

Passage: Revelation 6:1-8

Title: The 4 Horseman of Revelation

Summary: Although often quoted, generally known about, if we were to ask.... Who are they and why are they, most would not really know Today we will look at these four figures of Revelation, and what they are and why there are. Come Join Us!

Revelation 6:1-8 (NKJV) ¹ Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."² And 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. ³ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."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. ⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So 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 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."⁷ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."⁸ So I looked, and 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.

Blessing / John on Patmos

The only book that comes with a promised blessing for those who read it:

(Revelation 1:3 NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

John on Patmos / John wrote 5 Books / Believe – Eternal Life – Be Ready

John on the Island of Patmos receives this revelation of Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote 4 other books to the church. The Gospel of John, and 1,2,3 John, and this fifth book, Revelation. In the Gospel of John he wrote that we might believe, he uses the word believe some 60 times:

(John 20:31 NKJV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

He wrote us in 1,2,3 John so that we might know that we have eternal life:

(1 John 5:13 NKJV) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

So he wrote that we might believe, then that we might know, and now he writes Revelation so that we might be ready:

(Revelation 2:7 NKJV) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Before Glorified Christ / Write these Things / All Things Coming Before Throne

John is now before the glorified Christ, and Jesus says John now write these things so that they might be ready, for this book is all about man coming before the Holy God, the flow of all humanity is flowing to the throne of God whether man realizes it or not, John writes so that all of man might be ready:

(Ephesians 1:10 NKJV) that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times **He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.**

Book of Revelation Outline

- The Things Which You Have Seen - (Chapter 1).
- The Things Which Are - (Chapters 2-3).
- The Things Which Will Take Place After This - (Chapters 4-22).

(Revelation 1:19 NKJV) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Recap Outline

- Chapter 1 is the revelation of the glorified Christ.
- Chapters 2-3 are the 7 churches, the current church period, this period known as the dispensation of grace. The church period ends with the Rapture as God takes us, His Bride, out of here for a 7 year honeymoon with Him. We can see from the signs around us that the rapture is very soon.

- Chapters 4-5 are the scene around the throne of God, before the dispensation of grace ends, and God pours His wrath out on a Christ rejecting world.
- Chapters 6-19, known as the 7 year Tribulation Period.
- Chapter 20, at the end of the Tribulation Period Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, and the saints will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 yrs (Millennial Kingdom) over those that survived the Tribulation. Then at the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed, believe it or not, people will chose to follow him, then Jesus will say enough and cast Satan all those who follow him into the Lake of Fire.
- Chapter 21-22, then will come the new heaven, and the new earth, and we shall live happily ever after – but there will be no end as we will spend all of eternity beholding Him, and fellowship with each other.

Recap / Revelation – Exhortation – Expectation - Explanation

So in chapter 1 we saw the Revelation of the Lord. Chapter 2-3, the Exhortation from the Lord, to be ready. Chapter 4, we have the Expectation of the Saints, as the Lord says Come up here, get out of there. And, chapter 5, we have the Explanation, of why the world is in the condition that it is in, as we saw Jesus reclaiming the Title Deed (the Scroll) to this earth, as Adam forfeited to Satan, who is the god of this world.

Start breaking Seals / Long road to Chp 20 / Chp 1-5

So today we start breaking seals, and it will be a long road to chapter 20, the Kingdom Age, that is why we spent so much time on chapters 1-5, so that we may enjoy the hope that is promised to us, that we won't be here for chapters 6-19. Let's read 1-8 for context:

Seals Part of Term & Condition

These seals are part of the terms and conditions to return the earth to it's rightful owner. The price has been paid in full by Jesus Christ, but now come the terms. What we will see in this study are the consequences of man's sin, the repercussion of sin. Know this, your sin will always bring repercussion, it will always find you out. God will forgive it, but you still must suffer and face it's consequences – it is the Law of sowing and reaping.

(Numbers 32:23 NKJV) "But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out."

