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Wow! This past week has been an interesting one.

Welcome to another edition of the End Times Berean Watchman Report!

I'll be wrapping up the series on interpreting prophecy, and talking about the signs that the red horse is indeed on the march.

True Prophetic Insights Need Multiple Witnesses

One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. **A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.** – Deuteronomy 19:15 (emphasis added)

This last one might be obvious—I almost skipped it because it is so foundational in my thinking—but it is a key thing to be watching out for. The context of Deuteronomy 19:15 is simply about convicting people who are accused of wrongdoing, but there is a general principle laid out after that, which applies to a much broader context. The specific application of the principal is that convicting someone of a crime requires two or more witnesses, but the general principal is that important matters should be established with multiple witnesses.

In the context of prophecy (and theology in general), the lesson is that all important doctrines or interpretations should be established using more than one reference in the Bible (i.e., two or more witnesses). The witnesses can be split between the Old Testament and the New Testament, or found in the writings of two different books, prophets, disciples, etc.—but there needs to be more than one. Admittedly, one witness might be crystal clear and the other vaguer and more veiled but that's okay.

“In the Old Testament the New is hidden, and in the New Testament the Old is made manifest.” – St. Augustine.

The important thing is that both passages distinctly support the proposed idea or interpretation. This rule doesn't make an idea infallible because our reasoning can still be flawed, but it can help to guard us against making mistakes of interpretation.

Summary Thoughts About Interpretation

This series has included a lot of technical talk about different ways to understand prophecy; but without getting your arms around these subtleties, it can be easy to reject true fulfillments because they don't match one's expectations. We naturally want prophetic interpretations to be easy, cut-and-dry, incontrovertible, and unmistakable. But when we examine the prophetic fulfillments that are certified in the New Testament, we see that it isn't always so simple. And we've looked at less than ten percent of the prophecies!

I'm not trying to shake anyone's faith here in the reliability of God's prophetic word. I'm trying to shake off a rigid and legalistic view of prophecy—one that presumes that literal fulfillments must occur in exactly the way they are imagined, with perfect neat precision, however one defines that.

In the News

Well, the evidence for the presence of the red horse and his rider released by the second seal on the scroll that only the Lamb of God is worthy to open has been growing.

3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. — Revelation 6:3-4 (NASB)

It may be arguable about how many people have been slain as a result of all the unrest and the wars and *rumors of wars* that have been on the rise, but it's getting tougher not to admit that we are living through a time when peace has been taken from the earth.

From the example of the growth of tyrannical government in Canada, we may be getting a foreshadowing of the plans for America. The way the Canadian authorities cracked down on peaceful protests of the truckers in Ottawa, many of them praying all the way through it, was alarming. They brutalized people, vandalized and confiscated their property, targeted anyone who even gave them so much as a cup of coffee, and began financial sanctions and freezing of bank accounts. And while President Trudeau has now revoked the emergency powers, it seems clear that he will easily invoke them again, if he sees the need.

Tucker: Trudeau has declared Canada a dictatorship | Fox News

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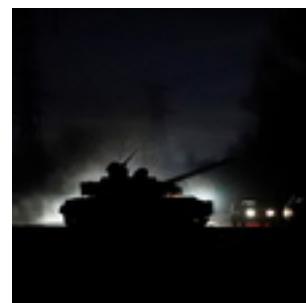


And then of course, probably no one missed the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. It's too early to tell exactly how bad this is going to get, but it is already incredibly serious. Strangely, it appears that the Biden administration and most of the western powers have simply resigned to the fact that Russia is going to take over Ukraine. Sure there is a sort of token finger wagging, and the promise of "terrible" sanctions, but the bark sounds toothless.

INVASION BEGINS | All Israel News

Putin's forces on the move, bombs Kyiv, Biden denounces 'premeditated war,' will address nation, calls for prayer for 'brave and proud Ukrainian people'

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And one could wonder if an invasion of Taiwan will come next...

Chinese Military Aircraft Enter Taiwan's Air Defense Zone Following Ukraine Invasion

Nine Chinese aircraft entered Taiwan's air defense identification zone in the hours following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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Combined with all of the other nonsense that is going on around the world in terms of crime, protests, and general lawlessness, the case for the red horse is getting pretty strong.

What About the Black Horse?

There is also still plenty of reason to suspect that a black horse is coming soon, too. Inflation is clearly on the rise, with apparently little that can be done about it. Remember that this will hit the poorest of the poor first. The developed world will mostly be able to adapt and compensate for the higher prices, but not everyone will be so lucky. By the end of this year, we could see some major market corrections and painful confirmation of how soft world economies really are. David McAlvany had an interesting analysis of the current financial state of US and the world this week, if you're looking for some Christian-based analysis of what is going on under the surface of the water.

The Ukrainian Tug Of War: Oil Is The Rope - McAlvany Weekly Commentary

Is your broker still managing as if there is no inflation? Can we really blame the Russians for \$100 oil? James Grant: “Inflation...

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And that’s not the only connection between the Ukrainian crisis and the black horse. Ukraine is also a major wheat supplier to the region, representing 12% of the world market, and this could put countries in the Middle East, like Lebanon, in a very difficult position.

Ukraine crisis worries Lebanon over its wheat reserves | AP News

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon has wheat reserves sufficient for one month at the most, with Ukraine accounting for up to 60 percent of the crisis-hit country’s wheat market, the economy minister said on Friday.

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About the Book

I will have a cover image to share in the next week or two, and the editing is coming along nicely. I’m probably going to change the title, though, to avoid being confused with some similarly

the one, though, to avoid being confused with some similarly titled works. I can't wait to preview it for you. :)

Till Next Time...

Thanks for reading another edition of my newsletter. I hope it brings you comfort, not distress, in spite of some of the troubling things that are going on.

Next week, I'll start a new series, picking out some teasers from the book.

Blessings,

Christian Widener

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