

The Four Horsemen OF THE APOCALYPSE

Part Three

Revelation 6 : 5 - 8

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This tired old planet had come under cruel times of famine, catastrophe, dictatorship, and many other causes of suffering. But Revelation 6 introduces the most terrifying period of time the world has ever known... This judgment... this seven year period decreed by God is for the primary purpose of shaking human beings loose from a false sense of security.

- Dr. Tim LaHaye, *Revelation Unveiled*



REVIEW OF THE SEALS

- 1 The First Seal was a seal of deception—False Christ/false peace
- 2 The Second Seal was the seal of destruction—War



THE THIRD OF SEVEN SEALS-FAMINE

3. The Black Horse brings _____.

A. A season marked by shortages

Revelation 6:5–6, NIV84 -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 [a common device of commerce explained in the next verse] in his hand.* ⁶ *Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying [this “saying” (lit., declaration) indicates basic necessities will have to be rationed], “A quart of wheat [barely enough to sustain one person for one day] for a day’s wage [that’s 16 times the average price in that day in Roman markets],...*

B. The season marked by starvation.

Revelation 6:6, NIV84 -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 [used typically to feed livestock and the poorest of the poor in that day] for a day’s wages... [NOTE: vv. 5-6 indicates that a person will have to work for a whole day just to earn enough money to eat, which leaves no money for other expenses or family members.]*

C. A season marked by separation.

Revelation 6:6, NIV84 -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 [now the rider on the black horse is instructed] do not damage the oil and the wine!” [In that day, “oil and wine” were luxuries of the rich. Many biblical scholars—most in fact—feel that while the world is plunged into poverty and starvation, a small, select few will continue to get “richer”. The separation of “classes” (ie., rich v. poor) will become more distinct. The division between the ‘haves’ and the ‘have nots’ is vast today, but it is only going to grow wider during the Tribulation. Remember, eventually everyone loses everything.]*



THE FOURTH OF SEVEN SEALS-DEATH

4. The Pale Horse brings _____.

A. The breadth of devastation.

Revelation 6:7–8, NIV84 -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 [Gk: χλωρός, chlōros, Eng. chlorine (ie., bleach)] horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades [rf, “the grave”—burying the remains of Death’s victims] was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill [nearly 2 billion people (remember, a third of the world will already be with Jesus)] by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

B. The brutality of devastation.

Revelation 6:8, NIV84 -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 [War], famine [hunger] and plague [lit., disease], and by the wild beasts [Gk: θηρίον, thērion, lit., “Anything that attacks the body”; “An attacker frightful at any size—large or microscopic” - Courson] of the earth.*



Answers to "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—Part Three" Sermon

Based on Revelation 6:5-8

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3. Destitution

4. Devastation