

REVELATION 6

Chapter 6

The seals reveal the life of the church, the child of God; and beginning at the birth of Christianity, the seals extend to the end of time. SNH SSP 109

FIRST SEAL-- *The white horse symbolizes the purity of the faith in the first century. The rider with a crown, going forth to conquer, is emblematical of the zeal and success of the earliest minister of Christ.*

6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened **one of the seals**, and I heard, as it were the noise of **thunder**, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

6:2 And I saw, and behold **a white horse** (**Zech 6:5**): and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth **conquering**, and to conquer.

SECOND SEAL-- *The red horse indicates that the original purity of faith had become corrupted. The mystery of iniquity had begun to work (2Thess. 2:17): errors arose, wordliness came in; the church sought the alliance of the state; and trouble and commotion were the result. The time of this seal extended to the conversion of Constantine.*

6:3 And when he had opened **the second seal**, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

6:4 And there went out another **horse [that was] red**: and [power] was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

THIRD SEAL-- *The corruption of this period is denoted by the black horse. Between 303 and 538 the darkest errors sprang up in the church, and the greatest worldliness prevailed -- great darkness and moral corruption in the church. The celibacy of priests, the worship of images and relics, and a long train of superstitions, were substituted for true religion and genuine piety.*

6:5 And when he had opened **the third seal**, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a **black horse**: and he that sat on him had a pair of **balances** in his hand.

6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of **wheat** [*the love of money was the prevailing spirit*] for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and [see] thou hurt not the **oil and the wine** [*graces of the Spirit; faith and love*].

FOURTH SEAL-- *A pale horse, or one of a sickly, yellowish hue, well symbolizes the state of the professed church from 538 to the opening of the Reformation. Death sat on the horse, and power was given to him to kill, etc. This was just what the papacy did during those long years of her supremacy, as the blood of more than 50,000,000 martyrs testifies.*

6:7 And when he had opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

Four Horses The Seven Seals (1-6)

Seven **thunders** of **Rev 10:4** is a delineation of events that are to transpire in their order under the 1st and 2nd angel messages. **7BC 971.6**



Vs 1 & 2: 1st SEAL/ WHITE HORSE- (27) 31-100 AD (69 yrs)
“a white horse”- Triumphs of the gospel in the 1st century. **RH July 10, 1900**

Those living creatures, as they surround the throne, reflect the character of God, they are interested in those upon earth, whose lives also reflect the Divine Image.

WHITE HORSE represented the simple faith and trust of those who accepted the baptism of the Spirit in its purity. All the gifts of the Spirit were manifested in the church of the 1st century. The followers of Christ separates themselves from the midst of the world from friends, and relatives and all that earth counts dear, and God pronounces His richest blessing [Gen 49:27 quoted]. SNH SSP 110

Vs 3 & 4: 2nd SEAL/ RED HORSE- 100-323 AD (223 years)
Purity corrupted; worldliness came in; ecclesiastical power sought the alliance of the secular—union of church & church

The period known as the triumph of paganism, corresponding to the Smyrna church.... The very witness borne by the sacrifice of the lives of the saints became seed that sprang up and bore fruit. SNH SSP 112

Vs 5 & 6: 3rd SEAL/ BLACK HORSE- 323- 538 AD (215 yrs)
“**Balances**”- Religion and civil power unites, claiming judicial authority both in church & state

The balances (to judge) held by man are false balances; and while man is passing judgment, God, from the throne, is watching those who are being weighed, and in His infinite kindness, limits the power of the self-made judge... The church during the fourth and fifth centuries, began dictating to men what they should believe, and how they should worship. SNH SSP 115

Vs 7 & 8: 4th SEAL/ PALE HORSE- 538- 1517 AD (979 yrs)
Mortality very great during this period of truth than the black one. Thousands put to death by the sword, by starvation and by wild beasts... SHN SSP 146

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6:8 And I looked, and behold **a pale horse**: and **his name** [*papacy*] that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto **them** [*"him"- the Papacy*] over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

FIFTH SEAL-- *This covers the time of the Reformation. The souls slain under the preceding seal here cry for vengeance on their persecutors. White robes were given them, that is, righteousness (Rev. 19:8) was ascribed to them, and they were bidden to rest a little longer.*

6:9 And when he had opened **the fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.

SIXTH SEAL-- *Under this occurred the great earthquake of 1755, followed by the dark day and night of May 19, 1780. Then came the meteoric shower of Nov. 13, 1833, -- the last sign given in this line of prophecy before the heavens depart "as a scroll when it is rolled together."*

6:12 And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake** [*Lisbon earthquake of 1755*]; and the ***sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and the ***moon became as blood** [*Dark Day of May 19, 1780*];

***Joel 2:30, 31; Matt 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-26; Luke 21:25-36; Amos 8:9; Isa 13:9, 10; Eze 32: 7-8; 2Tim 3; 1Pet 3**

6:13 And the ***stars of heaven fell** [*Falling Stars/ Meteor Shower of Nov. 13, 1833*] unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

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6:14 And the **heaven departed as a scroll** when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

6:17 For the **great day** [*1 year*] of his **wrath** [*plagues*] is come; and who shall be able to stand [*Isa 13:6-13; Joel 1: 15; 2:1-11*]?

