

## THE LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, A HOLY CONVOCATION

The last day of Unleavened Bread is the second of seven Holy Days that God calls HIS Sabbaths. He calls for a day of worship, or a Holy Convocation". Following the sacrifice of Jesus by celebrating the Lord's Supper we entered into the life of a believer of God's redemptive plan. We believe the first Day of Unleavened Bread pictures the calling of His followers to repentance by putting sin out of our lives. Peter in Acts 2:38 gave the formula for the first beginning of a believer's journey through his/or her life to reach the goal God has set before us, to obtain eternal life. The first Day of Unleavened Bread could very well picture our first step in that journey. The following Holy Day, the Day of Pentecost, represents the introduction of Jesus as the Son of God and of the age of Grace, and man's gift of His Holy Spirit. But back to the topic of the last day of Unleavened Bread. Once we begin our journey the seven seals of Revelation could index what will be taking place in the world around us.

The First Seal: Rev.6:2 The white horse begins the train of religious events during the New Testament church period and subsequently false religions that permeated the whole world (Mt.24:4-5).

Rev.6:2 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 Second Seal: v.3 A red horse. Nations enforce their will upon the world through force of war (Mt.24:6-4) 6:3 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 Third Seal: v.5-6 Black horse. Developing powers control food distribution thus gaining control over many nations.

Rev.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 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.

Note: 7-8 Pale Horse= Pictures death to one fourth of the world. Many will die from starvation, diseases, and natural disasters. Packs of wild animals starving for food will attack and eat humans. Pressure to conform to the growing Beast power becomes the law of the land.

6:9-11 Altar of souls= Pictures great persecution and martyrdom of the faithful by the Beast. (Could this be the Philadelphia church era? 3:7-13) Followers of Christ refuse to take the imposed mark of the Beast or worship his image resulting in their martyrdom. This continues until all is fulfilled. Saints are comforted and told they must be patient that many more are yet to be martyred.

6. 6:12-17, World wide catastrophe= The earth is plummeted with  
7:1-17 earthquakes, stars fall, heaven rolls away, sun becomes black, moon turns red, people of the earth admit the wrath of the Lamb is upon them. Time is given for 144 thousand of the twelve tribes of Israel to repent and be given the seal of God (Holy spirit). A great many Gentiles will also turn to God.

The next seal fills in many details alluded to or left out in the first six. The Beast, the false prophet, and the Harlot are in full power during all of this activity.

Seal # 7 8:1-13, 9:1-21 Seal # 7

The seventh seal extends to the very end of events during this age including trumpets, woes, and plagues. Setting: The Beast is increasing in power. The lamb-like beast and the great city of Babylon work in harmony, becoming extremely wealthy, controlling the entire world's trade. They have murdered God's people, and have no opposition from trading nations who reap major profits from this union. Behind the scenes ten countries (of Rev. 17:12-13, 1-18) plot to destroy the harlot, the great city of Babylon. In the meantime God is sending a call to repentance to any who will listen (Rev. 14:14-6-7) and a warning to any who are tempted to take the mark the beast. After God pours onto the earth the seven bowls of his wrath, the nations band together and when they see The King of kings coming down as a warrior they fight against him but lose the battle. This is the great battle of Armageddon. Revelation 16:

It appears that the last Day of Unleavened Bread pictures the end of the saint's journey, the end of rebellion and a beginning of a new age. The saints are asleep awaiting their resurrection to rule with Christ for a thousand years. We will have reached our goal.

Rev. 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 ¶ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

We can rejoice in knowing that all ends as God plans to our glory.

Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

**THE LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD CELEBRATES THE REACHING OF OUR GOAL TO MAKE IT INTO GOD'S KINGDOM TO THE VERY END OF THIS AGE!!**

We can extend this study by going to the second and third chapters of Revelation, and see where the days of Unleavened Bread could represent the problems the churches will be having during their journey during this age.