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INTRODUCTION

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."

Matthew 24.6

NIV

The 4 Riders of the Apocalypse reveal truths about the world we live in-a world of deceptions and seductions, a hedonistic world distant from God, filled with self-centered people. The text we just read is a prophetic sermon by Jesus himself, discussing one of the most frequent topics in the New Testament: for every 25 verses, we find one

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mentioning the return of Christ.

We are closer to the end times than ever. The eschatological and prophetic signs are increasingly evident. This assertion does not come from human ideas and conclusions but from the very Word of God.

"You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." James 5.8 NIV

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of

this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." **Revelation 1.3 NIV**

The book of Revelation, written by the Apostle John while exiled on the Isle of Patmos, is a profound revelation of the future and the culmination of God's plan. The word "Apocalypse" itself literally means revelation.

Today, in the second message of the series, we will see:

THE SECOND RIDER ON THE RED HORSE: TIME TO PROPHESY GOD'S PEACE IN THE MIDST OF MAN'S WAR



"When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come! Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. "To him was given a large sword."

Revelation 6.3-4 NIV

The act of taking peace from the Earth is a consequence of human sin and conflicts that arise from the corrupted heart. The image of the horse and its rider reveals the struggles and sufferings that humanity has faced and will continue to face. Just look around to see how many wars and conflicts exist in the world today—yet we keep our eyes on the truths of Scripture, on the Lamb, and His Word.

In light of the revelation of the red rider of war, we believe that...

1.JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF PEACE, WILL TRIUMPH OVER THE RIDER OF VIOLENCE

"Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other." **Revelation 6.4b NIV**

The Red Horse, possibly alluding to blood, refers to hatred, division, violence, and wars. Its aim is to



take human lives. In contrast, we remember what Jesus Christ said:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14.27 NIV

"Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." James 3.18 NIV

"The God of peace be with you all. Amen!"

Romans 15.33 NIV

Moreover, the Apostle Paul recorded this prophecy:

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you." Romans 16.20 NIV

In light of the revelation of the red rider of war, we believe that...

2. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WILL PREVAIL IN BATTLE.

"To him was given a large sword."Revelation 6.4c NIV



The large sword given to the rider symbolizes not only war but the authority to inflict pain and destruction. This power implies a struggle that goes far beyond physical battles. It is a spiritual battle, where peace and harmony are constantly threatened. However, the Bible also reveals:

"Put your sword back in its place, Jesus said to him, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." Matthew 26.52 NIV

"...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6.17b NIV

In light of the revelation of the red rider of war, we believe that...

3. CHRIST IS TRIUMPHANT OVER EVERY SPIRITUAL BATTLE.

"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." **Ephesians 6.13 NIV**

Beyond the physical aspect, there is always a spiritual dimension at play. The Word of God reminds us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, and spiritual forces.



"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." **Ephesians 6.12 NIV**

In light of the revelation of the red rider of war, we believe that...

4. JESUS CHRIST IS OUR HOPE FOR ETERNAL REDEMPTION.

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war." **Revelation**

19.11 NIV

CHRIST IS THE VICTORIOUS KING, AND WITH HIM, WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS!

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 8.37-39 NIV**

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CLOSING

"You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." James 5.8 NIV

THE FINAL VICTOR WILL ALWAYS BE JESUS CHRIST!

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." **Revelation 7.9 NIV**

VICTORIOUS COMES JESUS!

