

THE FIRST FOUR SEALS
REV. 6:1-8 / 8-1-18 / WED

I. THE FIRST SEAL AND THE WHITE HORSE-6:1-2.

A. Who is this rider?

1. Some say it is Jesus because of the similarity found in Revelation 19:11-16. Although there are some similarities, there are more differences

2. If this rider isn't Jesus, who is he then? It is the Antichrist.

B. What will the Antichrist be like?

1. He will appear to be a man of peace-“**riding a white horse**”.

2. He will be a man of great power-**He...held a bow, and was given a crown, and he rode out to conquer....”**

3. He will not be who he appears to be-Daniel 9:27

Daniel 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him”.

II. THE SECOND SEAL AND THE RED HORSE-6:3-4.

A. The peace was broken.

1. Red symbolizes bloodshed and war.

2. Jesus said this would happen-Matthew 24:6-7a.

B. Many people will die.

1. “Large sword” refers to the extent of world-wide war.

2. During World War II 50 million people died.

III. THE THIRD SEAL AND THE BLACK HORSE-6:5-6.

- A. Jesus predicted a great time of famine-Matthew 24:7.
- B. How severe will the famine be?
 - 1. There will be shortages-**black horse and scales symbolizes these shortages.-v.5.**
 - 2. These shortages will lead to starvation.
“A quart”-one day’s food for one man.
“Wheat”-cost a day’s wages for one man.
“Three quarts of barely”-barely was used primarily to feed livestock and the very poor.
 - 3. Luxury items (oil and wine) will be abundant, furthering the gap between the rich and the rest of the world-v.6.(

IV. THE FOURTH SEAL AND THE PALE HORSE-VV.7-8.

- A. This pale horse was the color of sickness.
 - 1. The word “pale” means “green” and refers to the yellow-green hue of a corpse.
 - 2. The rider of this horse is Death and Hades (the grave).
- B. How far will death reach?
 - 1. One quarter of the world population will die during this time. It is said there are 7 1/2 billion people living in 2018, thus 1.9 billion will die in this three and a half year period.
 - 2. How will they die?—v.8.
 - a. **“Sword”**-warfare.
 - b. **“famine”**-starvation.
 - c. **“plague”**-disease.
 - d. **“wild beasts”**-- perhaps other plagues.