

# Approaching Hoofbeats Notes

Revelation 6:1-17

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**Main Point:** As the hoofbeats of judgment approach, only those saved by the Lamb will stand.

## Intro:

1. This book is about the supremacy, the sovereignty, and the saving power of Jesus and the urgency for every person to be \_\_\_\_\_ to stand before Him on Judgment Day.
2. While the unfolding end-time events we're about to study are apocalyptic, they are not accidental because every seal is opened by Jesus Himself.
3. These judgments unfold by the lamb's \_\_\_\_\_ and under His direction.
4. It's my understanding that these verses describe events that will take place on earth after the \_\_\_\_\_ has been removed in the Rapture.
5. While the Day of the Lord will bring judgment upon the earth, those who belong to Christ are \_\_\_\_\_ from that coming wrath through His saving work.
6. The seventh seal launches the seven trumpets, and the seventh trumpet initiates the seven bowls.
7. Each of these seven judgments utilizes a format of \_\_\_\_\_ judgments on the earth, followed by three cosmic events.
8. Revelation 7 records an interlude of \_\_\_\_\_ after the sixth seal, which leads to 30 minutes of silence in Heaven when the seventh seal is opened.
9. The seven seals affect one-\_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, the seven trumpets target one-third of what remains, and the bowl judgments will be rapidly poured out upon the entire earth.

## Seal #1: Deception (vs. 1-2)

1. The word "come" can also be translated as, "go \_\_\_\_\_."
2. This first horse is "\_\_\_\_\_" which can be translated as "bright, glittering, and shiny."
3. This more likely refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ christ, perhaps even the Antichrist, who will come promising peace.
4. Contrasts
  - When Jesus returns in Revelation 19, a sharp \_\_\_\_\_ comes from His mouth, while the rider in Revelation 6:2 carries a bow with no arrows.
  - When Christ returns, He will wear \_\_\_\_\_ royal crowns (diadems), symbols of ultimate authority, while the first rider on a white horse wears a single victor's wreath, which was a temporary crown given to an athlete.
  - Christ will come as Faithful and True, \_\_\_\_\_ judging and making war in righteousness, while the first rider shows up like a deceptive conqueror, imitating the real King.

## Seal #2: Destruction (vs. 3-4)

1. The second horseman is bent on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The phrase, "bright red" means, "\_\_\_\_\_-colored, or fiery red," reminding us of bloodshed.
3. This rider is "permitted to take peace," which shows again how the \_\_\_\_\_ is under the ultimate control of Christ.

## Seal #3: Deprivation (vs. 5-6)

1. All this destruction leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The “pair of scales” are used to measure, or ration food because of \_\_\_\_\_ and unbridled inflation, leading to prices that are up to ten times normal.
3. A denarius was a day’s \_\_\_\_\_, so people will work all day just to have enough wheat to eat.

**Seal #4: Death** (vs. 7-8)

1. The word “pale” refers to the yellowish, green color of a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Seal #5: Declaration** (vs. 9-11)

1. The word “slain” means, “to butcher or \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. The souls “under the altar” emphasizes that their life blood was poured out as an \_\_\_\_\_ to God and is drawn from Leviticus 4:7.
3. Application points
  - Pour out your heart in \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10)
    - It’s ok to cry out in a loud voice for God to vindicate His name.
    - Notice these martyrs do not cry out for personal revenge or vengeance but for divine \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in the providence of His plan.
    - While it’s difficult for us to reconcile this, God does \_\_\_\_\_ some to die for Him.

**Seal #6: Dread** (vs. 12-14)

1. This is one of \_\_\_\_\_ earthquakes in Revelation.
2. The word “great” means, “huge, enormous, and \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. When the sixth seal is opened, \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky and on the earth will be shaken as there will be a total cosmic meltdown.
4. Every \_\_\_\_\_ of life will be affected when the normal cycle of daylight and darkness is disrupted.
5. Revelation 6:15 meticulously lists seven categories of people to represent the totality of humanity:
  - Kings (Political leaders)
  - Great ones (Nobles/High-ranking officials)
  - Generals (Military power)
  - The rich (Economic power)
  - The powerful (Physical or social influence)
  - Slaves (The marginalized)
  - Free (The common citizen)
6. In case we missed a category, the word “everyone” is used in the middle of verse 15.
7. There is no evidence of \_\_\_\_\_, even in the face of God’s fury.
8. Instead of calling out to the Creator, they will cry out to \_\_\_\_\_, thinking that they’ll be able to hide from the horrors of judgment.
9. Who can stand before a holy God? The answer is \_\_\_\_\_ one can stand on their own, but the good news is this: Jesus stood in our place.