

## The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (The opening of the first four seals)

Revelation 6:1-8  
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***...for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.*** - Romans 2:8

**The First Seal** - The White Horse that brings a bloodless conquering. - vv. 1–2

1. The first horse is white symbolizing a form of righteousness. v. 2

- Matthew 24:23-24

2. This rider had a bow without arrows. v. 2

3. The rider was given a crown. v. 2

4. The rider came to conquer. v. 2

**The Second Seal** - the Red Horse that brings war. vv. 3–4

- Matthew 24:6-7a

1. The horse's fiery red color symbolizes war. v. 4

2. The rider removes any existence of peace from the earth. v. 4a

3. This rider brings about a savage nature among people. v. 4b

4. This rider was given a great sword. v. 4

Jeremiah 25:15-17, 27-28; Revelation 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

**The Third Seal:** the Black Horse that brings famine. vv. 5–6

1. The horse's color is black, suggesting a time of lamentation and mourning. v. 5a

2. The rider is holding scales symbolizing the scarcity of provisions. v. 5b

3. John hears a special announcement. v. 6

a. ***...a quart of wheat for a denarius...***

b. ***...and three quarts of barley for a denarius...***

c. ***...do not harm the oil and wine...***

**The Fourth Seal:** the Pale Horse that bring immense death. vv. 7–8

1. The horse's pale color symbolizes death and decay. v. 8

2. This horse has a rider and one following on foot. v. 8
3. This rider and his companion kill on an unprecedented scale. v. 8
4. Death will come from many sources. v. 8