Unsustainable

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If there's one word that tells me that we don't have much longer to wait for God's intervention in the world, it's "unsustainable." The perilous conditions of our day cannot continue indefinitely before things get far worse. The current state of our world, already on the edge, is most certainly unsustainable.

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How do we deal with the news of disturbing trends in this world?

Remember that these news items are only reminders of how sorely this world needs Jesus Christ to return.

Psalm 94:3 – *Lord... how long will the wicked triumph?* I often wonder, "How much longer can it be before Jesus appears to take us all home?"

- The perilous conditions of our day cannot continue indefinitely before things get far worse.
- The current state of our world, already on the edge, is most certainly unsustainable.

Have you noticed that the plans of the ungodly usually work out the opposite of what they intended?

Psalm 33:10 – The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. (see also Job 5:12)

The ungodly can be successful for a season but ultimately their plans will fail. This applies to both individuals and nations.

Will the United Nations be successful with their Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals?

They love the word "sustainable" using it 14 times in their 17 goals...

- 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote <u>sustainable</u> agriculture
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- Ensure availability and <u>sustainable</u> management of water and sanitation for all
- 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, <u>sustainable</u> and modern energy for all
- 8. Promote <u>sustained</u>, inclusive and <u>sustainable</u> economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and <u>sustainable</u> industrialization and foster innovation
- 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
- 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- 12. Ensure <u>sustainable</u> consumption and production patterns
- 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- 14. Conserve and <u>sustainably</u> use the oceans, seas and marine resources for <u>sustainable</u> development
- 15. Protect, restore and promote <u>sustainable</u> use of terrestrial ecosystems, <u>sustainably</u> manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for <u>sustainable</u> development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Do you get the idea that the UN fears the unsustainable trends in the world?

Certainly, even the UN seems to recognize that the current state of our world is unsustainable.

• The unsustainable trends foreshadow the coming Tribulation...

How are we seeing the first seal judgment foreshadowed in our day?

Rev 6:2 – I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

The First Horse of the Apocalypse brings the Antichrist on to the world scene. It is likely the world government will already well established before he comes to power (the Ten Kings).

What is represented by the white horse?

Christ and His church will return to the earth on white horses... so this represents the Antichrist presenting himself as the savior.

What will the Antichrist do?

He is given authority (crown) and he will go *out* conquering and to conquer.

What is the significance of the bow he holds?

There are now arrows mentioned so it represents the threat of war without having to wield war but we see that he actually does instigate war in the next seals.

 Some say this bow is actually a rainbow meaning he makes promises like God or it could even be for our times indicating he embraces the LGBT agenda.

What trends setting the stage for the Antichrist are unsustainable?

The UN is growing in power and influence...

- global problems like war & climate change demand a global government to address.
- National sovereignty being yielded to NWO

Illegal immigration weakening USA & Europe

• It's not possible to allow so many villains and terrorists, as well as Chinese men of military age, into our land without disastrous consequences.

Hosea 7:9 – Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it

This passage applied to Ephraim aka House of Israel or the ten northern tribes but the principle behind it applies to any nation with open borders.

There is a leadership vacuum in the world where there is a longing for a Mr. Fixit who will unite everyone.

• The atmosphere is primed for the Antichrist

How are we seeing the second seal judgment foreshadowed in our day?

Rev 6:4 – Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

The Second Horse of the Apocalypse brings conflict to the earth (the absence of peace).

What is represented by the red horse?

Red is the color of blood and there will be a lot of it flowing due to peace being taken from the earth.

• It is not just red, it is fiery red representing violent destruction

Will this lack of peace only be war?

War is certainly implied here but it says *that people should kill one another* which sounds more personal than war. So the violence is not just kingdom against kingdom, it is person against person.

What is this great sword the horse rider is given?

It is a weapon used to kill people... it could be WMDs, or a reason to make people hate each other.

What trends setting the stage for peace being taken from the earth are unsustainable?

We are certainly seeing the stage being set for this today...

