



Resources

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Revelation 6:1-8

[1] Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" [2] And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

[3] When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" [4] And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

[5] When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. [6] And I heard what seemed to be 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 wine!"

[7] When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" [8] And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

Sermon Outline:

1. The White Horse (1-2)
2. The Red Horse (3-4)
3. The Black Horse (5-6)
4. The Ashen Horse (7-8)

Life Group Leader Notes:





•We enter into a new section of the book (chapters 6-16). And as we heard on Sunday, this is a highly debated portion of Revelation. Pastor Scott reminded us that there are a wide variety of interpretations. Many of them are orthodox and faithful, held by sincere believers who are awaiting the return of Christ. When was the last time you had a constructive conversation with someone who had a different theological perspective? Over the next few weeks, how can your group have constructive conversations if/when minor disagreements arise?

•Pastor Scott said that we can determine how we've been taught to understand the timing of the events in chapters 6-19 by answering the question: *when* did/does this happen? (Did it happen in the past? Is it happening now? Will it happen in the future?). How have you answered this question? How will this affect the way you read about the seals/trumpets/bowls?

•God remains on His throne even while forces of evil are let loose on the earth. His sovereignty and authority is never questioned. How have you recently seen or been comforted by God's sovereign authority while evil seems to be taking over?

•Throughout the rest of the book, there is a progressive dismantling of God's created order, preparing for its final destruction, and the consummation of the new order. At the end of the sermon, Pastor Scott admonished us to not get too attached to this broken planet. Are you overly attached to aspects of this broken system? What parts of the new creation do you long for?

•It sobers us to read that a fourth of the earth will be destroyed by sword, famine, pestilence, and wild beasts. Though we anticipate Christ's return, we know this means God's righteous wrath will be poured out on the earth. As we anticipate the unraveling of these events, in what ways can we as a group get more serious about growing a love for those who are lost? Who are these people and how can we compel them to know Christ?

