

Prophetic Alert: Come and See (Rev 6:1-8)



Revelation 6 is a magnificent prophecy on the beginning of the end of the world. The **'Four Horsemen'** is a pattern throughout history as empires die.

- (i) White horse - propaganda war, deception. Truth is the first casualty depending on which side you are on.
- (ii) Fiery red horse - regional, civil war. As a result, peace is taken away.
- (iii) Black horse - famine *'A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius.'* (6:6) – description is hyperinflation. Note the scale of justice coming in.
- (iv) Pale (greenish) horse - widespread death due to war, hunger, and diseases.

When do we know for sure that this prophecy is fulfilled as a concrete end-time event? When a quarter of the earth's population perishes (Rev 6:8). Until then this pattern will repeat as empires come and go. Do you see the pattern of the *Four Horsemen* on the horizon in our world again? Yes, we see a clear pattern emerging. Will we see the final fulfilment of this prophecy in our lifetime? We will find out.

1. Come and See: Jesus' Invitation to the Church

Jesus said, *'Watch and Pray'*. Why? We find it difficult to face an uncomfortable truth. It is human nature to run from bad news. While we want to know the future, we do not want to face it if it is going to be difficult. Revelation 4-5 starts with the vision of God's throne in perfect serenity, before reaching Revelation 6 which describes the severe global shakings in the whole world.' But those who draw near to God and see what He is doing from heaven, will stand in the challenging days ahead and thrive.

- a. There is a sense of urgency that is hard to shake off as I see what is happening around the world - Sri Lanka's formal default on their loan, Peru's food crisis and violence, Shanghai's draconian lockdown, the Russia & Ukraine war which is rapidly escalating into a global war. There is tension within me. I feel the need to sound a warning as to what I see coming our way. But I also feel real reluctance to speak on this thorny subject. It can offend people and be misconstrued as fearmongering. It is also hard to strike the right balance.
- b. So, I prayed last week Tue/Wed (12-13 Apr 2022), *'Lord, if You want me to speak on these international affairs and issues, please speak to me clearly in a dream, so that this week I can introduce the subject and explain the issues from a prophetic perspective.'* I've never asked God to speak to me on a particular subject through a dream within a week. But I got the answer last Sunday (17 Apr 2022).

I had a short but very vivid dream which clearly illustrates in one broad stroke, what is going on in the Russia/Ukraine war, which is a far larger conflict than a regional war confined to Europe between two countries. The dream highlighted the importance of prayer in shaping world events. I don't dream much and I don't take all dreams seriously. (C.f. Eccl 5:3 – too much activity gives us restless dreams.)

2. The Dream: The Putin Riddle

Round Table of World Leaders - In the dream (Sunday night 17 Apr 2022), I was in a room that had a round table in the centre, and many world leaders were sitting around the table. They were heads of states representing their nation from all over the world. Mr Putin was sitting facing me across the table, and 'presumably' Mr Biden representing the USA was sitting between Putin and myself. I did not see Mr Biden's face. [Not a word was spoken in the entire scene. The only person who spoke was me, yet I could clearly understand what they were thinking mainly through their actions. In particular, Putin's thoughts clearly stood out to me through his facial expressions.

Putin and a Little Device - Suddenly, Putin took out a little device. It seemed that he had managed to dismantle and diffuse it because I could clearly see a gap and certain missing parts in the device. He showed it to everyone without speaking a word. From Putin's gesture, I understood that he was exposing his enemy's plan to destroy him. His enemies were the man representing the USA and his allies. Again, without a word, Putin lit the little device. I could see a blue flame burning on the device. It almost looked like a small cigarette lighter. And Putin threw it at the man representing the USA, who caught it in his hands. Instantly everyone in

the room was in a state of panic because no one could tell if or when the little device will explode and kill them all instead of killing Putin.

Two things that stood out to me in this dream were:

- (i) The sheer incompetence of the world leaders in the room. No one tried to do anything constructive. No one tried to put out the flame on the device or tried to speak to Putin to de-escalate the situation. They all just panicked. In particular, the man who represented the USA just held on to the burning device in both of his hands and stared at it, like a deer caught in headlights.
- (ii) The look on Putin's face. I could see his facial expression very clearly. His dead-serious look spoke louder than words. Putin was visibly upset at what his enemies - the USA and their allies - have done to seek to destroy him. But his emotion was under control, and his move was calculated. Basically, Putin has effectively turned what was planned against him to his advantage, and was using it as leverage against his adversaries. And now Putin was the one in control, and he was threatening to blow up everyone present in the room. Putin was somewhat like a poker player. He was watching and studying the leaders' reactions. He even seemed to slightly enjoy the situation. The stern serious look on Putin's face seemed to me that he was ready for any outcome, even if the outcome were the explosion of the device.