Pale house was an indication of still greater departure from the spirit

Vs 9: 5th SEAL- 1517-(1735)/ 1755 AD (238 + years)

Souls slain for the Word of God

Period of the Reformation; Huss, Jerome, Ridley, Cranmer and Latimer suffered for the Word of God. SNH SSP 117

Vs 12 & 13: 6th SEAL- 1755- THE END AD (Indefinite)

Under 6th seal, events transpire leading to the 2nd coming of Christ of which verses 14-17 are still future

Above dates taken from 1888 Bible Readings for the Home Circle.

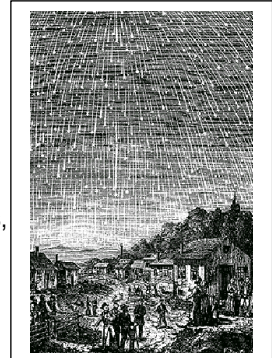
Differs from the first four seals, by showing events which mark prophetic time, rather than by showing the condition of the church. SNH SSP 119

Lisbon Earthquake- Its influence was felt as far north as Greenland, also in the north of Africa.

Dark Day- "A sheet of white paper, held within a few inches of the eyes, was equally invisible with the blackest velvet... the denseness of this evening darkness was a fact universally observed and recorded.: SNH SSP 123

Vs 13: This time period is during the Millerite history. **Warning went to the world.**

Meteor Shower- "Extensive and magnificent showers of shooting stars have been known to occur at various places in modern times; but the most universal and wonderful which has ever been recorded, is that of the 13th of November, 1833, the whole firmament, over all the United States, being then, for hours, in fiery commotion. No celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country since its first settlement, which was viewed with such intense



admiration by one class in the community, or with so much dread and alarm by another. . . . During the three hours of its continuance, the day of judgment was believed to be only waiting for sunrise." - Our First Century, p. 329. {1897 UrS, DAR 454.1}

VERSES 14- 17 is FUTURE (see **Rev. 7:1-3**)

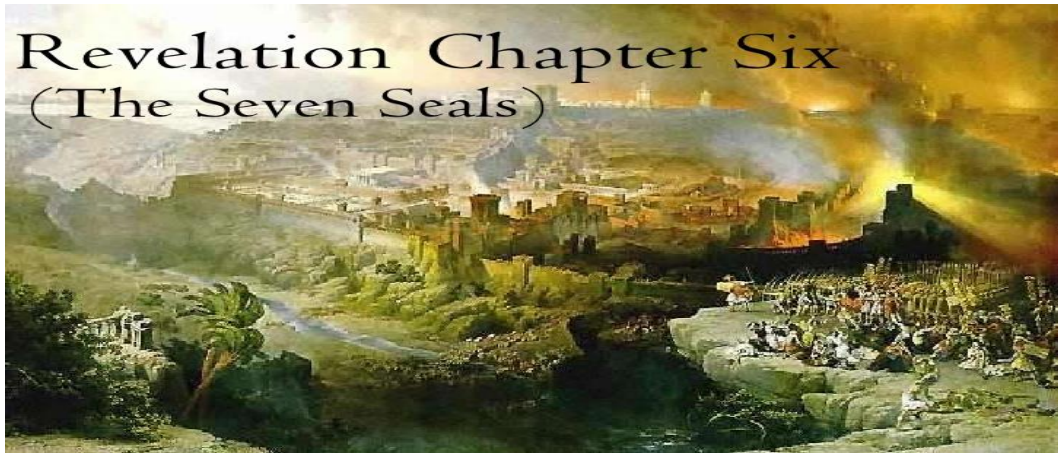
Those who do not thus read the language of God, as given in signs and wonders, will have this experience!

"**heaven departed as a scroll**"- 2nd coming

Vs 17: 1916 JNL QSM 44.1; Te 201.4; Feb 1, 1893 GCDB ATJ 88.7

Heavens and earth will again be shaken: **Heb 12:25-27; Joel 3:16; Jer 25:30-33; Rev 16:17; Isa 24:19, 20; Jer 4:23-27; 4SP460**

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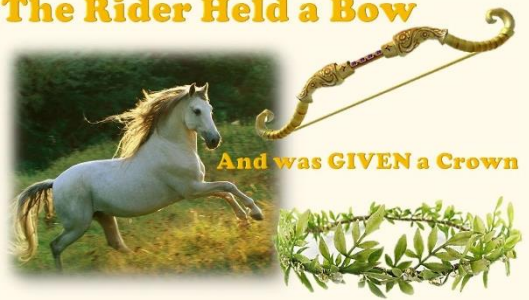


The First Seal, a White Horse

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The Rider Held a Bow



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The Lamb, Christ, takes the book and proceeds at once to open the first seal. The attention of the apostle is called to the scenes that occur under each seal. The seven seals represent events of a religious character and contain the history of the church from the opening of the Christian era to the Second Coming of Christ. When the seals are broken and the record is brought to light, the scenes presented to John are passing before his view in living characters. Much more than a movie or presentation we can imagine, scenes which are vivid and real. Scenes as they were to happen on the earth and/or in heaven.

The first seal reveals the symbol of a white horse, bearing a rider who carries a bow. The whiteness of the horse denotes the purity of faith in that age. The crown which was given to the rider signifies the zeal and success with which the truth was promoted by its earliest ministers. His commission was to go to all the world.



