this prophecy.

The “locusts” of scripture in this place defy normal description in a dozen ways. To choose two—locusts do not emerge from pits or oil wells and again locusts do not have a king over them. But to ally these with the low flying locust these if one recognizes them as military helicopters and drones can interact in considerable numbers and devastate facilities in their target area. Moreover the word LOCUST is now used of

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helicopters or “drones”. Another application in terms of modern manned air assault vehicle is the Russian M1 55 **LOCUST Heli-a** lethal military helicopter.

So we don't need to scabble around for answers to the prophetic "locust"

Now let us through this lens examine the bible description of these engineered machines that derive from industry powered by oil exploration and production.

1. They are like horses with **armour plating**-battle ready.
2. **Faces** exactly like that of a man-**co-pilots**
3. Heads of gold. (Iranian models).Also they gain **victory**
4. Pilot's hair **L'HEM** like Roman woman's =**piloting headgear**
5. Teeth as lions –**a missile set on either side**
6. Breastplate like iron-**steel or high tensile metal-carbon body**
7. Wings sounded –**wing mounted engines**
8. Many battle chariots- **fast furious multiple formations**
9. Tails stings '**AOQSA** as of scorpions –**"stinger"** type missiles
10. A king –'**ABAD/SHARA**

There are three very strange and telling facts about these war machines-which are definitively helicopters and drones (1) They have a King, (2) They operate for only 5months and (3) They hurt only those without the Sign of the Cross on their forehead.[a notable ancient reference to baptismal practice!]

(1)As to **the King** this defines them over against locusts(cf Proverbs 30.27 locusts "are without king")-the writer does not believe they are locusts but sees that they cause such devastation as locusts do and that they fly in multiples and close to the ground(thus avoiding radar detection). The Aramaic name of the king is telling –he is both "swift passer by" '**ABAD** (a word used of the cup of Christ intimating "quick death" and "umbilical cord" **SHARA** which relates to the other end of life so in a sense the very hope of life itself. By the way the Greek NT name "Apollyon" deriving from the Greek picks up one rendering of '**ABAD** but not the main stem meaning of the Aramaic. The word '**ABAD interestingly is used in Micah2.13 of Christ's "going before" in the end times and "breaking into history" and Jerusalem at the last. We may be confident that He who shortened the cup of Calvary's suffering will shorten the suffering of mankind.**

*The main thrust of this word is to tell of another type of invader-one who inundates and goes away, one who violates and overcomes, one who transports and takes away, one who makes edicts and changes, one who transgresses and reconsiders-no doubt the “desolator”.*

(2)The enigma hidden in the names suggests the manner of warfare however devastating avoids certain death by the employment of nuclear devices *giving hope through using these targeted assault craft of a short sharp conflict to bring a serious conflict to an end.*

Their supreme command or absolute remit **SHULTANAH** (a term derived from “Sultan”) was “to hurt the sons of men for 5 months”. This is passing strange. Is it determined by the financing or limitation of the supply of weaponry (drones & helicopters)? Is it to exploit the interim before a greater weapon devastates the warring parties? Is it a land grab and prelude to opening negotiations for peace?

(3)As to the command under which they fight –they are not to harm those who did not intimately **LITH** have the seal of God between their eyes. The command prevented targeting of grass or grain, of vegetable crops and fruit trees so the sustaining of food supplies was not threatened over this period or the life of such as followed the Lord on the earth at this time.

The matter of high significance to bear in mind as to this war is that when it ends we are told the **FIRST WOE** is past. This word “torture” **SHANAQ is used by Galen and the Greek equivalents KAKEZIA AND MARASMOS meaning “permanent condition” or “Slow dying”.**

Herein lies the “woeful effect” of the aerial vehicles-they appear to target the health of communities which despite the preservation of food sources is destroyed. There is little other solution to this enigma than **radiation sickness**, decline of body and resultant death.

It appears unavoidable to envisage a war which wreaks havoc on mankind after the Rapture or home-going of the saints of God and is a grim agonizing experience for mankind until a stop is put to it unthinkable but probably by a greater woe. The pain is compared to a locust sting which is virtually unbearable for 2-4 hours. To survive nuclear attack would presumably result in terrible equivalent pain.

