

## Lesson 17: Revelation Chapter 6:1-8

### Setting the Stage and The Four Horseman:

#### 1. Setting the stage:

- a. Finis Dake writes:
  - i. “We now come to "the things" of the Revelation that will be fulfilled mainly on earth during the last seven years of this age—Daniel's Seventieth Week, Rev. 6:1-19:21.
  - ii. The seven seals, the two companies of redeemed, and the first six trumpets will transpire during the first half of the Week, Rev. 6:1-9:21.
  - iii. An angel will then come down from heaven to make certain announcements of what will happen when the seventh trumpet blows in the middle of the week, Rev. 10.
  - iv. In this middle of the Week two witnesses will appear on earth, and the events of the sun-clothed woman, the manchild, war in heaven, casting out of Satan, and the two beasts will be fulfilled (Rev. 11:1-13:18), as well as the destruction of the great whore, Rev. 17.
  - v. During the last half of the Week all the events of Rev. 14-15, the seven vials, the total destruction of Literal Babylon, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the second advent of Christ will take place, Rev. 16:1-19:21.
  - vi. When we take the events in a literal sense instead of making everything symbolic and mystical, and when we take them as consecutive in order as they are revealed (unless it is stated otherwise), there is no confusion as to what will happen and when it will happen.
  - vii. The time element is then clear. It is only when we take historical events, or things of the Church age that are to happen before the rapture, and mix them with future events that will happen after the churches, that we can become confused.” (Dake) (outline added)
- b. Concerning the “Consecutive Order” of Revelation Dake further writes:
  - i. “Revelation is a succession of consecutive events from the beginning to the end and not an unsystematic or confused book.
  - ii. The events are to be taken in the order as God gave them and not according to our own finite ideas as to their occurrence.
  - iii. It is almost universally recognized that Rev. 1-5 and Rev. 19-22 form a consecutive story.
  - iv. In view of this fact, we may logically conclude (and since the book begins with events in John's day and ends with events in the New Earth) that the events contained between the beginning and the end are also consecutive.

- v. For, if the events of Revelation are not to be taken consecutively, upon what grounds do we attempt to fix another standard of arrangement, and where can we obtain any other authorized and authentic standard than that which is so plainly evident in the book itself?"
  - vi. Why hopelessly confuse a plain prophecy given by the Lord concerning "things which must shortly come to pass" and change the order of events from that given by the Lord?"
  - vii. "... When we speak of consecutive order we necessarily omit the parenthetical passages,
    - a. which occur as explanatory statements of things that transpire with the main order of events, and which are inserted in that capacity between the consecutive events.
    - b. These are separate from the principal thought both as to reception and fulfillment, but are necessary to understand fully the principal thought.
    - c. These passages are clear in themselves as to the time of their fulfillment as we shall see in the exposition.
    - d. They are inserted between Rev. 6-19, because these chapters are fulfilled in Daniel's Seventieth Week, as we shall later note.
  - viii. In Rev. 6-19 the principal order of events is the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven vials, the contents of which occur in succession from the beginning to the end of the week. (Dake) (outline added)
- c. Dake's Outline of Daniel's Seventieth Week (Rev. 6:1-19:21)
- i. The First Six Seals (Rev. 6:1-17)
  - ii. (Parenthetical, 7:1-17)
  - iii. The Seventh Seal and Six Trumpets (Rev. 8:1-9:21)
  - iv. (Parenthetical, 8:2-6, 13; 10:1-11:13)
  - v. The Seventh Trumpet (Rev. 11:14-13:18)
  - vi. (Parenthetical, 14:1-20)
  - vii. The First Six Vials (Rev. 15:1-16:12)
  - viii. (Parenthetical, 15:2-4; 16:13-16)
  - ix. The Seventh Vial (Rev. 16:17-18:24)
  - x. (Parenthetical, 17:1-18)
  - xi. The Marriage of the Lamb, the Second Advent and Armageddon (Rev. 19:1-21) (Dake) (outline adapted)
- d. Introducing Chapter 6:
- i. Dr. Liebenberg writes: "It is interesting to note that when the world was destroyed by the flood, YHWH instructed Noah and his family (seven days before the time) to go into the ark (Gen 7:1-4); YHWH then Himself sealed the door and nobody could open it (Gen 7:16). Now when the world is judged again, it is only Y'shua that can break the seven seals and open the scroll. " (Liebenberg, 2017)