The Second Seal, a Red Horse

3 And when He had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The second seal is symbolized as a red horse. The time frame here is 100 to 311 AD. The special significance here is that the original pureness of the gospel, a white horse, is beginning to be corrupted. The mystery of iniquity, already working in Paul's day, has now so corrupted the church a change in the color of the symbol is warranted. Errors and false doctrine began to arise, worldliness came in. The ecclesiastical (church) power sought the alliance of the secular (civil/military) powers. Troubles and commotions were the results. This is the Greco-Roman period. In this time of the history of the church, it was heavily influenced by the language,

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culture, government and religion of the ancient Greeks and Romans. We see an abrupt transition and a striking contrast between the work of God and the work of man.

This second period, from the death of the apostle John to the end of the persecutions, to the rise of Constantine the first Christian emperor, is the classic age of heathen (pagan) persecution and of Christian martyrdom and heroism. It furnishes a continuous commentary on the Savior's words, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves". **This period is the common root out of which both Catholicism and Protestantism have sprung; Catholicism (Greek and Roman) first, and Protestantism (those protesting error) afterward.** This state of things answers well to the declaration of the prophet that power was given to him that sat on the horse "To take peace from earth and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword".

The Third Seal, a Black Horse

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.



The third seal shows **the rapid progress of corruption.** This symbol is a black horse, the very opposite of white. **A period of great darkness and moral corruption in the church** is thus denoted. The events of the second seal fully opened the state of things that brings us to this point.

The time between the reign of Constantine and the full establishment of the papacy in 538 AD, was a time when the darkest errors and the grossest superstitions sprang up in the church. True religion was almost entirely superseded by horrid superstition. **When paganism was incorporated into Christianity this false system resulted in the establishment of the papacy, which is paganism baptized.** God takes care that Christianity should not be entirely lost, that is the *oil and the wine, the graces of genuine piety*, should never perish from the earth.

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The Fourth Seal, a Pale Horse

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The fourth seal, a pale horse, denotes the pale or yellowish color that is seen in blighted or sickly plants. The rider of this horse is named **Death, and Hell** followed with him. The mortality is so great during this period it would seem as if "the pale nations of the dead" had come upon the earth and were following in the wake of the desolating power of the papacy. **The period during which this seal applies** can hardly be mistaken. It **refers to the time in which the papacy bore its unrestrained and persecuting rule; from 538 AD and extending to the time when the Reformers began their work of exposing the corruptions of the papal system.**

"Power was given unto them", more correctly it should be stated "him", the rider of the pale horse, the papacy. *The fourth part of the earth is the territory over which this power had jurisdiction.* The words "sword", "hunger", "death", that is some infliction which causes death, such as exposure or

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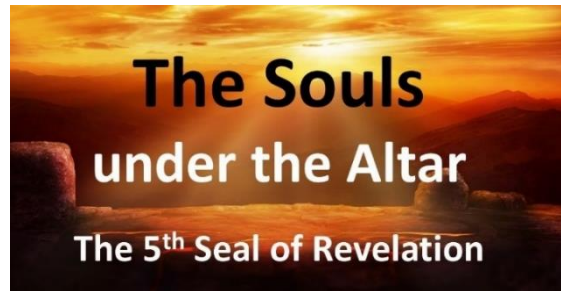
torture and beasts of the earth, are figures denoting the means by which the papacy has put to death millions of martyrs.

The Fifth Seal, Martyrs

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 and they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, doest Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.



Under the fifth seal, the martyrs cry out for vengeance and white robes are given to them. **Following the period of papal persecution, the time covered by this seal begins with the Reformation to undermine the papal fabrication and restrain the persecuting power of the Roman Catholic Church.** The Alter is the place where these victims of persecution had been slain, *a symbolic altar of sacrifice*. Under it we find the souls of those who had been martyred for the word of God and for their attachment to Christianity. Victims represented as being slain to satisfy idolatry and superstition. This symbolic altar is upon earth, not in heaven, as John is now beholding scenes upon the earth.

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The victims slain upon the symbolic alters of persecution poured out their blood beneath it, and fell by its side. These souls under the altar do not represent any doctrine of disembodied spirits and the conscious state of the dead. Their cry for vengeance is the record of their death and the guilt their persecutors will face in the time of judgment. The saints have never cried for vengeance toward their enemies. Vengeance, judgment is left to God alone. He has not forgotten the ones slain upon this or any other alter, symbolic or literal, of those martyred for their love for Him. Their blood symbolically cries out to Him, as did the blood of Abel from the ground, Genesis 4:9-10.

The record of Abel's death was recorded in the books of heaven and the judgment of his murderer is sure. On such passages as this, the reader is misled by the popular definition of the word "soul". From that definition, he is led to suppose that this text speaks of an immaterial, invisible, immortal essence in man, which soars into its coveted freedom on the death of the mortal body. No instance of the occurrence of the word in the original Hebrew or Greek will sustain such a definition. It most often means "life" and is frequently rendered "person". It applies to the dead as well as to the living, as may be seen by reference to Genesis 2:7. Adam became a living soul, which is to say, a living person. White robes will be given them when the Lord does judge and avenge their blood. They had gone down to the grave in the most ignominious manner. *Their lives had been misrepresented, their reputations tarnished, their names defamed, their motives maligned* and their graves covered with shame and reproach, as containing the dishonored dust of the vilest and despicable of characters. Thus, the Church of Rome, which then molded the sentiment of the principal nations of the earth, spared no pains to make her victims abhorred by all people.

