"Kingdom and Priests" (Rev 1:6)

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I want to bring up just two ways at the moment

- Capaniels' 4th Beast (with Iron Teeth)
 - S FINAL WORLD POWER will be comprised of 10 Kings
 - Antichrist will come from this final world power
 - The world powers cannot remain as-is, Russia could very well be God's pawn to usher in this final world power (via WWIII)

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Matthew 24:6-8

6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Conclusion Conclusion

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Luke 21:10-11

- 10 Then He (Jesus) continued by saying to them (His disciples), "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, 11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places <u>plagues and famines</u>; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.
- Calculus Albanda Company Company Albanda Luke adds plagues (loimos) which means a contagious disease and terrors and great signs from heaven (we'll see what those are as we progress)
- ⊗ Both Matthew and Luke mention famines (limos) which means world hunger (scarcity of food)
- On't want to jump ahead too much, but I do want to take a sneak peak of the 3rd Seal of John's vision in chapter 6 and how the Russia/Ukraine conflict could implicate it

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Revelation 6:5-6 (The Third Seal)

5 When He (Jesus) broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

- - sugos means yoke (Jesus said take my yoke (zugos) for it is light) and is associated not with measuring grain, but with slavery
 - More on this when we get to that part of the study



- ™ But what I do want to call out from the 3rd Seal vision is:
 - "a quart of wheat for a denarius"
 - "three quarts of barley for a denarius"
 - "and do not damage the oil and the wine"
- "denarius" was a Roman silver coin during the Roman Empire



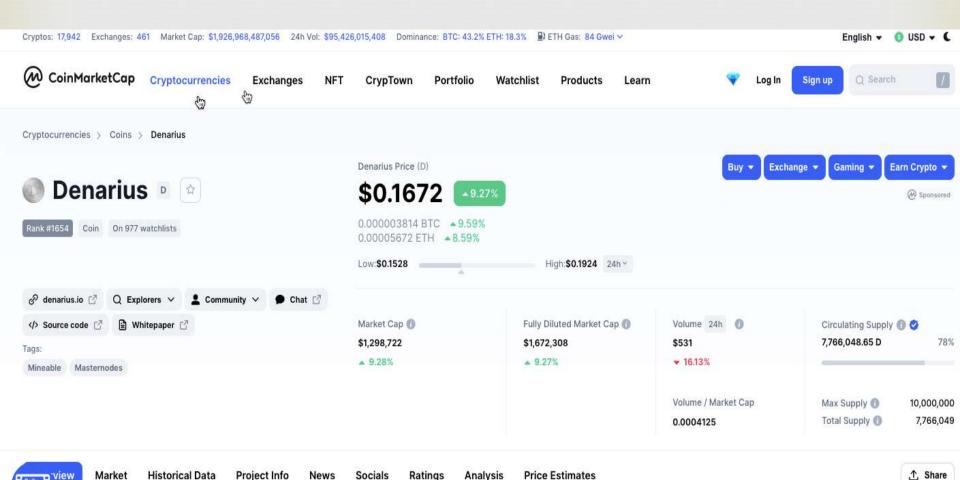
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- The "denarius" will be a currency during the end times!
- **™**But wait a minute...
- The Ancient Roman denarius lasted from around 211BC-300AD
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- ™How can this be fulfilled literally?

Denarius is a cryptocurrency!



Denarius crypto is currently traded!



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[™]So two possibilities that the denarius prophecy in 3rd seal gets fulfilled

A denarius coin (silver) is re-produced and circulated; OR

The crypto denarius



- - This could lead to WWIII and the rise of the final 4th Beast
 - The various sanctions imposed against Russia could further accelerate inflation, gas, food prices, etc.
- Of the 4 scare food commodities listed in the 3rd Seal:
 - ☑ Russia is the #1 world producer of **barley**
 - ☑ Russia is in the top 3 world producer of **wheat**
 - Russia's European neighbors are in the top 3 of olive oil/wine



- Cryptocurrency could be a means to go around the various sanctions imposed by nations and pave the way for the rebirth of the denarius
- ™Thus fulfilling 3rd Seal prophecy!
- **c**So is what's happening in the Russia/Ukraine conflict relevant?
- **CAYOU BET IT DOES!** The entire world is on alert!

™Much more can be said, but we'll leave it here for now...

Scripture Reading

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Revelation 1:1-6 (NASB)

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

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∝I'd like to start us off by inserting the Persons of the Trinity in v. 4 Revelation 1:4

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Now I'd like for us to add the Persons of the Trinity in v. 5-6 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him [?] who loves us and released us from our sins by His [?] blood— 6 and He [?] has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him [?] be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen

- I helped us insert the Persons of the Trinity in v. 4
- Now I'd like for us to walk through the rest of verses 5-6



- ∞Don't flip the page just yet, but in v. 5-6:
 - Who loves us and released us from our sins?
 - ₩ Whose blood is being referred to? ("by His blood")
 - Who made us to be a kingdom and priests?
 - And to Whom be the glory and the dominion forever and ever?
- ≈ ROE#1: Must use Scripture with Scripture
- Call Let's use Scripture to tell us which Person of the trinity is being spoken of in these 4 questions

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John 3:16-17

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
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™Now let's insert the Persons of the Trinity in this passage...



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- Who so loved the world? God the Father!
- ™ What else does Scripture way about this? Famous Romans 8 passage...



Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?



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"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

™ Who did Paul say loved us in v. 37?

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™ Who loved us? Whose love can we not be separated from? v.39 helps us



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Now back to our 1st question:

∾Now 2nd question...

Whose blood is being referred to?



This is easy the Lord Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 9:13-14

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

☐ Jesus's blood (not the Father's blood) released us from our sins!

™Now to our 3rd question...

Who made us to be a kingdom and priests?