I was feeling increasingly uncomfortable as I watched the blue flame burning brightly on the device, and I could not wait indefinitely. I spoke out, but with certain restraint and respect, as if I belonged in the room full of world leaders, 'Oh, Mr Putin.' I was conveying to Putin that I understood his grievance, but this is going too far. Then I reached out and grabbed the device from the representative of the USA, and took it away from him.

3. Interpretation – US-led Sanctions against Russia?

Dreams are often symbolic and almost always require interpretation. I do not have a full understanding of this dream. But the more I ponder on it, I believe the dream at face value describes what is happening with the US-led sanctions against Russia.

- a. **The harsh sanction against Russia caused great pain to the Russian economy.** The value of the Russian rouble plunged sharply (150:1) momentarily causing a run on the Russian banks. However, Russia fought back with some clever countermoves. To defend the falling rouble, Russia quickly stopped capital flight by banning foreign exchange, then the Russian central bank increased the interest rate to 20%. This temporarily steadied the capital flight. Then to everyone's surprise Russia pegged the rouble to a fixed weight of gold (R5000 to 1g) and demanded the 'unfriendly nations' buy Russian gas only in rouble or in hard money, i.e., gold. This makes sense as USD/EUD has become a worthless currency Russia could not use in international trade.

Within 2 weeks the rouble recovered to the pre-invasion level and beyond. As soon as the rouble stabilised Russia quickly removed the gold peg, reopened the foreign exchange for Russians, and cut the interest rate to 17%. (Putin has a PhD dissertation on *Energy and Mineral Resources in the Russian Economy*.) I do not agree with what he is doing, but Putin is not stupid. He has turned the table, and he is now threatening Europe that if they do not pay for the Russian gas in roubles or gold, which they desperately need, he will close off the tap. This means destruction to the European economy. Putin said that the same rule will apply in the future to Russia's other natural resources.

The west now realises that the sanction has backfired. In the long run, it will end up hurting Europe and the USA far more than Russia. Russia is the world's largest net exporter of energy, food, and natural resources such as fertilisers. We can live without Audi cars and Gucci bags, but we cannot live without food and energy.

Germany and other European nations are in a panic mode. They have vowed not to use the rouble. But how long can they stand united before their economy blows up? Rising inflation is everywhere, especially in Europe. German's Aldi supermarket just hiked up food prices by 20-50% overnight. The food production this year will fall significantly because of the Russian/Ukraine war and the lack of fertiliser. And it will get worse, not better. Hungary has agreed to pay Russia in the rouble. And there is an increasing number of gas tanker ships buying Russian oil, but marked as 'to an unknown destination.'

b. There are other serious consequences of the sanction. This level of sanction (6,000+) to a G20 nation has never been done before, with huge unknown risks that can **fracture the world economy and supply chain**.

- (i) US has sent a clear message to the whole world that the US dollar is no longer the safe store of value that it once was. USD has been the most trusted global currency for over 50 years. But it has become a political weapon now to target and strike any individual and nation deemed by the US to be bad actors. This will incentivise de-dollarisation. Why should nations like China keep so much US treasury?
- (ii) This has incentivised the nations to de-dollarize, i.e., diversify their FX, and seek an alternate system of payments for international trades, i.e., diversify from SWIFT to CIPS. And it is polarising the global powers into two groups. The White House rhetoric is, *'Which side of history will you be? [China, India]'* The mainstream media portrays the current situation as the whole world and NATO cornering lonely Russia. But this is not true.

It is galvanising BRICS Nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and the oil-producing Middle East (UAE, Saudi, Iran, etc) and some S.E. Asian and African nations to stand against the European Union, USA & allies such as Canada, NZ, Australia, Japan, South Korea, and fracturing Turkey & Hungary from EU. This is de-globalisation.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Ukraine is being used as a tool for a proxy war and clash of the global powers. It has all the signs to spark WW3. During the past 50 years, we've been living in an integrated rule-based society moving towards globalization. But now we are moving in the opposite direction of the politically narrative-driven society with fractured global cooperation.

