

# Revelation – A Study of the End Times

## The Apocalypse – Revelation 6:1-17

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- I. The Seven Seals – The rise – war – famine – death – hell.
  - A. The Lamb opens the first seal. White horse – the rise.
    - 1. Antichrist comes out on a white horse starting what we call the Great Tribulation. Revelation 6:1-2
    - 2. John hears thunder in verse one representing a great storm is about to manifest.
    - 3. I believe this white horse rider is different from Revelation 19 because the one who rides as King of kings and Lord of lords ends these bad events, the antichrist begins these terrible events.
    - 4. What is an antichrist? “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” 2 John 1:7
    - 5. This person acts like he is Jesus Christ, but he is a deceiver. The bow symbolizes war, not peace, and the white horse righteousness. The rider has a crown and authority. He is a conquering power and no one can resist his power.
    - 6. The antichrist will use peace (world peace – one world government) as his political agenda. The world will allow him to be their political leader thinking he is going to bring peace.
    - 7. Many of the world’s great thinkers and leaders speak and think of world peace – one world government – and the new world order. The antichrist will campaign and run with this message and the world will buy in.
  - B. The second seal – Red horse - war caused by the rise of antichrist. Revelation 6:3-4
    - 1. The deceiver who acts as though he is bringing world peace does just the opposite.
    - 2. The red horse represents war and bloodshed.
    - 3. Chaos starts to manifest in the earth, a revolution starts where people turn on each other and begin fighting one another.
    - 4. The result is anarchy, riots, and civil war.
    - 5. Today we see racism, riots and protest against police authority, and civil unrest. Can you imagine how it will be without the true church on earth and the world leader as the antichrist?

- C. The third seal – Black horse - famine and lack caused by the deceiver and his unholy, unrighteous anointing and impartation. Revelation 6:5-6
  - 1. The black horse is demonic. It represents mourning, fear, evil, death, and hardship.
  - 2. The balances – scales in the hand of the rider is used to measure food. This is not weight watchers! It has to do with starvation, ration, and scarcity.
  - 3. This famine is used by antichrist to control people with food and supplies.
  - 4. Evil governments always want the people to depend upon them so they can control them.
  - 5. The antichrist and his leaders will reduce food supply. A quart of wheat would provide one meal, but it will cost a whole day's wage. "Do not hurt the oil and the wine." We'll see strict control over prices from ungodly leaders.
  - 6. Worldwide inflation destroys the world economy. Worldwide famine causes people to sell their stock. There will be a worldwide depression as the world is out of control without organization and the law is demonic and antichrist.
  - 7. Understand that Jesus Christ holds the world together by His order and righteousness.
  - 8. We often take for granted food, water, law and order, and righteousness. Without these things there will be chaos. We are getting a small sampling in the states right now.

- D. The fourth seal – pale horse (green) - represents the color of a human corpse.
  - 1. Death is riding and behind him is another horse named Hell.
  - 2. One quarter of the world's population is killed by sword, disease, hunger and beast; maybe 1.5 billion, the greatest destruction in human history.
  - 3. Hell follows death because when a person dies without Christ, they go to hell, then comes the second death.

- II. Today I want to think about our lives.
  - A. The tribulation should lead us to really take life seriously and to live with eternal values and perspective.
  - B. We must live more for God than the things in and of the world. Nothing of this world will tie me down here.
  - C. In light of God and eternity and His kingdom, I want to warn and tell people of Christ and His salvation.
  - D. Jesus is the sovereign judge. We want the whole world to know Him.

