

# ***FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE***



# ***REVELATION REVIEW***

***Rev 1: Christ among Lampstands:*** Island;  
Asia; Amen; Trumpet; Hair; Eyes; Sword; Lamps.

***Rev 2: Letters to Churches***  
Empty Ephesus; Suffering Smyrna;  
Poisoned Perg; Tolerant Thyatira.

***Rev 3: Letters to Churches***  
Sleeping Sardis; Powered Phil; Lukewarm Laodicea

***Rev 4: The Throne scene***  
Throne; Rainbow, 24 Elders- thrones & crowns;  
Seven lamps of fire; Sea of glass; 4 Creatures.

***Rev 5: intro to 7 seals:*** Scroll; Lion & Lamb.

# Rev 6 *The Seven Seals*

Rev 6:1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of THUNDER, "COME"



Seven seals—  
Opening each seal reveals the providence of God in the lives of men.

Compare  
Isa 10:5-7

# Rev 6:1-2 First Seal: Christ Rules !

v.2 I looked, and behold, a white horse

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**White** : Bible symbol of purity.

**White** Robes 3:4; 4:4; 6:2...

**White** Horse of Christ who wages war Rev 19:11

**Horse**: in the OT is the symbol for War.

*Prov 21:31 Horse for the day of battle*

*Jer 8:6 like horse charging into battle*

*Zech 10:3 like His majestic horse in battle*

# Rev 6:1-2 First Seal: Christ Rules !

Rev 6:2 He who sat on it had a bow & crown

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Christ = rider on a white horse ! Rev 19:11-16

*Barnes; Hailey; McQuiggan;  
Hendricksen.*

**Others** think it represents conquest by:  
Roman empire; the Parthians; Satan;  
A False Christ; the Holy Spirit, Angel;  
The coming world dictator Anti-Christ.



# Rev 6:1-2 First Seal: Christ Rules !

Rev 6:2 He who sat on it had a bow...

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Bow: “A great bow (*toxon*) drawn by placing one foot upon it.” *Vincent.*

The bow was viewed as a **weapon of God** in the OT

Ps 7:2 He has bent His **bow**.

Lam 3:12 He has bent His **bow**,  
...made me a target for His arrows.

Hab 3:9 Your **bow** was made bare...



# Rev 6:1-2 First Seal: Christ Rules !

Rev 6:2 He who sat on it had a bow & **crown**

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**Crown:** (Stephanos) **Victory Crown**

Rev 2:10 “**Crown** of Life”

Rev 4:4 “Twenty four elders [with] golden **crowns** on their heads.

Rev 14:14 “One like the son of man, having a golden **crown** on His head.”



# Rev 6:1-2 First Seal: Christ Rules !

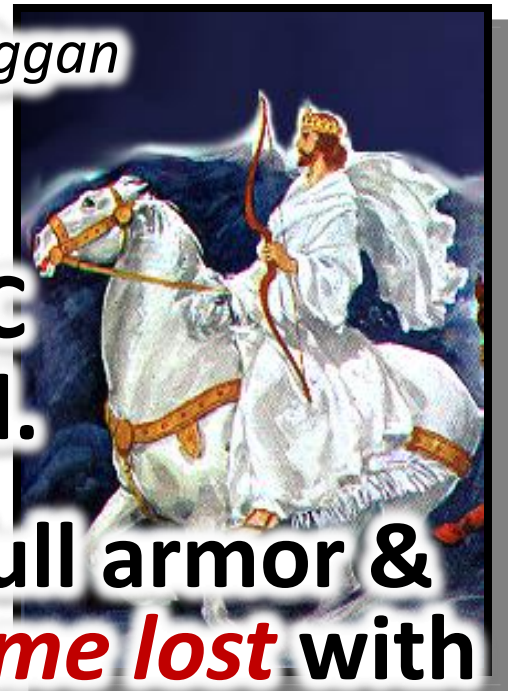
Rev 6:2 He went forth Conquering...

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**Conquering:** Jesus is seen here as the conquering enemy of Rome. *McQuiggan*

Crassus (**Roman** Procounsul of Syria) attacked Parthian empire in 53 BC against advice on how to proceed.

