

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF REVELATION  
REV. 6:1-8

Introduction:

- A. John has seen God on His throne with a book in His right hand.
  - 1. v5:1.
  - 2. No man was worthy to open it. v5:3.
  - 3. John weeps bitterly. v5:4.
  
- B. Jesus Christ takes the book. v5:7.
  - 1. He is worthy. v9.
  - 2. Every creature praises Him. v5:13.
  
- C. Now it is time for the seals to be broken. v1
  - 1. opened = anoigo - to open.
  - 2. thunder = bronte - thunder.
  
- D. We know many facts about the end of the world, the coming of Jesus, the judgment of the earth.
  - 1. We do not know the day or the hour.
  - 2. There is much overlapping of events.
  - 3. These events signal the first three and one half years of the Tribulation or the years just prior to them.

I. THE OPENING OF THE FIRST SEAL. v2

- A. "And I saw, and behold, a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow."
  - 1. bow = tokson = a bow.
  - 2. This is a symbol of war.
  - 3. This rider is Jesus Christ.
  
- B. "And a crown was given him; and he went forth conquering and to conquer."
  - 1. conquering = vikao - to be a victor.



2. to conquer =
3. This is the beginning of the Lord's victory over the world system.
4. No single accomplishment is noted.

## II. THE OPENING OF THE SECOND SEA. V3,4

A. "And there went out another horse that was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth."

1. power = [not power] edothe - was given.
2. take = lambano - to take, seize.
3. peace = einenen = remove peace, war occurs!

B. "and that they should kill one another; and there was given unto him a great sword."

1. kill = sphazo - to slaughter.
2. great = mega - sign of war.

## III. THE OPENING OF THE THIRD SEAL. V5

A. "And when he had opened the third seal. I heard the third beast say, come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse, and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand."

1. black = mels - The color of starvation.
2. balances = zugos - The beam of a pair of scales.
3. The symbol of commerce.
4. This involves the status of the world's poor.

B. "And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny, and see thou hurt not the corn and the wine."

1. measure = choinuks = quart.
2. penny = denarion = denarius = one day's pay.
3. barley = food of the poor.

4. corn and wine = the wealthy will not suffer.
5. The head of family must eat to work but there is not enough to sustain life for a family.

#### IV. THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH SEAL. V7,8

- A. "And I looked and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him."
  1. pale = chloros - green, a yellowish green, the color of a corpse or the blanched appearance of a person struck with terror.
  2. death = thanatos - death, natural or otherwise.
  3. hell = hades - the place of departed.
  
- B. "And power was given unto him over the fourth part of the earth. to kill with sword and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."
  1. power = eksousia - authority to do anything.
  2. fourth = tetatos - the fourth.
  3. kill = apokteiuo - strong form, the power of an executioner.
  4. hunger = limos - famine.
  5. beasts = therion = a wild beast, a savage beast, a beast of prey.
  
- C. This belongs in the realm of prophecy but that does not mean that it won't happen or that things won't be bad.
  1. symbolism does not diminish truth!

#### V. WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

- A. To the unsaved.
  1. II Peter 3:9.
  
- B. To the saved.
  1. II Peter 3:10-18.