(Galatians 6:7 NKJV) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

(Galatians 6:8 NKJV) For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Come and see

Come and see – as each horse is called forth, John will hear, Come and see. This is a word for every person, come and see, for all these things will come to pass (Matt 24 and you can either be watching them from heaven, or participating in them here on earth as one of the players. If you have not made a commitment to Jesus Christ, living for Him today, here is what you have to look forward to:

(Matthew 24:35 NKJV) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

(Matthew 24:36 NKJV) "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Outline: The 4 Horseman of Revelation (Revelation 6:1-8)

- The White Horse (6:1-2)
- The Red Horse (6:3-4)
- The Black Horse (6:5-6)
- The Pale Horse (6:7-8)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

White Horse (6:1-2)

(Revelation 6:1 NKJV) Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

(Revelation 6:2 NKJV) And 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.

Thunder – because Storm is Coming

How fitting “thunderous voice”, because a storm is coming.

Come

Other translations simply say come. Which both are fitting, for John is called to come see what is next, and there is the calling of the “white horse” to come forth, so to “go” out on the command of God. Thus, as we study, let us see that nothing can come, and nothing can go, unless by the will and command of God! So too in our lives today.

First Saved – Jesus / Counterfeit 100 – Hold against Light / Angel Light – Opposite of -

In my early reading of the Bible when I first got saved, I thought the rider on the white horse was Jesus, because he came out on a white horse, Revelation 19 says Jesus will come out on a white horse. That is the very tactic of Satan, and that is to try to imitate the original so close, that an untrained eye could not tell the difference. You don't see counterfeit 3 dollar bills do, now only 5-20-100's. The thing today is to take a 5 dollar bill and bleach the ink out of it, and then on a regular ink-jet printer, reprint it as a 100 dollar bill. When someone uses one of the special markers to test if the material of the bill is real, it will pass the test, the only way to determine that it is fake is to hold it up to the light and see to the right the face of Lincoln on the hologram, not the face of Franklin. Satan can transform himself into an angel of light, that means to have the ability to impersonate (Anti means instead of, not opposite of). Here we see Satan (giving power to the Anti-christ) trying to impersonate the true Christ. Jesus wears crown, so does the Anti-christ. Jesus on the white horse, so is the anti-christ. The Christ is the Prince of Peace, so will the Anti-christ come as a man of peace. By the way did you know that the “peace sign” historically/originally was the sign of a broken inverted cross, it come about from Caesar Nero and his deep hatred for Christians – he was a picture of an Anti-christ, although he was not “the” Anti-christ.

(Revelation 19:11 NKJV) Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

(Revelation 19:12 NKJV) His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

(Matthew 24:24 NKJV) "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

(Matthew 24:25 NKJV) "See, I have told you beforehand.

(2 Corinthians 11:13 NKJV) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 11:14 NKJV) And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

Bow – Gen 9 – Peace / Millions Missing

He comes with a bow, but no arrows, he is not coming as the front man of war, he is coming as a man of peace The word “bow” tends to conjure up an image of a bow and arrow. But I'm not sure that's correct. The first time a bow is mentioned in the Bible, it refers to a rainbow—the token of God's promise that He would not destroy the world with a flood (Genesis 9:13). Now think with me: Right after the church is

raptured, the world will be in chaos. Imagine if just 20% of America raptured, that is say 50 million, we become a diminished world nation overnight (doctors, teachers, leaders, police – the ACLU will stay intact). 100's of millions missing, what will saw in New Orleans flooding, various wars we see today, with the looting, raping, killing, will be nothing compared to what will happen world-wide. This may be the perfect opportunity for the Anti-christ to take center stage. Or it may be after the complete failure of all the political parties throughout the world failing to respond and remedy the situation, that the world will be ready for 1 Leader, who can bring order back into the world.

Broker Peace in Israel / Not War but Peace

We are sure of this, the Anti-christ will be the broker of peace in Israel. Daniel says a man will come, making a covenant with Israel—a seven-year peace treaty. And the whole world will say, “Hooray! At last someone has solved the problem of Jerusalem. There’s peace between the Israeli and the Palestinian, between the Arab and the Jew.” Thus, this bow could be the same type God displayed to Noah—a rainbow. In any case, he comes with a bow, but no arrows, he is not coming as the front man of war, he is coming as a man of peace, later we will see him turn to a man of wrath (as he tries to wipe out the nation Israel). We see it in the crown he wears.

