

The Four Horsemen

~ Revelation 6:1-8 ~

- Amos 3:7 - “Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets”

- **Three Previous Witnesses:**

A. Daniel’s 70th week - The final week of Israel being the witness of God!

70 Weeks - 7 Weeks, 62 Weeks, 1 Week

The Seven Years of Tribulation is the final week!

Two Major Points:

(1) The judicial process whereby He takes back out of the hands of Satan our rightful inheritance.

(2) A period when God restores Israel to original place of being His witness!

B. Ezekiel 14:21 - Four Sources of Judgment (Sword, Famine, Wild Beast, Plague)

C. The Words of Jesus - Sermon on the Mount; Olivet Discourse

Jesus outlines the events:

	<u>Matthew 24</u>	<u>Revelation 6</u>
False Christ	v. 4-5	v. 1-2
Wars	v. 6-7a	v. 3-4
Famine	v. 7b	v. 5-6
Death	v. 7b-8	v. 7-8
Martyrs	v. 9-10	v. 9-11
Sun, Moon, Stars	v. 29	v. 12-14
Divine Judgment (Chaos)	v. 24-32f	v. 15-17

*** Revelation is the Final Word ***

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The Seven Seals encompass the story from the Rapture until the Second Coming!

Seven Seals - Seven Trumpets - Seven Bowls of Wrath

Cleansing of the Earth, Binding of Satan, Millennial Reign

I. The First Horseman - White Horse

Who is this? Jesus? (19:11-15)

Why he is not Jesus:

- A. The crown - stephanos –vs– diadem
- B. Weapons - Bow (no arrows) -vs– Sword (Word)
- C. Association - 3 Remaining Horsemen –vs– Those coming in white garments
- D. Scripture - Matthew 24:4-8
II Thessalonians 2:3-12

II. The Red Horse - War

Sword - “Machaira” - Assassin’s Sword - (hidden to take out quickly - cut throat)

* Murder, bloodshed, assassinations, revolution

Not just nation –vs– nation, but family –vs– family

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Sets the table for the Anti-Christ!

III. The Black Horse - Famine (follows war)

Quart of wheat - one man’s daily requirement

Wine and Oil - Those with special privileges

Population Growth –vs– Food Production

Short supply of food in our country!

IV. The Pale (Green) Horse - Death and Hades

Will kill 1/4 of the population!

Death (war) Malnutrition - Disease

History - More people died from the typhoid influenza epidemic after WWII than those killed in the war!