Parthia had mounted archers in full armor & a camel train of extra arrows. **Rome lost** with 20,000 killed & 10,000 captured." *Plutarch "Lives"*





# **Rev 6:3 - 4 Second Seal: War!**

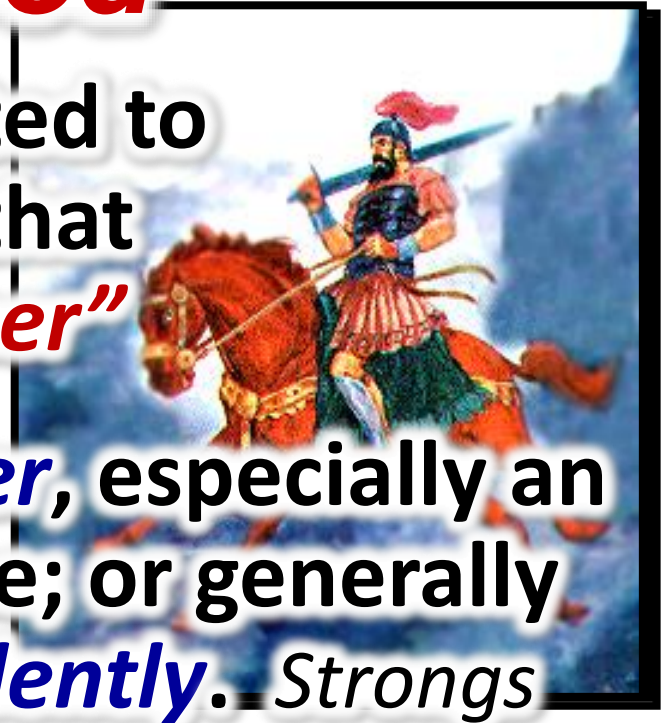
Rev 6:3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." v.4 Another, a Red Horse went out

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**Red horse: The Color of *Blood***

Rev 6:4b "To him it was granted to take peace from the earth that men should slay one another"

**Slay:** *Sphazo* (4969) To **butcher**, especially an animal for food or in sacrifice; or generally to **slaughter** or to **maim violently**. *Strongs*



# ***Rev 6:3 - 4 Second Seal: War!***

Rev 6:4 To him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another and a **Great Sword** was given to him.

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**Great** (mega-lee): Large, long.

**Sword** (machaira). A **long sword in battle**. Robertson

**War**



# Rev 6:5-6 Third Seal: Famine!

Rev 6:5-6 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "**Come.**" I looked, & behold, a **black horse** and he who sat on it had a **pair of scales**



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**Black Horse** – famine, economic hardship. *McQuiggan p.99*

**Famine**

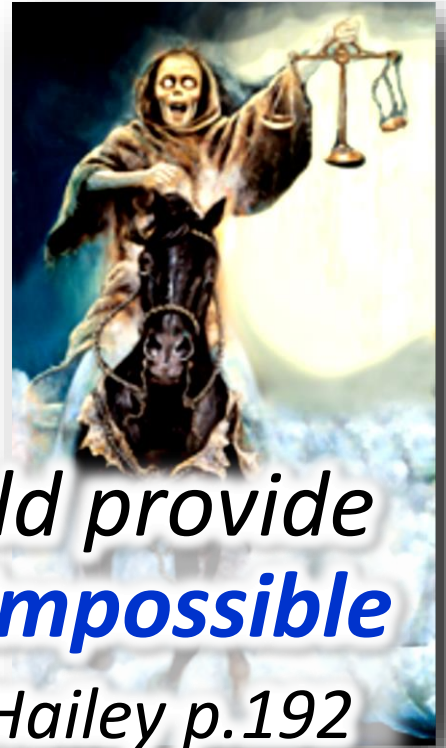
**Quart of wheat for a denarius:** day's wage buys enough for 1 person for 1 day. *Robertson; Vines*

**Three Quarts of barley for a denarius:** Work a full day for cheaper food, but it'll feed 3 for a day.

# ***Rev 6:5-6 Third Seal: Famine !***

**Rev 6:6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying... do not damage the oil & wine...**

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*“On such a meager salary one could provide only a bare living & would find it impossible to afford any of these luxuries.” Hailey p.192*