## **TRUMPET SIX**

### **(7) THE WAR WITH CHINA'S SIGNATURE ON IT**

We appear with this alarming “second woe” to be back in the Iraq war or the Iraq-Iranian struggle and in a sense we are for these earlier engagements paved the way of leading contestants and rivals to settle their long standing issues where they still have a sphere of influence. The four angels bound in the River Euphrates in the sense of woven into the current history and conflict (cf Exodus 28.32 and Isa 38.12). Now these powers are going to be released as a wider conflagration comes on.

### **CHINA BUILDS HER MID-EAST HEGEMONY**

This war is heralded by the “unbinding” *ASAR* of the angels in the Euphrates. They have been tied like “shoelaces” or “belts”. This “loosing” is described as the dawn of day for these angels. Instead of the “creep” to the Armageddon here is the dawn of full committed action speeding toward the great denouement .

The angels were prepared for “an hour *a day* a month and a year”. This precision relates to a momentous event-not yet **the day when our Lord returns in glory**-but the day of the second woe-the Gethsemane of mankind. The significance of the Iraq or Euphrates connection is not that this war locates in Iraq specifically. Parties to the earlier conflicts involving Iraq were America, Iran, in the early stages Russia and Great Britain and behind the scenes China which supplied Iran with weapons thus securing her strong emergence from the war whilst the US and the West ensured the weakening of Iraq. It is precisely at this fault line of modern peace that China began her challenge to US hegemony and furthered her BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI). At first China concealed what was dramatic expansion economically and politically into the middle-east. China smartly developed relationships with both Iran and Iraq. Iran is now China's No.1 Mid East trading partner. China hosted the delegations that brought the Iran-Iraq war to an end. The significance of the Middle East theatre referred to in the bible is that it is here that China comes in view and Iran's alliance with China and the dependence indeed of Russia on both and her treaties with both provide the platform within the US sanctions regime affecting all three for the flare up of conflict. The seeds of these things are already

evident-although the events lie some years ahead. What we can read now is that the “second woe” involves a wider theatre where powers in conflict earlier will find themselves pitted against one another in a great war.

## **A GARGANTIAN WAR**

*The number of troops scripture tells us that will be involved in this war is 200 million. That alone has to presume China’s full involvement.*

Daniel[whose “king of the South” is our “Western alliance with Israel and Jordan”]writes of the time when Michael the archangel stands up for Israel [during hostilities when Russia overwhelms many countries but is “alarmed” by reports from **the East and the North [Dan11.23-12.4]**. Something counter to Russia’s expectation as to the prospects of Chinese forces and progress of a Western push necessitates the use of weapons of annihilation. The Apocalypse in this context gives us the consequences of this war for life on earth. One third of humanity dies in the encounter. With a world population as of April 2022 when I did some work on the “seven trumps” standing at 7.9 billion and going up we can sadly postulate a death toll figure of 2,750,000,000. World population will reach 8Billion on Nov15 2022. No such wholesale slaughter of humanity has every occurred. This is the second woe read in terms of the annihilation of lives *created to love one another* but under the mighty influence of Satan who is “a murderer from the beginning” this deepest, direst doom is to take place.

That is the “second woe”-a doomsday event and the aggregate of death is such *as never was nor shall be*-the idiom in which our Lord described the “Great Tribulation”.

As to the “preparation” the word “**TIB**” in Aramaic has the primary meaning of “expedition” or speed. A typical usage is found in Genesis24.12 where Eliezer pins his whole mission to one day. The “angels” pin their mission to one exponential endeavour which brings the huge arsenals of the world into collision with suddenness akin to that in the day when Noah’s flood submerged humanity.

## **THE WAR HORSES**

John saw the chariots of the early 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium AD from the vantage point of the 1st century-through a visionary prism that has real

meaning for us who can understand the battle field units from quite another point of view.

