

Revelation chapter 6 verse 12 to chapter 7 verse 3 is of interest here

We understand the opening of the seals as referring to events occurring during the gospel age with the opening of the sixth seal, which events go to the end of chapter 7, as starting at around the time of the French revolution and unto the world wars: I, II & the cold one

Br Russell who became a very prominent and well known preacher in the world, has been saying for the prior 40 years or so to watch out for the year 1914, a year pointed to in the Bible.

Humans, under Satan's influence, have a tendency to pretend they haven't heard something when in fact they heard it too well. It is called denial

That message was heard and whilst most were hoping nothing will happen, when something did happen, they tried to hide, cover or camouflage it. Rev 6:15,16

The first world war was the start of the tribulations as shown by Br Russell. It would have led to the full establishment of the Kingdom was it not for God delaying it a little longer until some more events were to occur as shown in chapter 7.

According to Bible chronology and the book of Daniel chapter 12, the time of the end started soon after the French revolution in 1799 and during which time knowledge started to increase.

Whilst biblical knowledge was also increasing among faithful Christians, the worldly knowledge was overtaking it causing a spiritual darkness that was shaking up religious institutions as shown in Rev 6:12-14

When WWI started in Europe, in the centre of Babylon's and her daughters, it seemed that Br Russell was right and the predicted end was coming.

In order to avoid this predicted end to occur, those nations turned to the mountains for help. One was the US and it got involved with its allies in 1917, the war was won by the allies and the inevitable have gotten delayed. That was what God had intended unbeknown to Br Russell who had passed away by then.

Br Russell was expecting the war to culminate in the establishment of the kingdom. The Lord had not revealed to him the time required before that happens.

Whilst it looked like a victory for Satan, according to Rev 7 it was all according to the providence of God.

Br Russell passed away before the war ended and other Bible students started making other predictions. Some changing the dates and others setting up different dates. Dates such as 1925, 1933 & 1954 were proposed by the three main branches of the remaining Bible students of the time and some were dropped when nothing occurred

Not for long after WWI and the same thing happens again in WWII and the US involvement again leading to a successful completion of that war in 1945. Seemingly more delays. But again as per God's providence

Since then many look to the US & its allies as the saviours of mankind. The mountains & rocks that nations run to for cove & help with some success

The US has also been a strong reason for so much changes in the world since 1914. Good and bad

Whilst people are more educated these days, they have developed very egotistical and haughty philosophies elevating themselves to godlike status thinking they can achieve anything good or bad they put their mind to.

They do not realize that once the elect classes have been tested & completed then the winds mentioned in Rev 7:1 will be let loose and the stone of Daniel 2:44,45 will destroy all those mountains and God's Kingdom will be fully established

A lot has happened during those intervening years since 1914 all leading to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948

Satan has been causing mankind to become more and more irreligious, self sufficient, selfish and arrogant to such a point when they will turn against all religions bringing about anarchy over themselves triggering God's intervention

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