*“A Christian who refused to compromise by sustaining membership in a pagan guild would be hard-pressed to ..earn a living.” IBID*

# Rev 6:7-8 Forth Seal: Death!

Rev 6:7 When the Lamb broke the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "**Come.**"

v.8 I looked, & an **ashen horse** and he who sat on it had the name **Death** .. **Hades** following

**Ashen: Greenish - yellow.** Homer used this word (*chlooros*) of the ashen color of a face blanched by fear." Robertson

**Hades** (unseen realm of dead Lk 16) following **Death**, as always (Rev 1:18; 20:13-14)



**Death**

# Rev 6:7-8 Forth Seal: Death!

Rev 6:8 Authority was given to them over a *fourth* of the earth, to kill with *sword* and with *famine*, *pestilence* and by the *wild beasts* of the earth.

Cf (Ezek 14:21) I send My four severe judgments... *sword*, *famine*, *wild beasts* & *plague*

4 judgments in Ezek 14:21 are on *Jerusalem*

The 4 judgments in Rev 6:8 are on *¼ Earth*



# Rev 6:9-11 Fifth Seal: Martyrs!

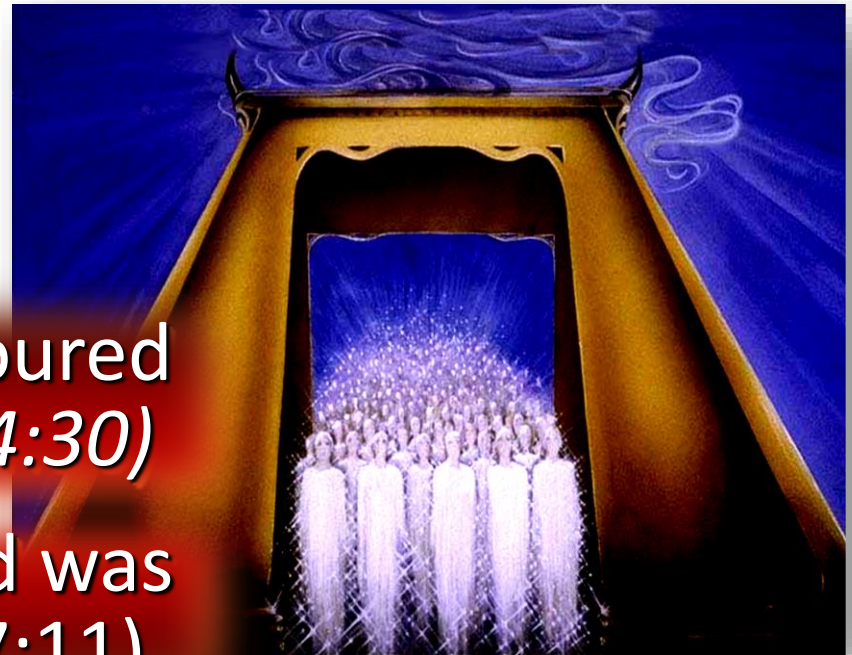
Rev 6:9 When the Lamb broke the *fifth seal*, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God & testimony they maintained..

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*The Souls*: Martyrs in persecution, slain because of God's Word.

OT sacrificial blood was poured at base of the altar. (Lev 4:30)

The Life is in the blood and was sacrificed to God. (Lev 17:11)



# Rev 6:9-11 Fifth Seal: Martyrs!

Rev 6:10 They cried out with a loud voice, saying, "**How long**, O Lord, holy and true, **will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood** on those who dwell on the **earth**?"