The start of WWIII is rapidly approaching

 NATO/Russia, China/Taiwan, Israel/Iran, North/South Korea

The deep political and ethnic divides in America jeopardize our future

• a greatly weakened U.S. due to civil unrest provides an opportunity for our enemies

We are seeing the alignment of nations in the Ezekiel 38 War... the current Psalm 83 War will be the set-up

Why do the globalist visionaries want war?

- They want depopulation which they say is necessary due to dwindling resources and climate change
- But the real reason is that fewer people is easier to control

How are we seeing the third seal judgment foreshadowed in our day?

Rev 6:5-6 – behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine

The Third Horse of the Apocalypse brings scarcity to the earth.

What is represented by the black horse?

Black is the absence of light representing emptiness.

What do the scales represent?

This is used for commerce, to weigh out food for purchase.

What does it mean A quart of wheat for a denarius?

Serious inflation of necessities... We are already seeing serious inflation for necessities driven by supply chain disruptions.

- Eventually inflation will be so bad that a day's wages will only purchase food for the day
- A huge percentage of people are already living paycheck-to-paycheck

Why will the oil and the wine not be harmed?

These are luxuries which there will be no demand for... everyone will be scrambling for just what they need to survive.

What trends setting the stage scarcity on the earth are unsustainable?

American's economy lies on the brink of utter disaster

- The U.S. debt level is increasing by one trillion dollars every one hundred days
- We are rapidly approaching the point when *all* the income tax that's collected from individuals will go to just pay the interest on our debt.
- BRICS nations seek to replace the petrodollars the world's reserve currency

The drive to replace fossil fuels with green energy is driving up the cost of everything

- EVs, AI, and the war on gas appliances are increasing demands on electricity
- Dependance on "sustainable" green energy is making the grid unreliable

There is a consolidation trend to have fewer large corporations supplying everything

- There is a war on small businesses (too much potential for independence and freedom)
- Large corporations collude with government to eliminate their competition (crony capitalism)
- We are no longer breaking up monopolies
- governments are bailing out banks too big to fail

How are we seeing the fourth seal judgment foreshadowed in our day?

Rev 6:8 – behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The Fourth Horse of the Apocalypse brings widespread death to the earth.

What is represented by the pale horse?

The Greek word here is chloros translated everywhere else as green. It is the color of death.

• This could also be a clue to Islam being a big factor... green is an important symbolic color for Islam (represents paradise)

What is Hades that followed Death?

Hades refers to the place of the dead... many will die; a quarter of the population of the earth ~2B people.

How will people die?

- *Sword* weapons of war, executions, or person-to-person conflict
- Hunger scarcity of food will result in death
- *Death* more than just physical death, spiritual death from being deceived to believe "the Lie"
- beasts of the earth more than just dogs turning on their owners, pestilences and other bioweapons.

What trends setting the stage for widescale death are unsustainable?

We recently had the COVID pandemic that was produced in a lab as part of gain-of-function research which certainly has the purpose of developing bioweapons.

- This was merely a test to see how fear can be used to control the populace.
- It gave the pretense to deploy an experimental "vaccine" that was worse than the disease itself

Globalist visionaries want depopulation

- necessary due to dwindling resources and climate change... but the real reason is that fewer people are easier to control
- Georgia Guidestones: Maintain humanity under 500M in perpetual balance with nature.
- Deagle Report forecasts a reduction of populations of Western nations

The push-back on the WHO power grab came to nothing and got rolled-into the September, 2024 Pact for the Future.

- Weakens the authority of the UN Security Council
- Gives UN authority for the next pandemic

Euthanasia is becoming more readily available and widespread.

- It has been extended to the mentally ill and minors in many places
- The hospital Covid protocols killed people

The violence against our children will bring God's wrath

- The murder of the unborn continues despite the overturning of Roe versus Wade. Worldwide, the total number of abortions now exceeds one billion.
- The sex-trafficking of children has become a multibillion-dollar industry in America because of its protection by those in power.
- The mutilation of children via sex change operations is advocated by the government.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

Today's disturbing trends are unsustainable indicating that the stage is being set for the Tribulation.