(Daniel 9:27 NKJV) Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

(Daniel 8:23 NKJV) "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

(Daniel 8:24 NKJV) His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

(Daniel 8:25 NKJV) "Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without human means.

Crown – Victor – Temporary / Break Covenant at 3.5 years / the Deceiver

A crown is given to him, a victors crown but it is only temporary. The Greek word translated “crown” is stephanos, and it was the victors crown at the Olympics: the soldiers mockingly made this crown (with thorns) and crushed it upon Jesus’ head. A diadem is a permanent crown; In Revelation 19 Jesus will come out wearing the permanent crown. A stephanos, on the other hand, is a wreath made of olive branches that only lasts a short while, it will eventually fade away. It will only be 3 ½ years before the truth comes out of who the Anti-christ truly is, but for those 3 ½ years many will be deceived.

People Deceived – Hook – Line – Sin / Don’t Rule Us / Shut up Christians

It is no difference today as so many men and woman are deceived into think they are following the truth, yet are buying the line of the enemy hook-line- and sinner, right to the pit of hell for not seeking a Savior for their sin. In 2 Thessalonians, Paul warns that men do not want to know the truth, they don’t want to hear the Bible, they do not want to hear that what they are doing is wrong, they say we will not have this man rule over us. We chose to control our lives, it is my way, they are not sins, there is nothing wrong with what I am doing, you Christians shut up, you are over the edge constantly talking about sin, you are just uptight and legalistic. Go away – and they will get their wish.

(2 Thessalonians 2:9 NKJV) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

(2 Thessalonians 2:10 NKJV) and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

(2 Thessalonians 2:11 NKJV) And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

(Luke 19:14 NKJV) "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'

Wonderful Life / What earth Like without Restrainer / No acts of God until Seal 6

Do you remember the movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life”, good ole George Bailey, Clarence the angel, Zuezie and her petals, Ernie the Cop, Nick the Bartender, Mr. Gower at the Drug Store, and let us not forget the hardhearted Mr. Potter, what a classic. George wished he was never born, and the movie unfolds what a difference the Life of George Bailey made in the town. Well if you have you ever wondered what this earth would be like with man in full-control (no restraining from God – no Christian witness), well in these 8 verses today you will see. In verse 16 it says this is the wrath of the Lamb, but what you will notice is

that we will not see an “act of God” until at least the 6th seal, and I am not totally sure that is an act of God, it could be nuclear exchange. But for sure we see God’s wrath when the 7th seal is loosed, which are the 7 trumpets.

(Revelation 6:16 NKJV) and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

(Revelation 6:17 NKJV) "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Wrath begins at Rapture / Yea no Christians / Restrainer 1st Removed – Holy Spirit

Although we will not see “acts of God” until at least the 6th seal, we do see the wrath of God start before the 1st seal is broken, yes.....God’s wrath begins on this earth when the rapture takes place, when the restrainer is removed. When the church is removed, the world will get what they have so long wanted, get rid of those Christians, I can’t stand them and all their morals. The anti-christ cannot be revealed until the restrainer, the Holy Spirit in us is removed. Some think that it is the Holy Spirit being removed from the earth, but God is omni-present (He is everywhere – and must remain here to lead those who were left behind into salvation) therefore He cannot be removed, therefore it must mean the Holy Spirit in us, His Church:

(2 Thessalonians 2:1 NKJV) Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

(2 Thessalonians 2:2 NKJV) not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

(2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV) Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

(2 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

(2 Thessalonians 2:5 NKJV) Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

(2 Thessalonians 2:6 NKJV) And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

*(2 Thessalonians 2:7 NKJV) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; **only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.***

(2 Thessalonians 2:8 NKJV) And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