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**Avenging** — (Ek-dikeis). Vengeance is **not** unscriptural when left in the hand of God. (Deut 32:35; Rom 12:19)

**Vengeance**: that which proceeds from justice.

**Cry for vindication! Right the wrong!**  
Abel (Gen 4:10); Habakkuk's plea! (Hab 1:1)





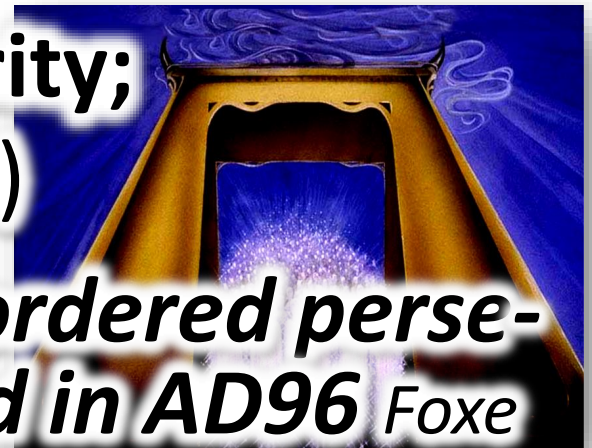
# **Rev 6:9-11 Fifth Seal: Martyrs!**

Rev 6:11 There was given to each of them a **white robe** and they were told that they should rest for **a little while longer**, until the number of their fellow servants & their brethren **who were to be killed**... would be completed also.

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**white robe:** emblem of purity; victory over sin (Rev 3:4-5, 18)

**Emperor Domitian 81-96 He ordered persecution AD91 & was murdered in AD96** *Foxe*



# Rev 6:9 -11 Fifth Seal: Martyrs !

Rev 6:11b They should rest for a little while longer ... [How long is a little while?]

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Mat 11:14 Elijah was **to come** (Grk: mello = about).  
But (Mal 4:5) was fulfilled **375 years later**.

Rom 5:14 Adam was a type of Christ who "**was to come**." (Greek word 'mello' = "about")  
**spanned several millennia**.

Heb 10:1 Law of Moses was a shadow of  
good things (**about 'mello'**) **to come**.  
But time **spanned 1600 years**.

# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: **National Upheaval!**

Rev 6:12 I looked when He broke the **sixth seal** and there was a **great earthquake**...



**Fall of Babylon:** described as the earth **shaken** out of its place. (Isa 13:1,13)

**Fall of Jerusalem** 586BC Mtns **quake** (Jer 4:24)

An **earthquake** symbolizes great agitations, overturnings & massive changes.

# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: **National Upheaval!**

Rev 6:12 And the **Sun became black** as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole **moon became like blood** [National Calamity]

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**Fall of Babylon:** The sun will be **DARK** when it rises..  (Isa 13:1,10)

**Fall of Egypt:** When I extinguish you.. I will cover the sun with a cloud. (Ezek 32:2,7-8)

**The Fall of Jerusalem:**  AD 70 "And the Sun will turned into darkness & moon into **blood**" (Joel 2:31; Mat 24:29)

# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: **National Upheaval!**

**Rev 6:13 The *stars* of the sky *fell to the earth***

*Stars are a million times bigger than our earth. If they **literally** fell to earth then all life & the earth itself would be vaporized.*

*Hal Lindsey says this represents a **Russian** nuclear missile attack.*

*Gen 37:9-11 Joseph's family was represented by sun, moon and stars. This is also used for **mighty men** Dan 8:10,24.*

# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: **National Upheaval!**

Rev 6:14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up and **every Mountain & Island were moved** out of their places.

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**“The sense is, that there would be great destruction among those high in office.”** Barnes

**For Edom Isa 34:4** “All the host of heaven will wear away & **sky will be rolled up like a scroll.**

**Earth has a literal 2 million islands.** answers.com.

**There are a 100 mountain RANGES on earth.**  
**Just shows massive, social upheaval. (Lk 3:5)**

# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: *National Upheaval!*

Rev 6:15 Then the *kings* of the earth & the *great* men ... *commanders* ... *rich* ... *strong* & every *slave* & *free* man hid themselves in the caves ...

*Israelites hid themselves* in times of danger.