1. He describes the vehicles as **RACASHA** (a word used in Isaiah 37.24 in its cognate Hebrew cousin language) they are war vehicles but unlike **SUSI** or horses they have several persons sitting in them. John saw them but they belonged then to a kind of time capsule.
2. They had breastplates **SHARINA**-literally armour with split channeling fitly describing caterpillar track vehicles.
3. They had chalcedony **CARCADN** which was anciently used to make “sharp arrows”-missiles.
4. They shot out brimstone **CABARITHA** *explosions*
5. The “heads” of the war-horses were as lions uttering deafening roars. Smoke issued from their mouths.
6. From the fire and smoke **TANAN** [A vitriol that drives out and kills wasps] a third of men were killed. This sagely and accurately describes the widespread deadly effect of the radiation these powerful rocket launchers are able to disperse over huge areas of mankind. The air agents that deal death we would understand to be nuclear headed missiles.
7. The power of the war machines was also in their tails. In the case of planes similar missiles could be projected air-to-ground by military jets.

### ***THE REBEL RACE REACTS***

Sadly John observes that the result of this devastating punishment of mankind does not result in a turn around or remotely bring contrition closer. Men still put first what they possessed-their gold, silver and brass-even the lovely things of wood and stone. They were materialists and the money commodities and objects of art they had were worshipped and indeed they overtly worshipped demons. Satan, ironically, had slain one third of them and yet the remaining two thirds (save any who yet believed) disdained God and refused repentance or such sparing of life that amnesty afforded them. More terrible still they continued to murder and practice witchcraft and commit fornication and theft.

### ***TRUMPET SEVEN***

### ***(S) THE ARMAGEDDON WAR TO END WARS***

There is a mysterious period between the last stunning act of mankind and the next overwhelming event-the scene at Megiddo and Jerusalem. At that time the “angel with the rainbow” of promise and mercy appears. He holds a scroll called in Greek the BIBLARIDION-the “small leather bound book” as I like to think-in ONE HAND. He has two characteristics that align Him with the Christ of chapter one. His blazing legs and His face which glows like the Sun. He is so mighty he can command how long it shall be until the end of secular history- “There shall be no more delay” are His exact words.

He commands John to repeat his prophecy as if to concentrate on different events or from another angle. This prophecy reiterates in the vials of chapter 16 the events of the trumpets but from our Lord’s own perspective as “vials” i.e. serious historical *events but ones He has allowed with tears*. The seven vials assimilate to the little tear bottles which were brought by mourners to comfort relatives at funerals. Our Lord is the one who spoke of the Deluge as “smiting Him at His heart of love” and here again His judgments bring Him to tears.

### ***WHERE IS THE LAST WOE?***

The “second woe” passes in Apocalypse 10.14 when after the fearful life loss and the death and assumption to glory of the witnesses (Elijah and [Moses?]) hard by the end of the second three and a half years of the Heptad (Daniel’s seventieth week) there is an earthquake. One tenth of Jerusalem fell and 7000 inhabitants whether Jews or Arabs we are not told-perished. *In this great and holy city the population did give honour to God and feared His judgment.*

Other prophetic detail concerning the witnesses, the dragon, the temple in heaven, the BEAST and the two “sickle” harvests” (Rapture and death of One third of the race) are interspersed and then we read:

**“THEN THEY GATHERED THE KINGS TOGETHER TO THE PLACE THAT IN HEBREW IS CALLED ARMAGEDDON –THE SEVENTH ANGEL Poured out his vial into the air and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne saying “IT IS DONE!” THERE CAME FLASHED OF LIGHTNINGS, PEALS OF THUNDER AND A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE. NO EARTHQUAKE LIKE IT HAD EVER OCCURRED SINCE MANKIND HAS BEEN ON EARTH, SO TREMENDOUS WAS THE QUAKE. THE GREAT CITY**

**SPLIT IN THREE PARTS AND THE CITIES OF THE NATIONS COLLAPSED. GOD REMEMBERED BABYLON THE GREAT AND GAVE HER THE CUP OF THE FURY OF HIS WRATH. EVERY ISLAND FLED AWAY AND THE MOUNTAINS COULD NOT BE FOUND. FROM THE SKY HAILSTONES EACH WEIGHING ABOUT 100 POUNDS FELL ON THE PEOPLE AND THEY CURSED GOD BECAUSE OF THE PLAGUE OF HAIL BECAUSE THE PLAGUE WAS SO TERRIBLE.** This is the third “woe” and its suspension is occasioned by our Lord’s “second exposition” because He wanted to link it not to other wars but to His city, His coming and the un-fallen city uniquely spared-Jerusalem.