- ii. Finis Dake writes: “The seven seals and the first six trumpets take place in succession in the first three and one-half years of the tribulation Week or from the beginning to the middle of the Week. The seventh trumpet takes place in the middle of the Week...” (Dake)
- iii. Jack Van Impe writes: “In chapters 6 through 18, we witness firsthand the events which take place upon the earth during the Tribulation. The presentation occupies nearly two-thirds of the Book of Revelation—a total of thirteen chapters. One should also note that three additional Bible verses graphically describe this hour of horrendous judgment: (1) Jeremiah 30:7: “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it;” (2) Daniel 12:1: “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book;” and (3) Matthew 24:21: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

These texts inform us of the fact that the Tribulation will constitute earth’s bloodiest hour. There will not have been anything in past centuries to equal it, neither will there be any event in the future to match the judgment unleashed upon our planet. The catastrophic calamities arrive through a series of twenty-one judgments which are described as seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls. At the outpouring of each bowl, a new judgment is released.” (Van Impe)

e. **The “Four-horseman of the Apocalypse” understanding:**

- i. Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse is a popular description of the first four seal judgments as they introduce the riders on four different colored horses and what judgment the riders bring to the earth.
- ii. Various theories exist about the timing of the release of the “Four-horseman”, first four seal judgments.
  - a. Many modern teachers of Revelation and the End Times teach that these riders have already been loosed.
    - 1. These include Jim Bakker in his study series The Revelation
    - 2. Derrick and Sharon Gilbert in their series Unraveling Revelation.
      - a. They teach that they have been riding since the first century – the time of John’s writing of the book of Revelation.

- b. Most current teachers on End Time topics teach that the first of the seven seals is the start of the tribulation period. These include:
    - 1. John Hagee in his series on Revelation
    - 2. Jack Van Impe in his book Revelation Revealed
    - 3. Finis Dake in his book Revelation Expounded
  - c. Others teach that they are modern ideologies that show the spirit of the four-horseman.
    - 1. EndTime Ministries teaching series Understanding the End Times by the late Irwin Baxter and now by his son in-law Dave Robins.
- iii. We see four-horseman also in the book of **Zechariah 6:1-6 (NKJV)** “Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. <sup>2</sup> With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, <sup>3</sup> with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong steeds. <sup>4</sup> Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” <sup>5</sup> And the angel answered and said to me, “These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup> The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country.”
- a. Zec. 6:2 First chariot with red horse
  - b. Zec. 6:2 Second chariot with black horse going into the north country
  - c. Zec. 6:3 Third chariot with white horse following the black horse
  - d. Zec. 6:3 Fourth chariot with dappled horse that went into the south country.

## 2. The Four-horseman revealed in Rev. 6:1-8

- a. **Revelation 6:1-2 (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.” <sup>2</sup> 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.
  - i. Seal 1
  - ii. Rider on the White horse
  - iii. Released to go out conquering and to conquer
  - iv. In lessons 15 & 16 we identified this rider as the Antichrist and had an extended study on the Antichrist.
  - v. He will be building his coalition.
    - a. We will discuss this more when we get to Revelation chapter 13.
  - vi. Finis Dake adds this:

- a. "It seems clear that this rider will cause the wars, famines, pestilences, death and hell of the following three seals. These blights always follow an ambitious conqueror. Antichrist is pictured as such in Dan. 7, 8, and 11.
  - b. Antichrist is the only one prophesied to go forth "conquering and to conquer" at the beginning of the Week. He is not to come necessarily on a white steed, but he is to come as the false Messiah of Israel, Mt. 24:4-5; Jn. 5:43; Dan. 9:27. If this is not a symbol of Antichrist, then, this is one portion of Revelation that is obscure. But realizing that this passage is in perfect harmony with the above prophecies of Antichrist in his rise to power over the ten kings of Revised Rome, this part of Revelation becomes as clear as the rest of the book.
  - c. If this is not Antichrist, then we do not find him mentioned in the book before the middle of the Week. Were that the case we would have two individuals going forth "conquering and to conquer" at the beginning of the Week—one clearly pictured in Daniel, and one here. The sphere of conquest of the one in Daniel is defined, the other is not. One can be identified, the other cannot. Both are successful in conquest, and prominent enough to receive mention by God, but only the one is explained in detail as to his rise, power, length of reign, end, etc. But considering this rider as the Antichrist, these discrepancies vanish. (Dake) (outline adapted)
- vii. The Fire Bible Study notes on verse 2 tells us: "The rider of the white horse is thought by many Bible interpreters to be the antichrist... Yet, all the other horsemen are personifications (i.e., abstract concepts described with human traits, such as "Death" as the fourth horseman), so the rider on the white horse may simply represent conquest or a strong spirit of antichrist let loose in the end time. Even so, the strong desire for conquest that has dominated every dictator in the past will certainly characterize the antichrist." (Fire Bible: A Study Bible for Spirit-led Living, 2001)
- b. **Revelation 6:3-4 (NKJV)** When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." <sup>4</sup> 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.
    - i. Seal 2
    - ii. Rider on the Red Horse
    - iii. Note that the dragon, beast, and the harlot all have the color red. (see Rev. 12:3; 17:4-5)
    - iv. Peace taken from the earth – there will be much unrest.
    - v. Finis Dake writes:
      - a. "The red horse rider is pictured as having a great sword with which to take peace from the earth and cause murder and wars and bloodshed among men. There can be no question as to what

is symbolized here. War will be the natural result of the Antichrist's going forth "conquering and to conquer," Dan. 7:24; 11:40-45; Mt. 24:6-7. The "sword" is a general symbol of war, bloodshed, and national, civil and class conflicts of all kinds." (Dake)

- vi. The Fire Bible adds these details: "The Greek word for "kill" does not carry the straight forward meaning of death in battle, but brutal killing of all kinds. The tribulation will be a time of violence, murder and war." (Fire Bible: A Study Bible for Spirit-led Living, 2001)
- vii. Jack Van Impe writes about the link between Russia and the color red.
  - a. "One of the nations that marches during this period of time is Red Russia. How interesting that a rider on a red horse takes peace from the earth! Could Red Russia play such a major role during this hour?"
  - b. In Ezekiel 38:2, the terms Magog, Meshech, Tubal, and Rosh are mentioned in connection with a march to the Middle East for the battle of battles, before Armageddon. Listen to the message God gave Ezekiel: "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him." Each of these names can be located within the present-day Russia. Tobolsk is the ancient "Tubal" mentioned in the text. It is southwest of Siberia on modern maps—the place where U-2 pilot Gary Powers was gunned down years ago. Meshech is Moscow. The historical names for Moscow begin with Meshech, then Moshoch, then Moschi, then Moscoty, then Moscovy and finally, Moscow. Rosh is Russia herself.
  - c. This "great bear" invades Israel from the north: "And thou shalt come up from thy place of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: "And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes" (Ezekiel 38:15–16). Russia is directly north of Israel and moves against her in the latter days (see Ezekiel 38:8). The attack centers around the Holy Land. In fact, the name Israel is used eighteen times to identify the nation being invaded in Ezekiel chapters 38–39. Such information attests to the divine inspiration of the Bible, for there was no nation in modern history called Israel until 1948.
  - d. This war of the future undoubtedly occurs close to or during the Tribulation hour because the facts presented in this Book of Revelation tie in harmoniously with Ezekiel's prophecy. In fact, the eighth and ninth chapters contain two unusual predictions concerning the woes of the Tribulation hour which point to such

a Mideast war. Chapter 8, verse 7, mentions the burning of one-third of the earth as the first angel sounded. I quote: “The first angel sounded, And there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.” In turn, Revelation 9:18 depicts the extinction of one-third of the world’s inhabitants, for, “by these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.”

- e. The Life Pictorial Atlas, which lists land areas and population figures for every country of the world, contains shocking proof that these prophecies and astronomical figures are capable of being fulfilled at the present time. According to this statistical survey, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America incorporate a total of 56,889,581 square miles. Dividing this figure by three, one arrives at the sum of 18,963,194 square miles—the amount of land area that will burn during the Tribulation period according to Revelation 8:7. Comparing this figure with the combined land areas of the nations predicted to align themselves for the Middle East confrontations (Daniel 2:7, 11 and Ezekiel 38–39), one discovers that the two sums are identical—one-third of the globe to the exact mile, believe it or not! Is this startling? Let’s go one step further. The Atlas also lists the population figures for the nations of earth. The same alignment of pro- and anti-Russian nations for the war of wars totals one-third of earth’s inhabitants! Revelation 8:7 and 9:18 could become factual events, fulfilling verse 4 very, very soon!” (Van Impe) (outline added)

- c. **Revelation 6:5-6 (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. 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.”

