

Revelation 6:1-8  
The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is worthy

A worthy Judge (John 8:46 / Romans 2:1-2) **No charges can be brought against Him  
Whereas we are guilty of the same charges we accuse others of doing**

An authoritative Judge (John 5:22, 27, 30 / James 4:12)

**He has been given authority from God and He seeks only to please Him**

The Invitation – to know His plan (Isaiah 1:18 / Jeremiah 33:3 / Amos 3:7 / Ephesians 3:8-11)

**God invites us to reason with Him, He desires to make His plan known to us**

The Four Horsemen **This begins the judgments of the Tribulation**

The white horse (1-2) (Daniel 11:21-24; 36-39 / II Thessalonians 2:3-4)

Carrying a bow – no mention of arrows **He comes in through deceit and intrigue**

Crown given to him **He claims to be the leader of the universe**

Conqueror – he is bent on conquest **He seeks the place of authority and power**

The red horse (3-4)

Peace is taken from the earth (Isaiah 48:22 / Luke 19:42 / II Thessalonians 2:6-7)

**The wicked rule when the church is removed – they reject the source of peace**

Power to make men slay each other (Galatians 5:15)

**Removing restraints – sin will master us (Genesis 4:7)**

Powerful weapon – given a large sword

**He will gain control of the world's weapon systems**

The black horse (5-6) (Amos 8:11-14)

**When God's revelation is gone men will choose a path leading to destruction & famine**

Expensive rations – a days wages for one person's food

Essentials protected (oil for cooking & wine for purifying)

The pale horse (7-8) (Hebrews 9:27)

Death and Hades prevailing **disease & plague follow war and famine**

Destroying one-fourth of the world's population (Ezekiel 14:12-23/II Corinthians 5:21)

**Being made righteous in Christ is the only escape from death**

Discussion questions for Revelation 6:1-8

Why is Jesus alone worthy to Judge?

(Hebrews 4:13) ***He knows the motives behind all that we do***

(Hebrews 4:15) ***He understands our temptations – yet He was without sin***

(John 5:30) ***He is just – He seeks always to please His Father***

(James 2:12-13; 4:12) ***He is merciful – He has the power to save and to judge***

How does knowing and understanding God's plan help us cope with life?

(Psalm 138:7-8) ***He has a purpose for each of our lives – even our sufferings***

(Romans 8:28-29) ***He works all things for our good - according to His purpose***

(Psalm 103:6 / Isaiah 61:11) ***He will make all things right!***

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(James 4:1-2) ***Our selfishness leads to conflict – even war and famine***

(Matthew 24:21) ***The magnitude of these judgments has never been seen***

(Revelation 5:4-5) ***Jesus is the only one worthy to open these scrolls***

Why might it be more of a concern when someone comes to power through political intrigue and deceit rather than by conquest? (John 8:44 / Isaiah 5:20) ***They are deceitful. They call evil good and good evil. They use deceit to promise one thing and yet deliver something else. They are powerful manipulators of people.***

How is it that men can be made to slay each other? How can Satan use these tactics to destroy a church? (Genesis 6:5 / Jeremiah 17:9 / Romans 3:10-18) ***Our own hearts and desires are bent on evil. Unless we approach one another in humility, conflict and jealousy will result in distrust and division in the body.***

How can the principles of the 4 horsemen be applied to the spiritual death of a church?

(II Peter 2:17-19) ***Deceit is used to bring false teachers into positions of authority***

(Jude 19) ***Division is sown among the body***

(II Timothy 4:3-4) ***Devoid of the truth – people are taught what they want to hear***

(II Timothy 2:17) ***Diseased teaching spreads like a cancer or gangrene***

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