

UNMASKING the End Times Beast Kingdom

A clear, unsealed, revelatory understanding of the past, present, and future events and entities engaged in end time warfare against the kingdom of God

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Part 3 – The Restrainer and the Fourth Horseman

One of the many deceptions hindering our unsealed, revelatory understanding of end time prophecy includes a proof text used out of context for the pre-tribulation “rapture” of the church. This text is found in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 in which Paul states that the antichrist “man of sin” will not be revealed (or manifested openly) until some being, referenced as “he,” and identified as the restraining power, is “taken out of the way.”

*Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion...(falling away, apostasy - Strong’s G646 *apostasia*)... comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.*

*Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining... (Strong’s G2722 – *katechō*)... him now so that he...(the antichrist “man of sin”)...may be revealed in his...(God appointed)...time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he...(the entity-being appointed by God)...who now restrains it...(the antichrist mystery of lawlessness)... will do so until he...(the restraining entity)... is...(taken)... out of the way. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7 ESV (inserts and emphasis are the author’s)*

Dual covenant “rapture” theorists have erroneously identified this “restrainer” as being the Holy Spirit through the presence of the church. Thus when the failed church is “raptured” away, the Holy Spirit is also removed (as a restrainer of evil) from the earth.

But the activity of the two witnesses dressed in sackcloth and ashes as they bear a continual witness of judgment against the beast kingdom on the streets of

Jerusalem during the 2nd Woe of the 7th seal, the metaphorical 144,000 who are sealed and protected, immediately prior to the revealing of the antichrist “man of sin,” but not removed from the earth, and the multitude who come to faith during the 7th seal ministry of the 144,000, ALL demonstrate that the Holy Spirit has NOT been removed, even temporarily, from the earth.

So who or what is this being or power that restrains the activity of Satan through the antichrist “man of sin” until some point at the end of the 6th seal of Revelation when the restraint is removed?

When he... (the Lamb)... opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say... (“...with a voice like thunder...”)..., “Come!” And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they ... (the fourth horseman whose name is “Death” and “Hades,” the region of the dead, follows)... were given authority... (by the fourth living creature)... over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. Revelation 6:7,8 ESV (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

The opening of the 4th seal is the beginning of “*tribulation*”, and though the fourth horseman, is composed of the deadly triad of Satan, the false prophet, and the antichrist “man of sin” as “king” of the emerging 7th and final “mountain” beast kingdom, these are restrained (limited in what they can do) by the fourth living creature all the way through the terrifying 4th, 5th, and 6th seal events of tribulation, which includes the worldwide persecution of Christian believers.

It is during this time, beginning immediately after a nuclear war in the Middle East, that a world government is established with the revised United Nations in New York having a ten nation ruling body. And the antichrist influence in that ruling body will begin to suppress all Christian influence both openly and secretly.

This is also the time during which Israel, given the right by the new world government to occupy and control all of the land formerly belonging to the Islamic states involved in the Gog-Magog war, will become an oil rich superpower with influence in the new world government.

“Tribulation” has been believed to be a specific seven year time frame based on a false interpretation of Daniel 9:24-27 by dispensationalist, Sir Robert Anderson, in his book “The Coming Prince” published in 1894 long before the revelatory truth of that prophecy was unsealed. And we will all ultimately wish that “tribulation” was only a seven year event.

(The unsealed version of Daniel's seventy weeks prophecy can be examined in [Daniel's 70 Weeks Unsealed](#)).

We must remember that it is the Lord who opens each of the seven seals and authorizes the progressive release of each horseman, and each one of the four living creatures in the throne room of God is given delegated authority (restraint and control) over one of the successive horsemen/beasts. This restraint of delegated authority continues to be in place even through the terrifying shaking of all that can be shaken, and the testing of the saints that results in a massive apostasy of believers (the “foolish virgins”).

And we note that the fourth living creature of God is the “he” that restrains (limits) the activity of the pale green horseman, whose name is “Death,” the 7th and final “horn/king” presiding over the 7th and final “mountain” kingdom of the beast.

Then, immediately prior to the opening of the 7th seal by the Lord, the fourth living creature who has had delegated authority over the fourth horseman and fourth phase of the 7th and final beast kingdom, has his delegated authority revoked by the Lord, and Satan’s activity through the final beast kingdom ruled by the evil triad beast coming up out of the earth (Satan, the great red dragon, the antichrist “man of sin,” and the false prophet) are no longer restrained in what they can or will manifest or do.

The Greek phrase translated in the KJV as “***taken out of the way***” does not indicate physical or spiritual removal. It, instead indicates the end of the fourth living creature’s delegated authority to restrain or withhold the full expression of Satan’s will in the world. (i.e. taken out of the way of the manifestation of Satan’s unrestrained will).

Therefore, the delegated authority of the fourth living creature over Satan’s beast kingdom has ended, and Satan is allowed to manifest himself fully through the false prophet, the antichrist “man of sin,” the “little horn,” and BABYLON, the great.

This 7th seal begins with the “revealing” of the antichrist “man of sin,” a Jew from the tribe of Judah and the lineage of David as he calls down fire from heaven, and declares himself to be “God” and “Messiah” in the third temple.

Yet, the Holy Spirit, and the kingdom of God, is still present in the world, and this presence will be fully explored in a following series:

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