

The Revelation of Jesus Christ to the Apostle John
Vision 2: Christ the Lamb and the Sealed Scroll
Revelation 6:1-17
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YOUR CUES TO THE TEXT

VISION 2B: CHRIST THE SLAIN LAMB BREAKS THE FIRST FOUR SEALS ON THE EPISTOGRAPHIC SCROLL (Rev. 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.

VISION 2C: CHRIST THE SLAIN LAMB BREAKS THE FIFTH AND SIXTH SEALS ON THE EPISTOGRAPHIC SCROLL (Revelation 6:9-17)

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the **altar** the **souls** of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.
10 They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and **avenge** our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"
11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.
12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood,
13 and the **stars of the sky fell to the earth** as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.
14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.
15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,
16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the **wrath of the Lamb**,
17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

THE SEVEN SEALS ON THE SCROLL (Rev. 6:1-8)
> **Read MATTHEW 24:3-24 first (Signs of the End)**

1. SEVEN SEALS - 1-4: FOUR HORSEMEN OF APOCALYPSE
ZECHARIAH 1:8-10 (Horses = God works in history)
2. **WHITE HORSE** - The saving Word of God (Gospel)
MATTHEW 24:14 (Global preaching signals End)
3. **FIERY RED HORSE** (Bloody war upon the earth)
See **MATTHEW 24:6-7** (Wars and Rumors of wars)
Your best commentary on this section
5. **BLACK HORSE** - Economic Injustice and Inflation
6. **DENARIUS** - One day's wages for common laborer
8. **PALE HORSE** - Calamitous death
8. **HADES** - receptacle of disembodied spirits of damned unbelievers

JESUS BREAKS THE 5th and 6th SEALS (6:9-17)

- (9) **altar** - symbol of blood sacrifice
- (9) **Souls** - disembodied (pre-resurrection) spirits of those believers with Christ in Paradise
- (10) **Avenge** - to procure justice / vindicate
- (13) **Stars falling to earth** - See Isaiah 34:4 and 13:6-11
- (16) **Wrath of the Lamb** = Destruction of the sinful world as we know it