(2 Thessalonians 2:9 NKJV) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

(Psalms 139:7 NKJV) Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

(Psalms 139:8 NKJV) If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

(Psalms 139:9 NKJV) If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

(Psalms 139:10 NKJV) Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

Wicked World – yet Restrained World / YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As wicked as this world is right now, it is being restrained by the witness of the church, for you are the salt and light of the earth. Have you ever walked into a room or over to a group of people and the conversation stops, people feel uncomfortable. Ever hear a curse word and they apologize to you. Imagine a day when there is nothing to restrain them, they can air it out, and have no guilt or shame about it. That day will become the day after you are raptured. If you think you are making no difference in your world – maybe you are having a George Bailey day, see what the world will be like with you, the church not in it. Man will be left to govern himself, unrestrained, and it will be the ultimate mess. Christians getting saved during the tribulation will all be babes in Christ, their witness will not have the power as it has today. You do make a difference, whether you realize it or not, and the Christian life is a wonderful life, the world has no idea truly what we mean to them:

(Matthew 5:13 NKJV) "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

(Matthew 5:14 NKJV) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Anti-christ Revealed / World Flocks to him / Rejected Jesus

The Anti-christ is revealed, and the world will flock to him. Jesus said I come in my Father’s name, and you receive me not. But another will come in his own name, and him you shall receive. And as we will see, he is not coming alone, verse 3!

(John 5:43 NKJV) "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

Sad – Jesus is the Answer

And so sad, for all the antichrist offers, he ultimately cannot deliver. If people, maybe you here today, “come and see”, Jesus is the real things, He is all things to fulfill you today:

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Red Horse (6:3-4)

(Revelation 6:3 NKJV) When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

(Revelation 6:4 NKJV) 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.

Red is Fitting

Red is ever so fitting, as war sheds blood red.

How Long Does the Peace Last?

A common interpretation (which is one of many), is that there is actually peace on the whole earth for the first 3.5 years, and then this second seal is broken, the Red horse of war. I personally do not think that the Anti-christ will bring peace on the whole earth for the first 3 ½ years of the 7 year Tribulation. I believe the second seal breaks shortly after the “romance period” of the antichrist, and the deadly Tribulation starts immediately throughout the whole world, the only place there will be peace, if you can imagine this, is in Israel. So for the first time in some 2,000 years, the only place there will be peace is in Israel, and it is the rest of the world where misery of all sorts is abounding. Then..... at the 3.5 year mark, the “Great Tribulation” begins which is when the antichrist goes totally off, goes after Israel and demands to be worshipped in the rebuilt Temple (which they wont worship him), and thus antichrist goes after Israel, and demands the mark of the Beast, to which starts Great Tribulation upon the whole world even greater that what is seen in the first 3.5 years. Thankfully, I don’t have to be right about this, for all I have to be truly right on is salvation is offered today to all who will receive it, and for those of us that do, we will be in heaven(after being raptured), and not here for however it unfolds.

Peace - Peace

Be careful we are warned when you hear peace and safety, all is well:

(1 Thessalonians 5:3 NKJV) For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

(1 Thessalonians 5:4 NKJV) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Red Horse is War / Politics will not bring Peace / Lust & Power equal War

The red horse following the white horse of Antichrist is war. Anyone who thinks there can be true political solutions to the world’s problems is sadly mistaken. Politics is solely about gaining and maintaining power. “From whence come wars and fightings?” James asks. “Do they not come from your own lusts?”— from wanting power, wanting property:

(James 4:1 NKJV) Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

(James 4:2 NKJV) You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Man or Church Looking to Government will be Disappointed

Truly, any man who thinks he can bring about peace politically, or any church that looks to the government for a solution to our country’s problems will be disappointed. Power always brings war. And war is always disguised to look acceptable.

3 Trillion / Destroyed 8x Over / Feed whole World

On any given year, there is over 3 trillion dollars spent on war armament. That is like 8 billion a day. Just between the USA and Russia there is enough weaponry to destroy the world 8 times over (each having

4). One year of military spending could feed the whole world for 100 years, yet today hundreds of thousands will perish throughout the world because of lack of food.