- i. Seal 3
- ii. Rider on the Black Horse
- iii. Finis Dake writes:

- a. “The black horse rider had a pair of balances in his hand for the purpose of measuring food. This is a symbol of famine. Bread by measure and weight signifies scarcity of food, Ezek. 4:10-17. The penny referred to was a day's wage (Mt. 20:1-16) and a measure (nearly a quart) of corn was a slave's daily ration, an amount usually purchasable for one-eighth of a penny. Ordinarily, one could buy eight measures of wheat or twenty-four measures of barley for a penny, but then only one measure

- of wheat or three measures of barley can be bought for a penny. This will make food eight times higher than usual. Let an ambitious conqueror rise and peace is taken from the earth. Then famine is the natural result, because of the lack of men to till the soil and harvest the crops. The olive and grape need no cultivation; hence their ruthless destruction by the invaders is forbidden in the statement "hurt not the oil or the wine." This picture is the same as Mt. 24:6, 7, which will be fulfilled in the first part of the Week during the wars of the Antichrist." (Dake)
- iv. The Fire Bible adds these words to consider: "The black horse and its rider symbolize great famine and its disastrous effects of hunger and suffering (cf. Jer 4:26-28; La 4:8-9; 5:10). Basic necessities of life will be scarce and prices extremely high. Hunger will spread throughout the world. The oil and wine refer to the olive tree and grapevine, which are not hurt as much by drought as the grain and field crops. Though famines have occurred throughout history and the church age (Mt 24:7), this passage is dealing with a specific famine at its maximum destruction during the tribulation period." (Fire Bible: A Study Bible for Spirit-led Living, 2001)
- v. Revelation gives us 3 events that cause famine.
- a. Rev. 6:4 – as a result of wars.
  - b. Rev. 11:6 – lack of rain for 42 months.
  - c. Rev. 16:12 due to natural disasters.
  - d. This indicates that the effects of the seal judgements last throughout the entire tribulation and are not simply episodic.
  - e. To this point the Fire Bible Study Notes writes: "Note, however, that while the releasing of the various plagues and judgments is described in sequence, these descriptions are not necessarily meant to convey a strict chronological order of events. That is to say, the visions do not mean that each plague lasts only until the next is released or that each catastrophe follows the completion of the one before it. Once unleashed, it is likely that the effects of several plagues or disasters are going on at the same time and may linger throughout much of the tribulation period." (Fire Bible: A Study Bible for Spirit-led Living, 2001)
- vi. Jack Van Impe gives s the following details to consider:
- a. "Famine and inflation usually follow war. The rider on the black horse produces these tragic twin sorrows upon earth. Ezekiel prophesied this hour: "And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. Thou shalt drink also water by measure . . . behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care (Ezekiel 4:10–11, 16). Leviticus 26:26 states: "Ye shall eat, and not be satisfied." This is pictured by the pair of balances in our text. The angel in Revelation 6:6 also

cries, “A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny.” In Bible times laborers received a denarius, or one penny, as an entire day’s wages (see Matthew 20:2). A measure would be sixteen of our American ounces. Think of it! An entire day’s wages for a loaf of bread! No wonder Moses said, “Ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.” A man will have to spend everything he has just for the necessities of life. What about the oil and wine? These items were luxuries in Bible times, and we find that there are those who still possess them during the Tribulation. Nevertheless, the general picture is that of hunger stalking the world. Why?