As the Protestant Reformation began its work the papal church was seen for what it truly was, corrupt and disreputable. Those whom it persecuted were the good, the pure and the true. As the reputation of the church was going down, that of the martyrs was coming up, the corruptions of the papal abominations were being fully exposed. The spirit of persecution was finally restrained, the cause of the martyrs was vindicated, and the "little season" of the fifth seal came to a close. The saints will in due time sing their songs of praise, their virtues admired, their fortitude

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applauded, their names honored and their memories cherished. White robes will be given to every one of them!



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The Sixth Seal, God's Wrath

12 And I beheld when He had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

We find solemn and sublime scenes under the **sixth seal**. These scenes are well calculated to awaken in every heart an intense interest in divine things. **This is the most solemn time earth has ever known; as the end of this world's history draws near to its close as the day of His appearance draws near.**

Between the fifth and sixth seals, there is a sudden change from highly figurative (symbolic) to strictly literal language. We see such a change also in Daniel chapter 11, from symbolic to literal language. Whatever the cause, it cannot be denied and we must accept it. **It is in the period covered by this seal that the prophetic parts of God's word, Daniel as well as Revelation, were to be unsealed.** Many would run to and fro, that is, give their attention to the understanding of these things. Thereby knowledge of the prophecies and parts of God's word which had not been fully understood for generations, was to be greatly increased. It may be for this reason that the change in the language here occurs and that the events of this seal, taking

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place at a time when these things were to be fully understood, are not couched in figures, but are laid before us in plain and unmistakable language.

When a figure or symbol is employed, the bible will interpret itself by revealing what the symbols mean. Considering the context of the verse in question, then a literal application can be made.

When the language is plain and does not employ obvious symbols or figures then attempts to make the literal into a spiritual application will always result in confusion. This is why we have so many theories and much speculation over many verses in Revelation and in particular with Daniel chapter 11. A literal application has been abandoned and in its place a spiritual or figurative interpretation has become the popular view of today. This has rendered the prophecies of little or no effect. Consider William Millers "Rules of Interpretation", rule #11:

How to know when a word is used figuratively: If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally; if not, figuratively. Revelation 12:1-2; 17:3-7

The first event under this seal, the one which marks its opening, is a great earthquake, literally, not figuratively. As the most striking fulfillment of this prediction, we refer to the great **earthquake of November 1, 1755, known as the earthquake of Lisbon**. Other earthquakes may have been as severe in particular localities, but no other supplies all the conditions necessary to constitute it a fitting event to mark the opening of the sixth seal.

Following the earthquake, says the prophecy, "the sun became black as sackcloth of hair". This part of the prediction has also been fulfilled. Brevity does not allow a detailed account of the wonderful **darkening of the sun, May 19, 1780**. Suffice it to say, it was a profound and mysterious event extending over all of New England and parts of Canada. It began about ten o'clock in the morning and continued till the middle of the next night, but with differences of degree and duration in different places.

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Whenever on this memorable night the moon did appear, as at certain times it did, it had, according to this prophecy, the appearance of blood. For some 300 years, historians and scientists have argued over the origins of this strange event. The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon remains unknown.

America is the place where the "daughters of the beast" will first form an "image to the beast"; that is pass civil laws to enforce a religious decree demanding respect for the false Sabbath, Sunday. The world will soon follow with a copy or image in principle of the beasts actions in past history. The methods and means employed by the beast, the papacy during its reign of terror toward the Saints from 538 AD to 1798. This time was when the papal power persecuted those whom it deemed "heretics", even unto death. Its power to do so was removed by the French military in 1798, in the French Revolution.

This image of the beast, created by apostate Christianity, will seek once again to compel men to violate their conscience through the use of civil law. This will not be primarily done by the pope, not by Catholicism, but by well-meaning and sincerely mistaken Christians, who believe they need to "bring this country back to God". We study the methods and actions of the beast, papal history, in order to discern what the emerging image will look like in our own day. No matter what the intentions may be or how sincere they are, the end result will be a substantial loss of religious freedom. Some will realize only after these laws are passed what a terrible mistake has been made.

The "Great Religious Awakening Movement" in the early 1800's largely began in the USA and blossomed predominately on the eastern shore board. "The stars of heaven fell" declares the prophecy and voice of history cries, Fulfilled! We refer to the **great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833**, witnessed throughout the United States. The shower pervaded nearly the whole of North America, having appeared in nearly equal splendor from the British possessions on the north to the West India Islands and Mexico on the south, and from east of the American

