

# Book of Revelation - The Four Horseman (Seals Opened) (Revelation 6)

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As we now turn our attention to the opening of the seals in Chapter 6 of the Revelation, we shall find the “householder” bringing “forth out of his treasure things new and old.” {Matt 13:52}. That “Householder” is God. He would have us come to see some ‘new things’, but also a review of the ‘old’.

As I’ve stated before, the Seven Seals of Revelation exhibit the clearest and most elaborate picture of the *Investigative Judgment*. We now continue to explore this doctrine in the setting of the seven seals and we will see more clearly this teaching because Jesus by His Spirit desires us to understand and appropriate it in our lives.

Remember the statement we looked at a couple weeks ago, stated here again for our convenience:

*The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest.* {Christ, our High Priest is sealing His people in the ‘opening of the seals’} *Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill.* {GC 488.2}

Our Great High Priest is making a final atonement for the people of God in this time of the “Judgment of the \_\_\_\_\_” when He is sealing the remnant for the time of trouble and eternity. Question is, will we cooperate with Him in this most important work?

As we now turn our attention to these ‘seals’, we must keep in mind the “position and work” of our great High Priest. It is a life and death message these three angels ‘messages. (see EW 254.1) “All whose faith is not firmly established upon the word of God will be deceived and overcome.” (GC 560.2) If we would be faithful sentinels we must be sealed by the Holy Spirit.

As we begin this new chapter, keep the big picture in mind for it will help with our understanding of this great Book. Remember, we are studying the “word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

## Revelation 6

Vs.1 – And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four living creatures saying, Come and see.

It is fascinating to realize that John wrote “the Lamb opened”, especially when the passage in Rev 5:5 says, “the Lion of the tribe of Judah” and “the Root of David” hath

prevailed to open to book. There are over 350 titles Jesus has for His name in the Bible, a number of which we've already seen in the Revelation, like—Faithful Witness, First Begotten of the Dead, Prince of the kings of the earth or even Son of God, as He addressed the Thyatiran Church. But no, instead Christ chose the title of “the Lamb.” Why? Why do you think He chose this title? [*Hint: first think context, then think of the bigger picture, as we've discussed in former lessons.*]

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### Four Horsemen (Rev 6:1-8)

In this segment we will examine the relationship between the churches and these four seals being opened, the four horseman.

1. Who invites John, “to come and see” when Jesus opens the seal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What common elements are seen in the first 4 seals?
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Define horse from the concordance. Look through the concordance for texts which would help explain why the horse is depicted in the seals. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Colors are very important in understanding spiritual truths. There are seven colors in the rainbow. All are very important in explaining aspects of the plan of salvation. Following is a list of the colors and their definitions: **Red=Blood/Life/Sacrifice;** **Orange=Fire of God's Love;** **Green=Faith;** Blue=Ten Commandments; Violet= Royalty; Indigo=Royalty. The following are not seen as colors of the rainbow specifically but are very important symbols. **White is purity,** and **Darkness/Black** refers to sin. [If you need to consult the Revelation chart, do so.]

4. Using the above color definitions what would be happening to a segment of the church while the seals are being opened?
  - A. White Horse:
  - B. Red Horse
  - C. Black Horse
  - D. Pale Horse: (hint: look up pale in the Concordance)

5. Take the first four churches of Revelation 2, in their order, and the first four seals, in their order, and identify the association that each has in common using the color in the order given? Using the Revelation Chart and the table Addendum B, do your best and we will discuss in class. [Feel free to use the space below for writing notes.]

This exercise will help in our understanding as we get to the 7 Trumpets. Each of these sevens build on the prior set. So don't be discouraged if you can't get them all, but challenge yourself and try to do all four.

With the opening of the seven seals, a new phase of action begins. From 15MR 219, we read:

*“Revelation 6 and 7 are full of meaning. Terrible are the judgments of God revealed.”*