

Revelation 6 Six Seals of Judgement

1 I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!"

*Jesus is the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world!
Only Jesus is worthy to open the seven seals. Refer back to Revelation 5.
Voice like thunder means they are loud and authoritative.*

2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"

8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

The Four Horseman of Apocalypse Revelation 6:2-8

Rev. 6:2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

First Horse is White

Study of the Anti-christ in the book of Daniel 7-12 reveals he will be a politician who will rise to power in the Revised Roman Empire AKA European Union. The anti-christ will come into power through peaceful means, after that will seek to destroy anyone who will not give him devotion. Riding on a White horse is a mockery of Jesus riding on a White horse in Revelation 19. White horse symbolizes purity which Anti-christ is not. Remember he will appear to be pure, but will be evil. Also it is note worthy that the teaching of Islam

points to their Messiah will be the rider on the white horse. Could it be that Muslims will be helping anti-christ to conquer? Also look at the founder of the Arab Nation, Ishmael in Genesis 16:11-12 The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers." Now where will this rider be going to conquer?

Cross reference Zechariah 6:1-8

Rider on white horse is going West, possible pointing to where Anti-Christ rises to power. Revised Roman Empire is west of Israel. This is where EU is centralized.

Rev. 6:4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Second Horse is Fiery Red

Rider will have power to take peace from the earth. To make men slay each other. (ie Ethnic war, religious war). Jesus said Nation will rise against Nation and kingdom against kingdom in Matthew 24 which will increase until Jesus returns.

Cross reference Zechariah 6:2 Zechariah does not tell which direction the Red horse will be heading. Could it be World Wide?

Rev. 6:5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

Re 6:6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

Third Horse is Black

Rider indicates something about economics.(ie rising food cost. Oil and wine indicates the wealthy will continue to prosper for a time).

Cross reference Zechariah 6:6 Black horse heads toward North Country. Due north of Israel is Russia. Economic collapse will be world wide.

Which brings into focus the One World Economy. The anti-christ will control all financial transactions. See Revelation 13:15-17.

Rev. 6:8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Fourth Horse is Pale(dapple green-sickly)

Riders name is Death and Hades follows with him. This horse goes toward the South. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Africa. All these South of Israel. These four Horsemen will have power over a fourth of the Earth. War, starvation, plagues such as Aids, west Nile virus, mad cow, and many others, are pestilence that come from the wild beasts of the Earth. The effects of these horse s will be worldwide. All four horses are powerful, but only as God allows. Some say Christians will be gone before these riders are released. Some say that Christians will have to persevere. Regardless, we are to Trust in Jesus to provide for Christians. Remember Matthew 6:25-34 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear? For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Jesus is coming soon, so cling to Him and do not let go. Economic collapse, Food shortages, Disease, Earthquakes and Natural Disasters are increasing. It is a great comfort to read and pray for understanding concerning all the events taking place in the world. Luke 21:25-28 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea, ie (Hurricanes). Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Lift up your heads (ie Be of good cheer) because our **Redemption** is drawing near and is at the door.

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

10 They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a

little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

The fifth seal, when it is opened, reveals souls of saints of old who were murdered because they refused to reject Jesus as their Savior. There has been millions through the years who lost their lives for Jesus sake! They hold a great testimony indeed. The sight the apostle beheld at the opening the fifth seal was very affecting. He saw the souls of the martyrs under the altar; at the foot of the altar in heaven, at the feet of Christ. Persecutors can only kill the body; after that there is no more they can do; the soul lives. God has provided a good place in the better world, for those who are faithful unto death. It is not their own death, but the sacrifice of Christ, that gives them entrance into heaven. The cause in which they suffered, was for the word of God; the best any man can lay down his life for; faith in God's word, and the unshaken confession of that faith. They commit their cause to Him to whom vengeance belongs. The Lord is the comforter of his afflicted servants, and precious is their blood in his sight. As the measure of the sin of persecutors is filling up, so is the number of the persecuted, martyred servants of Christ. The Lord will certainly grant their request later in the Tribulation that has certainly started with the opening of the first four seals. As indicated in the eleventh verse the martyrs are given white robes that symbolize the purity that comes only through the Blood of Jesus. They are told to be patient until the rest of the believers, who will become martyrs, join them. Only the Lord knows which believers will be murdered during the Tribulation.

12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,

When the sixth seal is opened there will be an earthquake so great that it will cause so much dust that the Sun will not be able to penetrate. The Moon when it shines through the dust caused by this earthquake will look like blood. Some apply it altogether to the Jews, and that their destruction in Judea and at Jerusalem was so dismal, that it was represented to St. John as the darkening of the sun, and the moon looking like blood, and the stars falling, such calamities impending as if heaven and earth were dissolving: doubtless at and before the destruction of Jerusalem there was a confluence of such calamities, so dismal, and so dreadful, as can very difficultly be represented or described. Cross reference to this sixth seal; As Rev 6:4,6-8, the sword, famine, and pestilence, answer to Mt 24:6,7; Re 6:9,10, as to martyrdoms, answer to Mt 24:9,10; so this passage, Re 6:12,17, answers to Mt 24:29,30, "the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall

fall from heaven; ... then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming"; imagery describing the portents of the immediate coming of the day of the Lord. Also see Joel 2:10, 31.

13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

Could this be referring to a meteor shower? There will be an Asteroid hit the Earth during the Tribulation. Revelation 8:10. This is the beginning of many Global disasters.

14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

This sounds like an Atomic bomb. Also the results of the other calamities befalling the Earth!

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

After the opening of the Tribulation and the many billions of people dying from the results of the calamities described in this chapter people will still not repent of their sins. Instead of fleeing God's wrath through the Death, burial and Resurrection of Jesus, people will be hiding in caves. What a cry of desperation when they pray that the mountains would fall on them to hide the face of God and the wrath of Jesus who is the Lamb. Listen to Psalm 2:9-12 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.