### ***HERE ENDS THE LESSON***

What you have read is a semi-comprehensive exegesis of the wars of the Apocalypse. In truth it could be expounded as one continuum save that we cannot make the links with certitude as to where the fighting will feature mainly at each stage. Be that as it may, what I wish to do finally is quickly relate the period of the trumpets as “wars” at the human level to them in the second exposition of our Lord as vials or sorrowful events under divine permission (remembering the YAHAB [sovereign “allowing”] that so often punctuates the Aramaic narrative- i.e. the “allowing” or “giving in to” the will of man.

The chapters 12-18 isolate matters singularly important to our Lord- His “temple” “His elect” “His city” His defeat of “the Beasts” His servants the prophets” His “double punishment of Rome” the two woes- one for its 1<sup>st</sup> century persecutions under the Caesars and one for its ghastly persecutions and errors over intervening centuries. These (the story of the “Beasts” and the doom and subjugation of Rome to Jerusalem) I have explained in a separate monograph.

### ***THE WARS AS OUPoured DIVINE WRATH ACCOMPANIED BY DEEP SORROW-APOCALYPSE 16 1-17***

Apocalypse 15 provides a suited introduction to the sentiments and comments of our Lord in Chapter 16. Those who gain victory over the Beast and die as martyrs in the most forbidding era of sheer brutality in



the last three and a half years arrive in glory. They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb-that of “out redemption”. **They glorify the “creator and sustainer”** –the *PANTOCRATOR* (Aramaic *AHIDCOL* “He who holds firmly”, “He who rules”, “He who takes up the fight of those hurt”, “He who intercedes”, “He who takes up the rights of” 15.3) **who made all things and held them together.**

Through seals and trumpets He prevents dissolution of life despite colossal human and Satanic action to the contrary.

The vials come after the trumpets and afford footnotes on the heart of God who elects for the type of judgment that man must suffer in rebellion.

**THE SEVEN ANGELS come from the holy place of the tabernacle-the inner presence. They find the Almighty expressing His anger as at no time since the flood. They note His deep, deep sorrow. These angels respectively hold authority over land, sea, waters, the sun, the beast, Israel, and the air. With the last angelic act God’s voice was uttered in one mighty “It is done” from the temple in heaven.**

(1)TRUMPET ONE 8.7 & VIAL ONE 16.2

A third of earth’s grass trees barley wheat etc. were being destroyed but in 16.2 the Lord uses an Aramaic word for earth that means “REBELLIOUS EARTH”. The vial brings about “grievous ulcers” *SHOHAN BISHAN*. The word “grievous” is that used of pain for man and equally of “grieving the Holy Spirit” (Ephesians4.30). What is the mood of our compassionate Lord? In bringing about this first solemn judgment of the last days as in the obliteration of Noah’s Day grief comes to the fore- “It grieved the Lord that He had made man upon the earth!” The ultimate sign of this rebellion -receiving the mark of the beast *ROSHMA* was deliberate unhesitating rebellion in face of centuries of warning and deserved God’s wrath and curse.

(2) TRUMPET TWO 8.8-9 & VIAL TWO 16.3

A great mountain (powerful kingdom) falls into the sea and one third of creatures in the sea die while one third of ships are destroyed. What is the mood of our heavenly Lord so sadly watching this event in the future?

The only comment under the sorrowful vial is “The Sea became as the *Dead (sea)!*” **MITHA** not as the Greek and English have it “as blood”. The destruction of this “Great Nation” is paralleled in God’s heart and mind with the destruction of Sodom and the cities of the plain”. Here is wealth worshipped and sexual aberrance of the first order practiced. The Lord as in the case of Sodom comes down to look in the Rapture and again in the Rapture rescues the righteous of this Great land. This most prosperous nation brought to disaster not by rained down brimstone but by a nuclear weapon would have been prayed for by the godly as was Lot in Sodom benefited by Abraham’s prayers. Nonetheless the deliberate choice of worldliness and the brazen homosexual lifestyle by Sodom and by this great nation of our time make its capitol and Sodom twinned cities. The last purpose of this once Christian nation is to be like the pillar of salt and rueful sign of “looking back”.