- b. Inflation, the leading economic culprit, becomes so bad during the Tribulation that precious metals actually become worthless. Those who think that it will help to hoard diamonds, gold, or silver should beware! During this period of time, inflation will skyrocket, and the Antichrist’s numerical program, 666, will replace gold, silver, and paper money. Because of the situation, “They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD” (Ezekiel 7:19). James adds in chapter 5, verses 1 and 3, “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. . . . Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.”
- c. Earthly treasure, then as now, brings nothing but sorrow and tears in the last days. One had better do what he can for the Lord while he can. Why leave it behind for the Tribulation hour or keep it until it becomes valueless? Every Christian should serve God with material blessings, winning souls to Him for all eternity. Jesus said, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19–21). One can either let go—give it to God and store it up on the other side—or hang on, keep it, and let greedy, unsaved relatives share it, losing it both here and forever. One must make his choice—either for the here and now or for eternity.” (Van Impe) (outline added)

- vii. Dr. Liebenberg adds more details to consider: “ “Do not hurt the oil and wine” –you will not be able to afford any luxuries; and what Y’shua is telling the rider of the black horse is: “Let the poor suffer, but do not harm the food of the wealthy” –which could be a curse on the wealthy, because those who are poor and who suffer are much more likely to

repent and accept YHWH's salvation than are those who prosper (1 Cor 1:26; James 2:5). “ (Liebenberg, 2017)

- d. **Revelation 6:7-8a (NKJV)** When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.”<sup>8</sup> So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him...
- i. Seal 4
  - ii. Rider on the Pale Horse.
  - iii. It can refer to something sticky caused by a beast of the field.
  - iv. Finis Dake writes:
    - a. “Here Death and Hell are personified. These two riders are named because they are not recognizable by man, as are the first three. The word "Death" has reference to a great pestilence that shall be sent on earth after the rise of the Antichrist, and after wars and famines have taken their toll of human life. It is referred to in Mt. 24:6-7. The Greek choloros translated "pale" means green and is so translated in Rev. 8:7; 9:4; Mk. 6:39. The color of the fifth horse is not given but perhaps it was red, for the name of the rider is Hell.” (Dake)
  - v. The Fire Bible tells us: ” The pale horse and its rider, named “Death,” symbolize a terrible intensifying of war, famine, death, plagues, disease and evil beasts. This judgment will be so terrible that one-fourth of the human race will be killed.” (Fire Bible: A Study Bible for Spirit-led Living, 2001)
  - vi. It is interesting to note that “green” is the color of Islam.
  - vii. Jack Van Impe writes:
    - a. “The fourth rider is the deadliest. This is why his name is Death and why Hell follows with him. He destroys the body, then Hell swallows up the souls and spirits of those he kills with sword, hunger, and the beasts of the earth—probably AIDS, produced by the green monkey virus. One-fourth of the world’s population dies through his brutality—more than 1.25 billion people at today’s population figures. This could easily happen given the capability of mankind’s atomic, hydrogen, and neutron bombs. Today’s armies have the means to reduce population figures by tens of millions within hours. Their arsenals include chemical warfare and test tubes filled with germs for the greatest biological and bacteriological attack ever. The aftereffects of such a battle could easily dwindle earth’s population by 25 percent. God help us when it happens!” (Van Impe) (outline added)
  - viii. Dr. Liebenberg gives us these considerations:
    - a. “Death” –The grave, the place where the body goes when you die. “o thanatos” in Greek.

- b. “Grave” is “Hades” in Greek, and this is the place where the unbeliever’s soul goes when he/she dies.
- c. Death and Hades may also be fallen angels: Death, the angel that separates the soul from the body; and Hades, the angel that carries the unsaved soul to its waiting place until the Final Judgment.
- d. Death is not the end of existence; it is only a separation. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body, and spiritual death is the separation of the soul from YHWH. As power is given to the riders of the first three horses, power is given to Death and Hades to kill (separate from life) and consign to Hades. Then, after the resurrection of the unsaved and their appearance before the Great White Throne, Death and Hades are cast into the Lake of Fire (20:14).” (Liebenberg, 2017) (outline adapted)
- e. **Revelation 6:8b (NKJV)** ...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
  - i. Finis Dake writes: “The rampage of Death and Hell over the fourth part of the earth (ground) will be the natural result of the riders of the first three seals. The sword and hunger refer to the second and third seals which are followed by Death and Hell. Bodies of men killed by the riders of these first four seals will be eaten by the beasts of the earth. Cf. Ezek. 14:21.” (Dake)
  - ii. Kill with sword, famine, disease, and wild animals that result in ¼ of the earth. This refers to all life on earth – not just mankind.
  - iii. **Ezekiel 14:21 (NKJV)** For thus says the Lord God: “How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it?”
  - iv. “The first four Seals will affect a fourth of the earth’s population (nearly 2 billion people in 2013); this is possibly from the geographical area in and around the Mediterranean sea where the seat of the Antichrist (person and/or system) will be.” (Liebenberg, 2017)
- f. **Alternate Theory Concerning the Identity of the Four Horseman:**
  - i. Irwin Baxter in lesson 3 of his “Understanding the End Time” provides the following for consideration of the identity of the riders of the four horses. He presents his notes in outline form as related below:
    - a. **“What do these horses symbolize? (Zechariah 6:1-8)**
      - 1. Horses symbolize spirits
        - a. Spirits are belief systems
    - b. **The red horse**
      - 1. Communism is the red spirit

