

DAY 14: THE CONQUERING RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE

Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!” 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. ([Revelation 6:1-2](#))

I. THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE

- A. Some arguments in the early church have been made that the White Rider is Jesus
- B. Some argue that it is just vaguely referring to conquest
- C. Some now arguing that the Rider refers to Coronavirus
- D. [Daniel 9](#) prophecy sets apart a final seven years, with the midway point being the Abomination of Desolation
- E. When seals are moved outside of that seven-year period, theories become subjective
- F. When we root the breaking of the first seal in Old Testament understanding, we see that it is much more likely that the Rider on the White Horse is referring to the Antichrist

II. WHY THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE IS NOT JESUS

- A. The symbolism of a white horse speaks to a “victorious conqueror”
- B. Jesus does come back on a white horse, however this happens after the tribulation
- C. The rider is given a “crown” made of leaves (like in the Olympics), not like a king’s
- D. All four of the horses are negative, it doesn’t make sense for Jesus to come first

III. THE OPENING OF THE SEALS

- A. There is a scroll with seven seals
- B. Only Jesus is worthy of opening the seals
- C. They are opened consecutively
- D. Jesus himself will open the seals and set in motion the events of the last days
 - 1. For chastisement, one last opportunity to follow him
- E. The divine being is calling forth the first horse, it is Jesus’ will ([v. 1](#))
 - 1. Living creature described in [Ezekiel 1:4-11](#), [Ezekiel 10](#)
- F. If the rider is Jesus, it doesn’t make sense for him to use the living being
- G. “The crown is given to him” ([Revelation 6:2](#))
 - 1. Reinforces that it is God’s will for these things to be released

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IV. OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ANTICHRIST AS CONQUEROR

- A. The Prophecy of the 70 Weeks ([Daniel 9](#))
1. Prophecy is for the Jews and Jerusalem
 - a) To bring the rebellion to an end
 - b) To put a stop to sin
 - c) To atone for iniquity
 - d) To bring in everlasting righteousness
 - e) To seal up vision and prophecy
 - f) To anoint the most holy place
 2. The prince to come (Antichrist) will make a firm covenant with many for one, seven-year period
 - a) In the middle of this period, the Abomination of Desolation is set up
 - b) The seven-year period ends with the one who makes desolate is made desolate
- B. Assyria and the Covenant with Death ([Isaiah 28:14-15](#))
1. Talking to the rulers of Israel ([v. 14](#))
 2. Sheol = hell ([v. 15](#))
 3. Language of a flood and whips, like a tsunami of whips with thorns
 4. Israel has every right to have peace treaties with the surrounding nations
 - a) However, God warns them not to put their trust in those nations
 - b) Israel should put their trust only in God
 5. Prophecy of the Messiah is revealed in the next verse ([v. 16](#))
 6. Israel enters into a covenant with their neighbors and believes that they will escape the invasion of their neighbors because of it, but God reminds them to only trust in the coming Messiah
 7. God uses Assyria as a rod of chastisement ([Isaiah 10:5](#))
 8. When he is finished with this, he will punish the king of Assyria ([v. 12](#))
 9. The Antichrist is God's antichrist
 - a) God will use the Antichrist and complete his work on Mt. Zion and bring in the End Times ([v. 15, 20-26](#))
 10. The Antichrist is the ultimate latter day Assyrian ([v. 24-25](#))
 11. God declares that his staff will be over the sea, splitting the sea ([v. 26](#))
- C. The Antichrist as a Conqueror ([Daniel 8](#))
1. Describes a king, a ruler ([v. 23](#))
 2. A master manipulator, powered by Satan, who is successful ([v. 24](#))
 3. He will destroy many in a time of peace (a false sense of peace) ([v. 25](#))
 4. He will be broken (by Jesus) ([v. 25](#))
 5. The Antichrist is the greater Antiochus Epiphanes, the greater Assyrian, the greater Nebuchadnezzar ([Daniel 11:21](#))
 6. Invade countries ([Daniel 11:40-41](#))