Thankfully our Rev key passage answers this:

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"to His God and Father" informs us that He in 6a is God the Son!

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- ™ This one is straightforward, but will require a little more digging

- **™**Our go-to passage, Daniel 7 has just that...

Daniel 7:13-14 (vision into heaven's court)

13 "I kept looking in the night visions,

And behold, with the clouds of heaven

One like a Son of Man [God the Son] was coming,

And He came up to the Ancient of Days [God the Father]

And was presented before Him [Ancient of Days; God the Father].

14 "And to Him [?] was given dominion,

Glory and a kingdom,

That all the peoples, nations and men of every language

Might serve Him [?].

His [?] dominion is an everlasting dominion

Which will not pass away;

And His [?] kingdom is one

Which will not be destroyed.

≪ Whose "Him" & "His" in Dan 7:14?

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™So to Whom be the glory and dominion forever and ever?

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1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

○ For one last time, let's insert the Person's of the Trinity...

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- ™ To Whom be the glory and the dominion forever and ever?
- ™Peter tells us succinctly... the Lord Jesus Christ!

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Now let's insert all Persons of the Trinity in v. 4-6:

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⁶ and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father – to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- "He made us to be" we can confidently say is speaking of Jesus
- œ"kingdom" [more on this]



- "kingdom" is basileia which means sovereignty and royal power
- ™ We learned from Zec 6 two offices Messiah will occupy (seat, kaithzō) is
 - **SKING**
 - **S** PRIEST
- ∝In order for Messiah to preside as KING, He will need a KINGDOM
- ™ In order for Messiah to preside as PRIEST, He will need a PRIESTHOOD
- So in order to accomplish this, Messiah will need subjects to rule as their KING and PRIEST!
- ™ But in order to make believers a kingdom and priests to His Father, Messiah must first fulfill Messianic prophecies concerning His kingdom



™One of those Messianic prophecies of a promised king/kingdom:

Numbers 24:7 (Balaam's prophecy)

"Water will flow from his (Israel's Messiah's) buckets,

And his (Israel's Messiah's) seed will be by many waters,

And his (Israel's) king shall be higher than Agag (Amalekite king),

And his (Israel's Messiah's) kingdom shall be exalted.

- This could be a clue of the showdown between Antichrist's final kingdom (Amalekite) vs. Messiah's kingdom (Israel)
- "Jacob (Israel) I loved, Esau (Amalekite, Antichrist) I hated"



SIDE NOTE: God used Israel's disobedience to bring about Messiah's kingdom!

- □ Despite God being Israel's king, Israel wanted a king over them to be like the rest of the nations
- God gave them over to their desire, they hand picked Saul God said they rejected Him as king over them (1Sa 8:7)
- After Saul sinned (burnt/peace offerings), God hand picked David 1 Samuel 13:14 (Samuel addressing Saul) But now your (Saul's) kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

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"The LORD has sought out from Himself a man after His own heart"?

Immediate context?

☞ Prophetic context?

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CASE IN POINT:

- So through Israel's sin and disobedience, God reaffirmed the Messianic kingdom promised in Num 24 through the Davidic Covenant
 - 2 Samuel 7:12 (Nathan proclaiming to David on God's behalf)
 - 12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, <u>and I will</u> <u>establish his kingdom</u>. 13 He (Messiah) shall build a house for My name, <u>and I will establish the throne of his (Messiah's) kingdom forever</u>.
 - Messiah is the David after God (His Father's) heart!
- Capavid affirms Messiah's kingdom in his Psalms... we'll look at one Ps 22

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Psalms 22:28 (A Psalm of David)

For the kingdom is the LORD'S

And He rules over the nations.

- The LORD (Yahweh) = the Father; "He rules" = Messiah (the Son)
- The prophecy here is Yahweh's Messiah will rule over all nations!

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Daniel 7:14 (Son of Man before the Ancient of Days)

14 "And to Him (Son of Man) was given dominion,

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What is this group (all peoples/nations/tongues) called? The saints!

Daniel 7:18 (After the 4th Beast Kingdom)

18 But <u>the saints</u> of the Highest One will receive <u>the kingdom</u> and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

Daniel 7:21-22 (the vision of the little horn)

21 I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them 22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of **the saints** of the Highest One, and the time arrived **when the saints took possession of the kingdom [as foretold in the OT]**.



Back to our key verse 6, when it says:

⁶ and He [Jesus] has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father

It is speaking of Jesus fulfilling OT Messianic prophesies concerning His kingdom determined by His Father which will be given to the saints (from every tribe/tongue/people/nation)!

"priests"



- "priests" is hiereus which means those who are set apart to serve God in sacred service
- Remember the 2nd office Messiah will occupy (seat, kaithzō) is PRIEST Zechariah 6:12-13
 - 12 Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. 13 Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, (He Messiah) will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.
 - The KING & PRIEST offices of Messiah are both tied to His kingdom (throne)!

"priests"



- ™Messiah's role as PRIEST is to be set apart to serve God in sacred service

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- ™In the OT, God the Father chose His Anointed One
- This Anointed One (Christ, Messiah) will occupy the office of:
 - **SKING**
 - **SPRIEST**
- The Father established the Messianic Kingdom in the OT (through prophecy and David Covenant) in and through and despite Israel's disobedience



- ≈Part of the Father's will is for Jesus to have subjects to rule over as KING and intercede as their HIGH PRIEST!



This is behind Rev 1:6 when it says and declares:

- ⁶ [Jesus] has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father —
- ☐ Jesus was given the High Priesthood and will in that office intercede on our behalf and before His Father

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Church: This is why Jesus our Messiah is the One worthy of the glory and the dominion forever and ever!

- ™We agree with the Scripture and will sing along with the heavenly hosts and the redeemed at that appointed time!