We are entering into a brave new world of de-dollarisation and de-globalisation.

c. Alarming News Headlines from just this week

- (i) 18th April. Monday. Russian state TV declares World War Three has started after the sinking of Moskva. <https://metro.co.uk/2022/04/15/ukraine-russian-state-tv-warns-world-war-three-has-already-begun-16472787/>
- (ii) 21st April. Thursday. Russia tests the new intercontinental ballistic missile called 'Sarmat.' a.k.a. **'Satan III'**. This is the world's most advanced hypersonic ICBM that can carry 12 nuclear heads and hit any target on earth. Putin says it will *'provide food for thought for those who try to threaten Russia'* <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/russia-tests-new-intercontinental-ballistic-missile-putin-warns-enemies-its-food>
- (iii) 22nd April. Friday. President Biden details a new \$800 million military aid package, which includes: - heavy artillery weapons, dozens of howitzers, 144,000 rounds of ammunition, and more tactical drones. (But no mention of peace or dialogue with Russia.) <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/biden-announce-800m-aid-package-ukraine-russia-presses/story?id=84194608>

d. Current Situation in the Light of the Dream

- (i) (A) I do not see any significant world leader speaking peace and common sense right now to de-escalate the mounting tension. The current US president seems quite confused and lost like a deer caught in the headlights, e.g., shaking hands with no one after a speech, Easter bunny 'escorting' him away when he was asked about Afghanistan.

(B) Putin seems resolute and ready to escalate the situation to a whole new level, even if it means an 'explosion'.

(C) How important it is for the believers who know God to courageously intercede and shape history by prayer like Daniel of old.
- (ii) I believe the economic sanction against Russia and the economic fallout as a result of it cannot be reversed. It will be a very rough road to de-dollarisation and de-globalisation, resulting in a realignment of the nations. (I will be watching for the dissolution of the current EU/NATO and the rebirth of the EU.)

However, I believe that it is God's will for us to pray that Sarmat 2-ICBM (a.k.a. Satan 2), is restrained from being fired, so to stop the untold damage and destruction. I believe we need to rise like Daniel the prophet and impact the final chapter of world history according to the will of God.

We can pray for the restraint and salvation of Mr Putin. We can also pray for the wisdom and courage for the western political leaders and their salvation.

(iii) What can we do about the economic fallout and the rising inflation? We cannot stop it altogether. It is the law of sowing and reaping. But with prayer, we can mitigate the damage, and receive God's wisdom to prepare ahead of time. For the past 50 years, the world has abandoned honest accounting and resorted to an infinite expansion of the credit to grow the economy via Quantitative Easing (QE) or 'money printing.' In particular, in the past two years, we have globally shut down the production line and printed an exorbitant amount of credit.

How can we not avoid inflation? The last time inflation was this bad 40 years ago, the US raised the interest to ~20%. Today, the US is so indebted it cannot raise the interest rate to tame inflation. The global de-dollarisation and the pressure on the global supply chain will only exacerbate inflation.

But we see the scale of justice (honest money system) come in as the economic woes spread in Revelation 6:5. We may be in the early phase of the second seal - wars and rumours of wars. The third seal will bring the economic perfect storm. I believe we will see the perfect storm hitting Europe and eventually hitting the shores of the US.

C.f. Chris Reed's prophetic dream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIN7yyhurek>

4. Application in Our Lives

Each of us must seek the Lord for wisdom and guidance.

a. **Personal level:** Ezek 9:3-11 reveals what really happened behind the scenes before the judgment of God fell on Jerusalem. The angel of the Lord put the mark of God on the remnant on their foreheads. This is the principle of God's judgment on the earth.

We must renew our relationship with God and have a holy walk with Him. *Do you have this mark from the Lord?*

b. **National level:** 2 Chr 7:14, *'If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.'*

When deep widespread corruption infiltrates our society and system, preference for a political party makes no real difference. Only the reform can turn the tide. The only way to reform is to start with 2 Chr 7:14 – God's people who live 2 Chr 7:14 and in prophetic intercession.

c. **Practical level:** While Australia is one of the safest places to live, we will not be shielded like before during the GFC in 2009. We have broken just about every law of God that we can think of since then.

What I am doing: (i) Buying some extra food is not a bad idea. Canned food last for decades. (ii) Some cash. The world is only nine meals away from anarchy. (iii) Move from speculative asset class to real assets, i.e., precious metal.

I warned about hyperinflation in early 2021. In 2020 I called for prayer for the stability of the banking sector. I stopped praying this way now because the scale of justice is now coming. Amsterdam Trade Bank failed (23 April 2022) – an unforeseen repercussion of the sanction against Russia.

d. **Never give into the spirit of fear** but make up your mind that you will put God first and that you will be a generous person who gives and glorify God.