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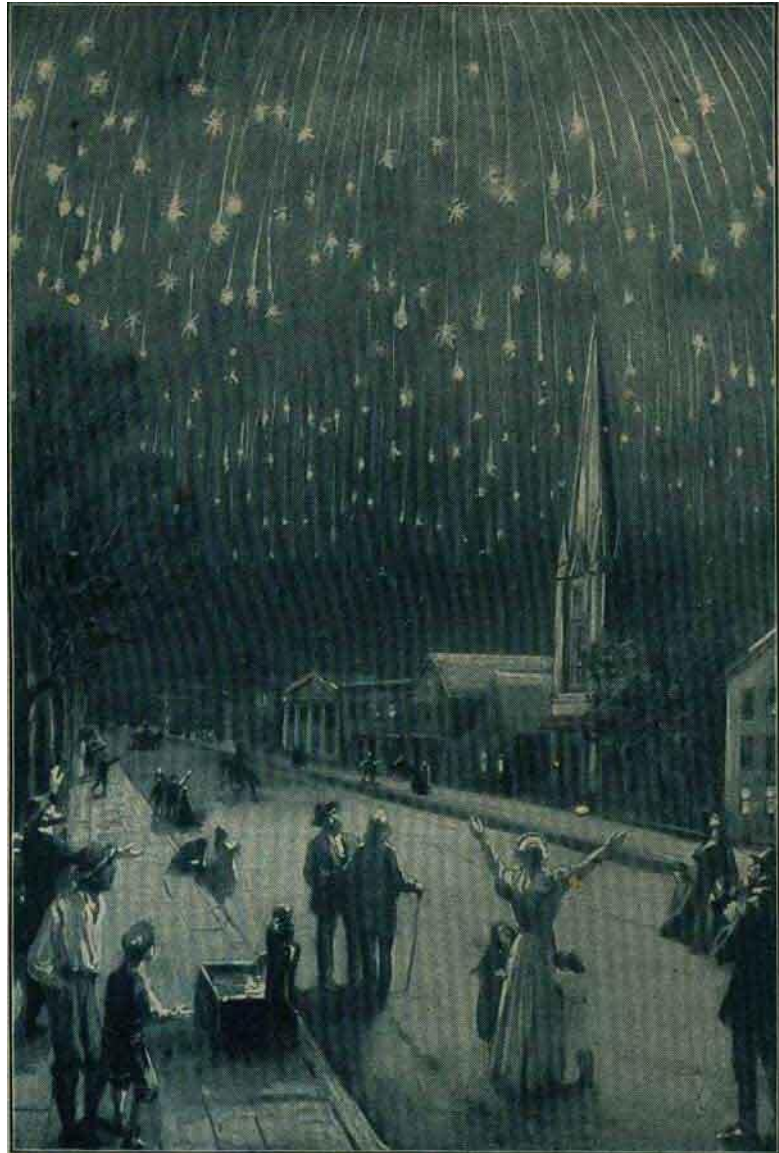
coast, quite to the Pacific Ocean on the west. Throughout this immense region, the duration was nearly the same. The meteors began to attract attention by their unusual



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frequency and brilliancy, from nine to twelve o'clock in the evening and were most striking in their appearance from two to five; arriving at their maximum, in many places, about four o'clock. This continued until they became invisible by the light of day. Today some might call this a Leonid

shower event, which happens about every thirty years or so. However, the display in 1833 far surpassed any Leonid shower event ever witnessed, before or since that time.



THE GREAT METEORIC SHOWER "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Rev. 6:13.
NOVEMBER 13, 1833

From looking at the past, and beholding the word of God fulfilled, we are now called to look at events in the future, which are no less sure to come. Our position is unmistakable; **we stand between the 13th and 14th verses of this chapter**. We wait for the heavens to depart as a scroll when it is rolled together. These are times of unparalleled solemnity and importance, for we do not know how near we may be to the fulfillment of these things. Those who will not now pray to God in penitence will pray to the rocks and mountains in despair, and this will be the largest prayer meeting ever held.

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Daniel—Chapter 6 Faithfulness Under Adversity!

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 89

To their knowledge of the God of the Jews may be attributed the purity of their worship, for while they were heathens, they had never fallen into the gross forms of idolatry which were practiced by most of the nations of Western Asia.

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 89

The Persians at the time of the overthrow of Babylon were physically strong and rugged, due in great measure to the simplicity of their habits and their temperance in eating. Such were the conditions which made it possible for the Medes and Persians to be the rod in the Lord's hand for the punishment of Babylon.

Daniel 6:1-3

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 90

Daniel was not a stranger to the new government, for before the death of Belshazzar, he had lived at Shushan, in the province of Elam. To the fact of acquaintanceship, it may be added that the excellent spirit and unsurpassed business ability of Daniel brought him into prominence. Here is recorded the case of a man who was a devout follower of God, one whose honesty, accuracy, and skill in every particular were a wonder to the world. It is a powerful witness to the duties and privileges of every Christian business man.

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 107

Preference was given to Daniel because of his excellent spirit. Daniel, who, for being a great man in the empire of Babylon, might have been esteemed an enemy by Darius, and so have been banished or otherwise put out of the way; or, being a captive from a nation then in ruins, might have been despised and set at naught, was not treated in either of these ways; but to the credit of Darius be it said, Daniel was preferred over all the others, because the discerning king saw in him an excellent spirit. And the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Daniel 6:4-9

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 108

Daniel foresaw the conspiracy going on against him, but took no means to thwart it. He simply committed himself to God, and left the issue to His providence. He did not leave the empire on pretended business, or perform his devotions with more than ordinary secrecy; but when he knew the writing was signed, just as aforetime, with his face turned toward his beloved Jerusalem, he kneeled down in his chamber three times a day, and poured out his prayers and supplications to God.

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 89

Daniel did not and could not deny his Saviour by concealing himself in some corner of his room to pray. He knelt by the open window, toward Jerusalem. He did not pray in his heart, silently, he prayed aloud, as had been his custom before the decree was issued. Noble and true is the one who has God ruling in his heart.

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It only remained for these men, having set the trap, to watch their victim that they might ensnare him therein. So they again came tumultuously together, this time at the residence of Daniel, as though some important business had called them suddenly together to consult the chief of the presidents; and lo, they found him, just as they intended and hoped, praying to his God. So far all had worked well. They were not long in going to the king with the matter, and, to render it more sure, got an acknowledgment from the king that such a decree was in force.