People Killing Each Other / People kill Self

Verse 4 - and that people should kill one another – People will kill one another, since 1973 in the USA there have been over 40 million abortions (average woman in Russia has 9 abortions in a lifetime – abortions paid by government, birth control not). In America over 15,000 people were murdered last year. Yet what happens when this Second Seal is broken is going to be way worse. Why, because man cannot govern himself. Every year 30,000 people commit suicide just in the USA, there will be a time during the Tribulation that no one will be able to take their own life (Rev 9:6), but I wonder before that time how many will take their own life when they lose loved ones, wealth and possessions, war and famine. *(Revelation 9:6 NKJV) In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.*

Birth pains

Jesus said in Matthew 24 that war, famine, pestilence are all birth pangs, when the seals are broken the birth pangs will come into full fruition. Hard to Imagine because I get depressed watching the news today, I could not imagine reading the newspaper daily to read this stuff.

(Matthew 24:7 NIV) Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

(Matthew 24:8 NIV) All these are the beginning of birth pains.

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Matthew 11:28–30 (NKJV)²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Black Horse (6:5-6)

(Revelation 6:5 NKJV) When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

(Revelation 6:6 NKJV) 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."

Quart – Loaf / Days Wages / 100 for a Loaf

With a quart of wheat you can make a loaf of bread. On the average, a person could purchase 8 quarts of wheat for a denarius, and 24 quarts of barley for a denarius. A denarius was considered a days' wages, so if the average person makes 40,000 a year (and works 365 days a year), that is 110 a day, then at this time a loaf of bread would cost 110 dollars. What we are seeing here is extreme famine.

50% Malnourished / 1.2 Metric Tons

Today, close to 50% of the world is malnourished. Yet they say the average American home throws out enough food every day to feed a family of 6 in a 3rd world country. The world produces 1.2 metric tons of grain each year. That grain feeds half the world (remember ½ are malnourished). That is enough grain to build a highway that is 18 yards wide, 6 feet deep, and wrap around the whole earth at the equator. 50% of the world is malnourished, imagine when this seal is opened.

Famine follows War / World Disrupted

Famine will follow war, for the distribution chain is disrupted, the roads are non-travelable, there will be fuel shortages, farmlands are scorched, farmers are killed or in combat – famine will follow war.

Oil - Wine

Biblically, oil and wine symbolize luxury. You see, the wealthy of the world somehow continue to get wealthier even in times of war and famine. The social gap will widen, it will be rich or poor.

Nobel Prize

Interesting, Alfred Nobel, of the Peace Prize fame, made his fortune manufacturing explosives. When his father, also named Alfred, died, an obituary mistaking father for son stated that “he was a rich industrialist who made his fortune in war.” “This is my legacy?” asked a horrified Nobel. And from that day on, he set apart a substantial sum of money to fund prizes for peace and science, medicine and literature. Nobel is the rare exception, for the famine that follows war never seems to affect the oil and wine of the wealthy.

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Genesis 22:14 (NKJV)¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:9–13 (NKJV)⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

John 6:35 (NKJV)³⁵ And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Pale Horse (6:7-8)

(Revelation 6:7 NKJV) When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

(Revelation 6:8 NKJV) So I looked, and 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.

Death & Hell / Body - Soul

The rider on the horse name is given to us, and his name is death; and accompanying him will be “hell”. So death comes for the body, and hell for the soul. Notice hell follows..... not heaven.

Chloros - Bleached

Chloros, the Greek word translated “pale,” is the same word from which we get the word “chlorine”—or bleached—and “chlorophyll”—or green. It gives us a good visual picture of death – washed out.

Verse 8 - to kill with sword – To kill with the sword is the Red Horse.

Verse 8 - with hunger – to kill with hunger is the Black Horse.

Beasts – Therion – Frightful any Size

Verse 8 - and by the beasts of the earth - The phrase translated “beasts of the earth” is therion in Greek. Therion does not mean gigantic or monstrous. It means something frightful of any size—even, I suggest, microscopic, as are the HIV and e-coli viruses. Conditions will be so bad from the war, from all the dead bodies as the result of war, famine, maybe even the rapture, that diseases will spread rapidly.

Quarter of Population / 8 Billion / 1 Bill raptured / 7 Bill Left – 1.75b – All America – GB - Japan

Verse 8 - And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth – A quarter of the population is dead. So today we are at about 8 billion people, so lets say 1 billion get raptured (hopefully more), then that leaves 7 billion. A quarter of that then would mean 1.75 billion, I said BILLION, will die. That would be

equivalent to all the people living in Central America, Mexico, USA, Canada, all of Japan, and all of Great Britain (the United Kingdom).