### (3) TRUMPET THREE 8 10-11 & VIAL THREE 16 4-7

A blazing star turns burning like that of the sword of Eden to bar the way to now forbidden territory once like Eden-the “star” is **APSYNTHION** –Wormwood-which embitters the waters of a third of mankind with a resulting huge death toll. Paradise lost cannot be humanly reclaimed-only Messiah can resolve these reverses of the providential environment.

What is the mood of our gracious Lord who is judge of all? Our Lord who alone must bear the solemn burden of solitude in judgment is commended as the one who “*Is, Was is, and is to be*”. He is innocent **HASIA** or merciful and “propitiated” as bishop of souls and the Good Shepherd. The people who must die by the rivers of great cities bear like the Egyptians guilt for the death of children and saints by abortion and persecution respectively and that without compassion. The angel of the waters again says “you have judged those who shed the blood of saints. The voice of the martyrs by the altar in glory adds its commendation “Yes Lord Your decisions are real and righteous!” You are the creator and sustainer”.

### (4) TRUMPET FOUR 8.12-13 & VIAL FOUR 16.8-9

The loss of light parallels the plague of darkness in Egypt. The sunlight moonlight and starlight remain at two third's their normal level. This one act seriously disables life and is taken up even as the judgment falls by the Eagle nation (America) as a warning to the world of three terrible events ahead. The "scorching sun" now punishes sun-seekers and worshippers and men and women of the flesh.

What is the mood of our Lord? His word says "men and women *rowed away* from Him and his name". The Aramaic **GADAPH** which means "blaspheme" comes from a root "to row". How did they do this? They refused to "repent" **TUB** or "come home". They would not even "weigh the scales" to incline to the merest degree to His Glory. This indicates that He had waited and waited but the prodigals did not come back and so He took the saints home and judged those wicked ones. His heart will be broken by the callous nature of sin as surely if not more so than when He died upon the cross!

#### (5) TRUMPET FIVE 9.1-12 & VIAL FIVE 16.10-11

Engineering, oil wealth and development lead to terrible war machines for use by land, sea and air. The War of the Locusts or helicopters and drones leads to five months of excruciating pain doubtless inflicted by missiles bearing the means to hurt severely-and radiation injury cannot be ruled out. The death of one third of humanity lies at the heart of this trumpet warning and the mid-east balance of hegemony featuring USA and China initiates the process that leads to "doomsday" –the hour, day, month and year when an overwhelming war will overtake our race.

What is our Lord grappling with in this vial? It is nothing less than a latter day "Beast" **HIOTHA** like Hitler but even more potent. I have another monograph exclusively devoted to a study of the "Beast" where I state "the co-ordinated will of many nations is to engage with the Beast against the Lamb of God." The coercion of the false prophet and the coercion of trade initiate a symbolic mark. This throttles service to God and ends that "freedom" our Lord commended saying "If the Son makes you free you are free indeed". Two mighty prophets come back to earth act to restrain this most draconian despot of all time supported by a conniving false prophet. Biblical prophecy is upheld by the "Word" made flesh and the right to be free He will not forswear but defend to the last.

The irony of the beast is that he has “(priestly) diadems” *TAGIN* and appears to be supplanting the role of our Lord. His nerve centre and kingdom is degraded or demolished and those under his authority “chew their tongues” for very pain.

(6) TRUMPET SIX 9.13-21 & VIAL SIX 12-16

China and the East with a 200 million force proceed westwards. The modernity of the war equipment is even delineated as John’s vision operates like a “time capsule”. Tracked armour with iron war tanks roaring like lions and shooting from their “mouths” rockets and missiles. All this is combined with armament that acts as “air agents” to deliver death. This we may interpret as nuclear radiation. The scene is one of total war.