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Daniel 6:12-14

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 98

Daniel and Darius met at the mouth of the lions' den, but there was not another man in the realm so fitted to go inside as this same Daniel. Pressing the hand of his esteemed minister, Darius said, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee."

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 98, 99

Satan exulted as he did years later when he saw the Son of God in the sepulcher, with a stone before the door, and the stone sealed with the Roman seal. But there was no more power to hold Daniel in the den of lions than to keep Christ in the grave. The angel came, not to the stone, but into the den, and one of the most precious times for Daniel was when he sat in the center of the cave, and those lions couched at his feet or fondly licked his hands. ... Daniel's heart was beating with the heart of God, and when he entered the den, the beasts were at peace with him. The unity of feeling is shown in the fact that an angel was visible, and Daniel talked face to face with the heavenly visitor.

1868 JB, AJB 239.6-240.2- The Autobiography of Elder Joseph Bates

"MR. MUNROE: Being up this morning (November 13, 1833), I witnessed one of the most grand and alarming spectacles which ever beamed upon the eye of man. The light in my room was so great, that I could see the hour of the morning by my watch which hung over my mantel, and supposing there was a fire near at hand, probably on my own premises, I sprung to the window, and behold, the stars or some other bodies presenting a fiery appearance were descending in torrents as rapid and as numerous as I ever saw flakes of snow, or drops of rain, in the midst of a storm."

From the "Christian Advocate and Journal," December 13, 1833:

"The meteoric phenomenon, which occurred on the morning of the 13th of November last, was of so extraordinary and interesting a character as to be entitled to more than a passing notice. The lively and graphic descriptions which have appeared in various public journals, do not exceed the reality. No language indeed can come up to the splendor of that magnificent display. I hesitate not to say, that no one who did not witness it can form an adequate conception of its glory. It seemed as if the whole starry heavens had congregated at one point, near the zenith, and were simultaneously shooting forth, with the velocity of lightning, to every part of the horizon; and yet they were not exhausted - thousands swiftly followed in the tracks of thousands, as if created for the occasion, and illuminated the firmament with lines of irradiating light."

Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Seer of Patmos, pg. 124

Joel and John prophesied that the moon would be turned into blood. Those who witnessed the dark night, say that when the moon appeared, near the morning, it was a blood-red ball in the heavens.

The peculiar features of the special falling of the stars, which God gave as a sign, are given by John. They should fall from heaven "as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Extensive and magnificent showers of shooting stars have been known to occur at various places in modern times; but the most universal and wonderful which has ever been recorded is that of the 13th of November, 1833, the whole firmament, over all the United States, being then for hours in fiery commotion. As a fig tree covered with green fruit being violently shaken sends the fruit in all directions, so from one center in the sky, the stars fell in showers in every direction.

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Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Seer of Patmos, pg. 121-122

At the beginning of the sixth seal, a mighty earthquake shook the earth. This doubtless refers to the **earthquake of 1755**, felt with greatest severity at **Lisbon, Portugal**, and **known in history as the Lisbon earthquake**. Its influence was felt as far north as Greenland, also in the north of Africa. This was to be **followed by the darkening of the sun, and the moon, and the falling of the stars of heaven**. There have been many earthquakes in the history of the world, and the sun has often been darkened; but a **definite earthquake** was to be considered as a sign of the times in which men were living. A definite darkening of the sun and moon would be used by the Lord as a token of His near approach. That men might know which events to accept and which to reject, the Word of God has described with divine minuteness the ones referred to **under the sixth seal**. **Eight writers of the Bible give the signs in the sun, moon, and stars**, as heralds of the last day. Four of these, **Joel, Amos, Isaiah, and Ezekiel**, wrote before the time of Christ; the other four are **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**, three of whom repeat the words given by the Saviour Himself. The description of the signs in the heavenly bodies, given by these eight writers, points out at least thirteen peculiarities, which unmistakably indicate the time and nature of their occurrence. The time when men might look for signs in the heavens is given by Matthew. He says, "Immediately **after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light," etc. The "tribulation of those days" is the period of darkness and persecution, known as the "abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet" It began with the establishment of the papacy in 538 a. d., and continued twelve hundred and sixty years, or until 1798. But God in mercy **shortened the time of persecution**; for "except those days be shortened there should no flesh be saved." **The persecuting power of the papacy was broken about 1776 a. d.** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light." The prophesied dark day must then be looked for soon after 1776. Mark adds another item which helps in the location of the time. He says, "In those days, after that tribulation," etc. That is, within the period of the twelve hundred and sixty years, or before **1798 and after 1776**, "the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light." **History records the extraordinarily dark day of May 19, 1780**; and the student of prophecy finds that in point of time, this meets the requirements of Matthew and Mark.

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William Prescott, The Doctrine of Christ, 141 {1920 WWP, TDOC 141.1}

"Prophecy not only foretells the manner and object of Christ's coming, but presents tokens by which men are to know when it is near. Said Jesus: '**There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars.**' **The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in, heaven shall be shaken.** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.' The revelator thus describes the first of the signs to precede the Second Advent: 'There was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood.' These signs were witnessed before the opening of the nineteenth century. In fulfillment of this prophecy there occurred, in the year 1755, the most terrible earthquake that has ever been recorded. Though commonly known as the earthquake of Lisbon, it extended to the greater part of Europe, Africa, and America. It was felt in Greenland, in the West Indies, in the island of Madeira, in Norway and Sweden, Great Britain and Ireland. It pervaded an extent of not less than four million square miles. In Africa the shock was almost as severe as in Europe.'" **"The Great Controversy," p. 304.**

Daniel 6:18

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 110

The course of the king after Daniel had been cast into the den of lions attests his genuine interest in his behalf, and the severe condemnation he felt for his own course in the matter. At earliest dawn he repaired to the den where his prime minister had passed the night in the company with hungry and ravenous beasts.