Sad – Jesus is the Answer

And so sad, for all the antichrist offers, he ultimately cannot deliver. If people, maybe you here today, “come and see”, Jesus is the real things, He is all things to fulfill you today:

Revelation 1:18 (NKJV)¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

John 10:10 (NKJV)¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Conclusion

Wrath of the Lamb

This is the wrath of the Lamb, the wrath against a Christ rejecting world, and we have yet to see any “acts of God”, it is going to get a lot worse, that is why we spent so much time in chapters 1-5, so that we might be ready, so that we won’t be here.

Chp 5 / Chp 6

I have good news, and that is that chapter 5 comes before chapter 6, always will. But I have bad news also, chapter 6 will come after chapter 5, it is a guarantee. Do you know Jesus, will you be in chapter 5 or will you be in chapter in 6, the choice is all yours. Jesus today still identifies Himself to you as the Lamb, the one who was slain, the One who took your guilt and shame, will you receive Him today?

Birth Pains

As for you who have settled that matter, may I remind you of something, you can’t quit the labor in the middle of the labor. God has chosen that we would be the ones that would live on the earth during this time, we are living in history. I will be honest with you, sometimes I want to step out, just rest, take a break from the warfare. Let someone else do it, just coach football, go to work, read about this stuff and be glad I am going to be out of here. But if I did, that would be 1 less, and the dynamic is, God is always looking for 1 more, 1 more that will know Him as Lord and Savior, and I may get to be the “1” that will get to bring the “1”. I come back to that place, that if I can take 1 more with me, then it will all be worth it. And prayerfully, that 1 may be my family and loved ones, or it may be your family and your loved one. Maybe you will be the “1” that will bring my family and my loved one. Can’t stop once the birth pains begin.

Outline: The 4 Horseman of Revelation (Revelation 6:1-8)

- The White Horse (6:1-2)
- The Red Horse (6:3-4)
- The Black Horse (6:5-6)
- The Pale Horse (6:7-8)

I appreciate how the late Dr. Ed Hindson put the difficulty of prophetic events into perspective when he said,

Bible prophecy is not given to us to scare us but to prepare us. It is not given to us to frighten us but to invite us.

Peace – Comfort one another that Jesus is Coming for His Bride.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

(Revelation 3:10 NKJV) "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Priority – What is really important based on all these things?

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Purity – How then should we live based on these things.

1 John 3:2–3 (NKJV) ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Proof – That this Bible is Inspired.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Preach – Tell the world the Good News – They need to hear it!

John 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

So for us we study prophecy to prepare us and invite and to fulfill our calling as kings and priests, we know how we ought to pray for the times such as this:

Revelation 5:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Pondering

And I also just want to leave you with a pondering that spoke to my heart, and in the Book of Numbers, the children of Israel were to camp and travel within their tribe and order. The Tabernacle was the center. Immediately around the Tabernacle were the Levites who were to serve the Tabernacle and the people. I find it interesting as I look at each direction and the people and the Levites:

- North: 157,600 men, 6,200 Levi, that is a 25 to 1 support ration
- South: 151,450 men, 8,500 Levi, that is a 18 to 1 support ration
- West: 108,100 men, 7,500 Levi, that is a 14 to 1 support ration
- East: 186,400 men, 5 Levi (Aaron and his 4 sons), that is a 37,000 to 1 support ration

What is interesting to me is that on the East was (Judah – means praise), Issachar and Zebulun. Issachar and Zebulun were great warriors of Israel and Judah led first when they marched, no doubt leading in praise! What do I see..... why 37,000 to 1 in need of support? Because when we are focused on praise, and engaged in the battle (no Laodicea church – lukewarm), we will be on-fire, on-focus, on-point, on-guard, and we will be seeking first the Kingdom of God!

1 Chronicles 12:32–33 (NKJV) ³² of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command; ³³ of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks;

Numbers 10:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ The standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out first according to their armies; over their army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need