Judges 6:2 Israel hid from *Midianites*

1 Sam 13:6 Israel hid *Philistines*

1 Sam 24:1-3 David hid from *Saul*

1 Ki 19:9-10 Elijah hid from *Jezebel*



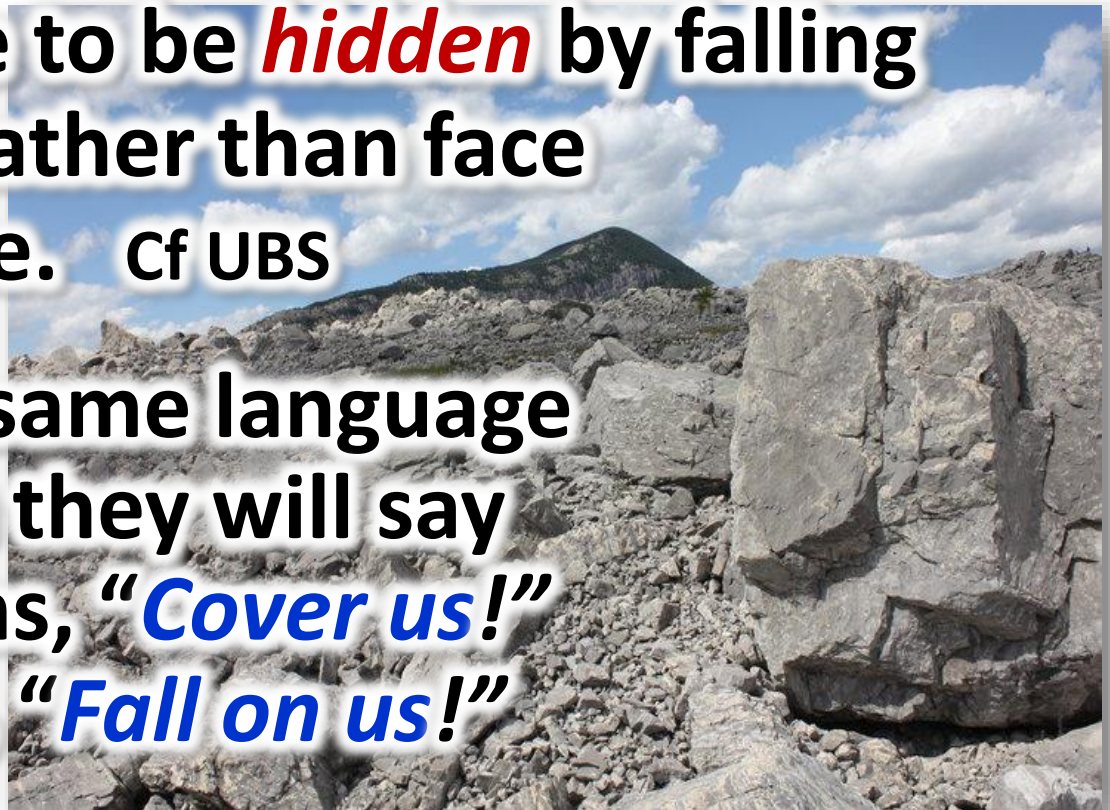
# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: **National Upheaval!**

Rev 6:16 *They said to the mountains and to the rocks, **“Fall on us & hide us”***

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There is a desire to be **hidden** by falling rocks and hills rather than face God's vengeance. Cf UBS

Edom used the same language (Hos 10:8) Then they will say to the mountains, **“Cover us!”**  
And to the hills, **“Fall on us!”**





# Rev 6:12-17 Sixth Seal: *National Upheaval!*

Rev 6:17 “For *the great day of their wrath has come*, and who is able to stand?”

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## *Great Diversity of Opinion*

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| 1. Destruction of <i>Jerusalem</i>     | AD 70  |
| 2. Persecution under <i>Diocletian</i> | AD 300 |
| 3. The Fall of <i>Rome</i>             | AD 476 |
| 4. French Revolution                   | 1700's |
| 5. The End of the <i>World</i>         | Future |

Who is able to stand? *Only the Faithful.*

# **Rev 6** *Future Seven Seals*

**Rev 6:1-2** White Horse: Christ Rules !

**Rev 6:3-4** Red Horse: War !

**Rev 6:5-6** Black Horse: Famine !

**Rev 6:7-8** Ashen Horse: Death !

**Rev 6:9-11** Fifth Seal: Martyrs !

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