- a. Takes peace from the earth
- b. They kill one another
- c. Given a great sword
- c. **The Black Horse**
  - 1. Capitalism is the black spirit
    - a. Balances equal trade and commerce
  - 2. Prophetic stock market report
- d. **The White Horse**
  - 1. Catholicism is the white spirit
    - a. Pope uses white for everything
  - 2. Bow but no arrows
  - 3. A crown was given to him...”
- e. **“The last beast is “red” (Revelation 17)**
  - 1. World government of the Antichrist will be communist/socialist...”
- f. **“The pale horse (Revelation 6:7-8)**
  - 1. Greek for pale is “chlorous” or green
    - a. Chlorous is translated green three other times
- g. **The green horse**
  - 1. Islamism is the green spirit
    - a. Green mentioned in the Quran
    - b. Green – official color of Islam
  - 2. Death and hell follow
    - a. Suicide bombers – culture of death
    - b. Martyrdom not a guarantee to heaven
    - c. Power over fourth part of the earth
      - 1. Islam has 1.3 – 1.8 billion observers
    - d. Power to kill with the sword
      - 1. Number one form of execution is beheading with the sword
    - e. Power to kill with hunger
      - 1. Ninety-six percent Muslims from Africa and South Asian
- h. **Is it time for the green horse now? (Revelation 6:9-11)**
  - 1. Comes before fifth, sixth and seventh seals
  - 2. WWII must happen before the Great Tribulation and is connected to Islam” (Baxter, 2013) (outline adapted)

### 3. Seeds for upcoming studies:

- a. **Seals 5 and 6 are opened.**
  - i. Seal 5: Martyrs under altar in heaven.
  - ii. Seal 6: Great earthquake and many other signs.

- a. Possible hidden truth within this seal.
- b. Timing of the seal judgments**
  - i. Starts before the tribulation.
  - ii. Opening of the first seal starts the tribulation
  - iii. Opening the first seal starts the “Great Tribulation” – final 3.5 years.
- c. Timing of seal judgments in relation to the “trumpet” and “vial” judgments.**
  - i. Consecutive: Seals 1-6 followed by trumpets 1-6, finally the vial judgments.
    - a. Refer to Dake’s Outline of Daniel's Seventieth Week on page 2 of this lesson.
  - ii. That these overlap one another.
    - a. i.e., Trumpets start between seal 5 and 6 and the vials between trumpet 2 and 3.
  - iii. The seal, trumpets and vial judgments are identical and are actually showing us different perspectives.
    - a. In lesson 3 of his study Understanding the End times Irwin Baxter describes this as:
      - 1. Seals – long story
      - 2. Trumpets – shorter story
      - 3. Vials – real short story (Baxter, 2013)
- d. Other scriptures related to signs to help us discern the timing of the end.**
  - i. How Jesus’ “Olivet Discourse” recorded in the Gospels and Revelation relate.
    - a. Matt. 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 record Jesus’ answers to the Disciples questions about: “When will these things be?” and “What will be the sign of your coming?”
    - b. Jesus outlines what John saw in the vision of Revelation.
    - c. Revelation fills in details to Jesus’ outline.
  - ii. Other scriptures that help us understand that the time is near.
  - iii. Will we see war(s) before the rapture and the start of the tribulation?
    - a. Timing of Psalms 83 and Ezekiel 38 wars.
- e. Continuing in Revelation chapter 7.



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