Daniel 6:19-23

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Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 110

Here, then, stood Daniel, preserved by a power higher than any power of earth. His cause was vindicated, his innocency declared. No hurt was found on him, because he believed in his God. Faith did it. A miracle had been wrought.

Daniel 6:24

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 110, 111

Why, then, were Daniel's accusers brought and cast in? It is conjectured that they attributed the preservation of Daniel, not to any miracle in his behalf, but to the fact that the lions chanced at that time not to be hungry. Then, said the king, they will no more attack you than him, so we will test the matter by putting you in. The lions were hungry enough when they could get hold of the guilty; and these men were torn to pieces ere they reached the bottom of the den. Thus was Daniel doubly vindicated; and thus strikingly were the words of Solomon fulfilled: "The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead." Proverbs 11:8.

Daniel 6:25

Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, 1897, pg. 111

The result of Daniel's deliverance was that another proclamation went out through the empire in favor of the true God, the God of Israel. All men were to fear and tremble before Him. What Daniel's enemies designed to prove his ruin, resulted only in his advancement. In this case, and in the case of the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace, the seal of God is set in favor of two great lines of duty: (1) As in the case of the three in the fiery furnace, not to yield to any known sin; and (2) As in the present case, not to omit any known duty. And from these instances, the people of God in all ages are to derive encouragement.

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Stephan N Haskell, The Story of Daniel, pg. 99, 100

Again the nations of the world saw the power of Israel's God to preserve His faithful people. Darius had his belief in God confirmed; and Cyrus had received a lesson he could not soon forget. It was a fresh token to the Israelites that God was in their midst to bless them. To Daniel came the voice of God promising patience and strength to perform his duties as a servant of God. Greater light came to Daniel, for it was after this experience that a large portion of the prophecies were given to him.

Back to Revelation: [Revelation – Habakkuk's Tables \(iwillstanduponmywatch.com\)](http://www.iwillstanduponmywatch.com)

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FOUR HORSES AND SEALS with corresponding CHURCHES

The **trumpets** denote a series of events which transpire contemporaneously with the events of the seals, but of an entirely different character. A **trumpet** is a symbol of war; hence the **trumpets** denote great political commotions to take place among the nations during the gospel age. The seals denote events of a religious character, and contain the history of the church from the opening of the Christian era to the coming of Christ. {1897 UrS, DAR 431.2}

White Horse- 1st Seal & Ephesus - cir 27 to 100 AD

Triumphs of the gospel (in purity) in the first century of this dispensation

Red Horse- 2nd Seal & Smyrna- cir 100 to 323 AD

Original purity began to be corrupted. Errors began to rise. Worldliness. Ecclesiastical power sought the alliance of the secular. Constantine/ Council of Nicaea.

Black Horse- 3rd Seal & Pergamos- cir 323-538 AD

A period of great darkness and moral corruption in the church—between the reign of Constantine and the establishment of the Papacy. Papal teachings brought in.

Pale Horse- 4th Seal cir 538-1517 AD / **Thyatira** 538-1798

Mortality so great during this period by the Papacy; time when the Papacy bore its unrebuked, unrestrained and persecuting rule, commencing about 538 A.D. and extending to the time when the Reformers commenced their work of exposing the corruption of the papal system.

Souls Slain for Word of God- 5th Seal- cir 1517- 1735/ **Sardis** 1798-1833

Commenced when Reformation began to undermine the antichristian Papal fabric and restrain the persecuting power of the Romish Church.

**THE ABOVE IS REPRESENTED IN SYMBOLIC/ FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE;
HEREAFTER FOLLOWING, IS PRESENTED IN LITERAL LANGUAGE**

Great Earthquake/ Sun Black/ Stars Fell- 6th Seal 1735-2nd coming/ **Philadelphia** 1833-1844

Prophetic portions of God's Word were to be unsealed; many; many run to and fro; knowledge of God's Word greatly increased (1798 forward). Sealing process of God's people begins (Rev 7) PRIOR to commencement of the 7th seal.

2nd and 3rd Coming of Christ- 7th Seal 2nd coming to end of sin/ **Laodicea** 1844-2nd coming

From the proclamation of the Three Angel's Messages in 1844 and continuing to our day, to the second coming of Christ to the 1000 year reign in heaven to the 3rd coming after the 1000 years and the wicked are finally destroyed is when this 7th Seal reaches its complete fulfillment.

