

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Revelation 6:1–8

1. The rider on the white horse is the Anti-Christ.

📖 Revelation 6:1–2 (NIV84) “I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, ‘Come!’”² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.”

📖 Revelation 4:6–8 (NIV84) “...In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.”⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

📖 Revelation 19:11–15, 19-20 (NLT) “Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for He judges fairly and wages a righteous war.”¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on His head were many crowns. A name was written on Him that no one understood except Himself.¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and His title was the Word of God.¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed Him on white horses.¹⁵ From His mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress...¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and His army.²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.”

📖 1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV84) “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

2. The rider on the red horse is war and bloodshed.

📖 Revelation 6:3–4 (NIV84) “When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, ‘Come!’”⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.”

📖 Revelation 12:3–5, 9 (NIV84) “Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his

heads.”⁴ His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne...⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”

3. The rider on the black horse is famine.

📖 Revelation 6:5–6 (NIV84) “When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come!’” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “A quart of wheat for a day’s wages, and three quarts of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

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4. The rider on the pale horse is death.

📖 Revelation 6:7–8 (NIV84) When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!”⁸ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.” **Video & Pic**

📖 Matthew 24:21–25 (NIV84) “...there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.”²² If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.²³ At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it.²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.²⁵ See, I have told you ahead of time.”

Digging Deeper: How will the rider on the white horse in Revelation 6 attempt to mimic Christ in Revelation 19? What do the Four Horsemen teach us about God? What does the famine of Revelation 6 reveal about our dependence on material things? How should we respond now in light of the coming Tribulation? Do you have any questions that you need answered?