

CHAPTER V

THE FOUR SPIRITS OF THE HEAVENS

The first four seals mentioned in chapter six have to do with the powers of the heavens by which man is controlled. They are called: the four spirits of the heavens, which is symbolized by four horses. But before we deal with them, let us have words from the Prophet Zechariah and he will show us what these symbols indicate (***Zechariah 6:1-7 [see appendix]***). Notice closely that in verse six the angel explains that the four horses symbolize the spirits of the heavens: ***“AND THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO ME, THESE ARE THE FOUR SPIRITS OF THE HEAVENS WHICH GO FORTH FROM STANDING FROM BEFORE THE LORD OF ALL EARTH.”*** This is the power, which makes Man click. Man, thinks and acts under spirit powers. Every mood of him is a spirit power over him.

Now let us notice a statement from Christ (***St. John 6:63 [see appendix]***). Thus, a spirit power quickeneth Man into every mood that takes over him. Let us notice facts from the scriptures. Now compare Zechariah 6:1-7 with Revelation 6:1-8 ***[see appendix]***. We see that the four horses symbolize the spirit powers of the heavens. The whole truth is that every mood a man gets in is a spirit power of some kind. For example: sorrow is a spirit power (***Proverbs 15:13 [see appendix]***). One speaks the truth, or errors or lies by spirit powers (***1 John 4:6, and 1 Kings 22:22 [see appendix]***). Without the spirit of sorrow, truth or errors, a man wouldn't enter these moods mentioned. Jealousy is a spirit power (***Numbers 5:14 [see appendix]***). Immorality is a power of a spirit over Man (***Hosea 5:4 [see appendix]***). This is what makes Man do things, for without a power of the spirit, he is nothing. Yet, Man can have power over his spirit. There are only two conditions for Man: either **good** or **evil**. He can have his choice of either, but he **must** have one.

Now the Lamb opened the first seal in Revelation 6:1-2, quoting, ***“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. (v2) 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.”*** We must notice everything about the symbols; the color, the rider and his clothes: and what he carried and what is said to him before we can give his true application to this life. This is the “Spirit of Conquest”. The crown and bow means victory. In old times, when a nation had a conquering hero in war, he is lead through their cities on the back of a white horse, symbolizing victory. This spirit power is applicable in both the religious and carnal life of Man.

In religion, we are up against the forces of evil every day. From the “cradle to the grave”, is a battle and a march: for our warfare is not carnal. We wrestle not with flesh and blood, but principalities and powers of darkness. Therefore, if we would have life, we must fight for it and he that endures to the end and overcome the evil forces will wear a crown of victory. In our natural or carnal life, it is again a battle and a march to gain anything in this life. One must fight for it! To reach an ambition is never reached without striving for it. Even in the common things around us we must battle to get ahead. You will either conquer, or get conquered in every walk of this life. Thus, the white horse is the “Spirit of Conquest”. He that has this power in him is all but sure to reach his gold. But if not, he will be conquered by the same spirit.

And now the Lamb opened the second seal (*Revelation 6:3-4 [see appendix]*). The prophet noticed 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 to him a great sword. Application: Here you are looking at the “Spirit of War” head-on. The color of the horse itself meant bloodshed among the nations by war and the rider had a sword in his hands, which is a weapon of war. Now notice what is said to him: **“TAKE PEACE FROM THE EARTH!”** How is this done, but by war and threats of war? The same spirit is over all warring nations, and the same spirit that is over the world today, with the terrible sword of “atomic power” in the hands of the U.S.A. and Russia. By their threats, the peace is taken from the earth this day, and there is no freedom from fear. Now hear what is said to the rider, quoting: **“AND THAT THEY SHOULD KILL ONE ANOTHER.”** This is done on the battlefield. Thus, the Spirit of War” is one of the spirits of the heaven that controls Man. Were it not for this spirit, Man wouldn’t have any power to war.

At this point, the Lamb opened the third seal (*Revelation 6:5-6 [see appendix]*). The third beast invites John to look. The prophet noticed a black horse and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hands. The prophet heard a voice saying: **“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.”** This is the “Spirit of Gain”. Application: This is the spirit to deal with each other in all kinds of commercial business, whether it is good or evil. The “Spirit of Gain” is the power by which one becomes rich in this world’s goods. The balances in the hands of the rider are used in commercial business in the buying and selling to weigh goods. Wheat and barley, oil and wine are food items bought and sold. The evil of this is to rob the poor and to cheat, to rob and to steal. Under this spirit, many become rich by oppressing the poor. This is an evil spirit. Notice Matthew 5:3 and compare it with Luke 6:20 *[see appendix]*. A blessing is pronounced upon him that has the “Spirit of Poorness” in him. Here is one that makes no effort to get rich. Under this spirit, one will deal fairly with his neighbors; for war is pronounced upon the rich.

Today, this spirit prevails greatly in the world; all is filled with the “Spirit of Greed”; even to this very hour. More than ever this occurs by both the world and the church. Please notice James 5:1-9 *[see appendix]*. It is very hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, the foxes have dens and the birds have nests, but Christ – while in the flesh – had nowhere to lay his head.