What does the complementary narrative of the sixth vial say about the heart of the Lord? First **He refers to one of the great rivers of Eden**—the “sweet water” (Persian) Euphrates. How far man has fallen from Paradise! A road called the “Belt and Road initiative” (BRI) is even now in operation and the nation associated with it is China. There the Lord has many people but there too much corruption and a terrible despot bides his time to swallow Taiwan and stir a war which ironically will mark the ruin of his great drive for world hegemony. There is only one sovereign and that is **our Lord Jesus Christ**. The call of martyrs in heaven plead that their prayers be heard. The Lord uses this great 40 year development of China to remind saints of the “blessing of preparation” *TOBOHI*—the blessing of “keeping our garments”. Finally our Lord refers to the great final gathering place of Megiddo—this *ATHARA* or “holy place” .**Megiddo in Aramaic means “a tower” and elates to “long continuance” or “patience” or carpentry work**”. Here at length the Lord our most patient CARPENTAR will mete out judgment on RUSSIA and those who have joined her by the work of the unclean diplomats or “frogs”.

(7) TRUMPET SEVEN 11.15-19 AND VIAL SEVEN 16 17-21

The Seventh Vial brings the residue of powerful warring nations of the world into conflict and the field of battle to which they gravitate is one predicted in this scripture for just under 2000 years. Before any victor can emerge the Lord destroys the warring nations by the sword of His mouth and great judgments. The Aramaic tells us that Christ at His

coming as Lord of the earth “will destroy those who make the earth rotten **HABAL**”. Indeed the world’s entire environment has been rendered unsuited to life-the sea is dead, the soil is unproductive, the rivers are poisoned and the air itself bears radiation. Our Lord will speedily restore His authority and render the plagues impotent and renew pristine conditions on earth.. The maintenance of Israel in a “wilderness sanctuary” and the complete proclamation of the gospel worldwide by the “angel of the skies” (satellite) preludes the **QUAKE** unparalleled that shakes the world-the fall of all cities save Jerusalem – the ruin of mountains –so there was “no hiding place” and the fall of hail weighing 100 pounds fills up and finalises the three earthly woes.

What then is the final verdict of our Lord in the seventh vial? His verdict is given through the air man breathes as a living soul. The air men breathe will no longer be life sustaining. Nuclear clouds will drift over the world. A great cry comes out from the throne saying “**It is done!**” The voice is like that word from the cross- “Why am I left alone?” The word commonly rendered “Why have you forsaken me?” is one that craves an answer and an end. The word from the throne is one that spells out an end-and with a kindred frustration. This is not like the final word from the cross-the valiant “It is finished-the debt is paid”. There is no “shalom” in it but there is “shalom” to follow when the Lord returns. This voice goes to the heart of what our Lord spent patient years and centuries to avoid but it had to be. The cry is like that of a husband for his divorcee wife. Yet there was no answering cry.

This cry is not “It is complete” **M’SHALOM** rather is it **KHOA** “It has happened”/”It is done!” The whole earth trembles like a body in rigor mortis. Yet while all else falls and burns the city of Jerusalem stands testimony to the advent glorious and hastened at the last. Even the Egyptians before the hail sought an intercessor but the whole earth at last despised Elijah and Moses. The seventh vial with its array of divine acts defied and stalled the forces of Russia and the East. The Hegemony of the whole earth was in safe hands-the **PANTOCRATOR** “creator and sustainer” of all had answered the long pleading of His heavenly saints and He would bring them with Him as He led heavens armies on His “white horse” or heavenly chariot to enter the city over which He once wept many tears and that from the eastern gate.

The air must now be purified, the soil of earth purged of poison, the rivers must run clean again, mankind must breathe fresh air and saints must inherit this kingdom to be their home for 1000 years. Shiloh-the “desire of nations” will have come and Paradise will be Regained. A world full of joy and peace and love will be born and peopled once the judgment of nations is complete.

LIFT UP YE GATES  
AND BE YE LIFT UP  
YE EVERLASTING DOORS  
AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN  
WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?  
THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHT  
THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE  
HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

BEHOLD THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD  
IN LATTER DAYS SHALL RISE  
ON MOUNTAIN TOPS ABOVE THE HILLS  
AND DRAW THE WONDERING EYES  
TO THIS THE JOYFUL NATIONS ROUND  
ALL TRIBES AND TONGUES SHALL FLOW  
UP TO THE HILL OF GOD THEY’LL SAY  
AND TO HIS HOUSE WE’LL GO.  
(Isaiah2 2-6 Scottish paraphrase)

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