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THE SEVEN SEALS CHART. Revelation 6

A.D. 31	FIRST SEAL -- The <u>white horse</u> symbolizes the <u>purity</u> of the faith in the first century. The rider with a crown, going forth to conquer, is emblematical of the zeal and success of the earliest minister of Christ.	69 years
100	SECOND SEAL -- The <u>red horse</u> indicates that the original purity of faith had become <u>corrupted</u> . The misery of iniquity had begun to work (2Thess. 2:17): errors arose, wordliness came in; the church sought the alliance of the state; and trouble and commotion were the result. The time of this seal extended to the conversion of Constantine.	223 years
323	THIRD SEAL -- The corruption of this period is denoted by the <u>black horse</u> . Between 303 and 538 the darkest errors sprang up in the church, and the greatest worldliness prevailed -- <u>great darkness and moral corruption</u> in the church. The celibacy of priests, the worship of images and relics, and a long train of superstitions, were substituted for true religion and genuine piety.	215 years
538	FOURTH SEAL -- A <u>pale horse</u> , or one of a sickly, yellowish hue, well symbolizes the state of the professed church from 538 to the opening of the Reformation. <u>Death</u> sat on the horse, and power was given to him to kill, etc. This was just what the papacy did during those long years of her supremacy, as the blood of more than 50,000,000 martyrs testifies.	979 years
1517	FIFTH SEAL -- This covers the time of the <u>Reformation</u> . The souls slain under the preceding seal here cry for vengeance on their persecutors. White robes were given them, that is, righteousness (Rev. 19:8) was ascribed to them, and they were bidden to rest a little longer.	238 years
1755	SIXTH SEAL -- Under this occurred the <u>great earthquake of 1755</u> , followed by the <u>dark day and night of May 19, 1780</u> . Then came the <u>meteoric shower of Nov. 13, 1833</u> , -- the last <u>sign</u> given in this line of prophecy before the heavens depart " <u>as a scroll when it is rolled together.</u> "	Indefinite
The End	SEVENTH SEAL -- This brings the Lord's coming and eternity.	

Above chart taken from 1888 Bible Readings for the Home Circle. Compiled by M. Harris

Trumpets, Horses and Seals

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-- **7th Seal:** From the proclamation of the Three Angel's Messages in 1844 and continuing to our day, to the second coming of Christ to the 1000 year reign in heaven to the 3rd coming after the 1000 years and the wicked are finally destroyed is when this 7th Seal reaches its complete fulfillment.

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EIGHT PROMINENT LINES OF PROPHECY

The accompanying diagram embraces, in condensed form, all the preceding diagrams shown in this book*, which illustrate lines of prophecy.

1. Beginning at the left of the top line, we have B.C. 606, the time when the Babylonian empire first appear in the field of prophecy, as brought to view in Daniel, chapters two and seven. This empire was succeeded in 538 by the empire of the Medes and Persians, and this by the Grecian in 331. Rome followed, being recognized by the Bible as a universal power in B.C. 161, when the Jewish people came under its dominion. Passing by the cross, the division of Rome into ten kingdoms is reached between the years 351 and 483, from which point the prophecy of Dan. 2 with a sudden bound, carries the mind to the consummation. See reading on page 17.
2. But the prophecy of the 7th chapter supplements that of the second, and shows what is to take place between 483 and the time of the end. Beginning at 538, as shown by the short line under the first one, the papal supremacy of 1260 years extended to 1798, and was there cut short by the capture of Pope Pius VI. At that point the 7th chapter suddenly calls attention to the end. See reading on page 29.
3. In a line of prophecy beginning with the 12th of Revelation, in which the same ground is covered, the United States is brought to view as "coming up" in 1798, the time when the other beast, the papacy, was going into captivity. Rev 13:10-17. Commencing its career in 1776, the two-horned beast, representing the United States, exists to the end, when both it and the papal beast are cast into destroying fire. Rev. 19:20. See reading on page 226.
4. Passing back to a point between 351 and 483 A.D. on the top line, a perpendicular line is seen extending downward to a right angle, which marks the beginning of the seven trumpets in 395. The first four of these ended in 620, the fifth, in 1449, and the sixth, Aug. 11, 1840. In 1844, the seventh trumpet began to sound, which does not stop at the end, but covers the 1,000 years while the wicked are being judged, and ceases only when, at the end of that time, the wicked have been destroyed, and the earth is made new and becomes the abode of the saints. Further explanation of this prophetic line will be found on page 419.
5. From the point where the sixth trumpet ended, Aug. 11, 1840, four years forward, was proclaimed the first angel's message. Connected with the loud cry of that message was given the second angel's message — "Babylon is fallen." In 1844, the third message of the series began to sound, from which point the three messages continue as one great connected work to the end. They are represented by the three short lines in the square marked "Three Messages." See readings on these messages, pages 98-109.
6. & 7. Going back once more on the upper line of the diagram, to the cross, and tracing the perpendicular line from that point downward, there are seen two horizontal lines. The first of these shows the chronology of the seven seals, and the second, that of the seven churches. An explanation of the first is found on page 407, and the second on page 413.
8. Returning for the last time to the top line of the diagram, and tracing downward the longest perpendicular line, there is seen the beginning of the 2300 years of Dan. 8:14, which reach from B.C. 457 to A.D. 1844, bringing us to the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the investigative judgment. See reading on page 75. When this judgment closes, the end comes, and with it the resurrection of the righteous dead, the translation of the righteous living (see reading on page 147), and the binding of Satan during the thousand years. Then comes the resurrection of the wicked, and their destruction, when the earth will be cleansed by the fire which destroys the wicked, and so become the fit abode of the saints through eternity. See diagram on page 218.

*Chart and above taken from original 1888 version of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle: Comprising One Hundred and Sixty-Two Readings for Public and Private Study, in Which are Answered Over Twenty-Eight Hundred Questions on Religious Topics, Contributed by More Than a Score of Bible Students." pages 432, 33.; compiled by D. & M. Harris