

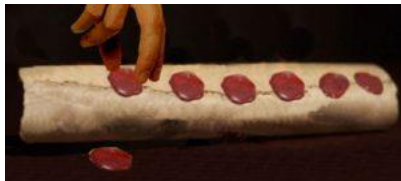
# The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

## The Seven Seals of World History



### Side-Tracked

On earth we get side-tracked with **the four horsemen of the Apocalypse**. These are running frantically side by side throughout **world history** to conquer the hearts and souls of man. These are the first four of the **seven seals of world history**.



*'Who is worthy to open the book, and to open the seals thereof? You (Jesus) are worthy.. for you.. have redeemed us to God by your blood' (Rev 5:2,9)*

Only Jesus was worthy to open the seals as only he could break the power that these four horsemen have over us.

### The FIRST Seal:

*'And I saw a **white** horse' (Revelation 6:2)*

**The white horse of political divides and religious bigotry.**



*'He that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering'.*

This horseman has the crown of leadership riding high his 'white horse' of **nationalism, ethnicity and religion, dividing mankind** with so-called "noble ambitions" and political promises. History repeating itself and with his **lust for power**, his

bow is ready to shoot anybody who gets in his way and opposes him.



### The SECOND Seal::



*'there went out another horse that was **red**' (Rev.6:4)*

The rider of the **red horse of war** 'and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should **kill one another**: and there was given unto him a great sword.' (Revelation 6:4)

This horse, 'red' with blood, denotes **the glorified military**

**war machine**, running right alongside the white horse and is thriving on these divisions created by the first horseman. He will 'take peace from the earth, and kill' by war for our national and religious interests.

All those beautiful young men - glorified - yet they are no more; now only names carved on the stone walls of war-memorials.

### The THIRD Seal:

*'I saw a **black** horse' (Rev.6:5)*

The **black horse** 'and he that sat

on him had a pair of balances in his hand.' And I heard a voice 'a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see you do not hurt the oil and the wine.'" (Revelation 6:6)



This horse represents the '**black**' suits of **business and taxes**. These thrive with wars, especially through the weapon industry and legal or illegal arms dealing.



'A measure of wheat for a penny' - Here we see how big business keeps a strangle hold on the daily food, represented by the wheat and barley costing **a penny, which was a full day's**

**wages**. The salary of the labouring man is barely enough for daily food and survival.

Nevertheless big business keeps itself well supplied with the good things of life, symbolized by 'the oil and the wine'. The labouring man is not allowed to touch or 'hurt the oil and the wine', because that is supposedly not for him.

For this reason big business 'devises wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words,' (Isaiah 32:7) 'They.. have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy:' (Ezekiel 22:29)

'You have not given water.. (Privatising of water) and you withheld bread from the hungry.. They cause him to go naked without clothing..' (Job 22:7; 24:10)



### The FOURTH Seal:



*'I looked, and behold a **pale** horse' (Revelation 6:8)*

**The pale horse** 'and his name that sat on him was **Death, and Hell** followed with him.'

The '**pale** horse' has the colour of death and is eagerly chomping at the bit to reap the results of our sins of selfishness.

This pale horse of death is the final horse, reaping what the other horsemen have sown.

Death and Hell for all those killed in the horrors of war, ethnic cleansing, xenophobia and religious intolerance.



In the not-to-distant future this rider cuts loose with persecution and the nuclear war.

**These first four seals show us what has happened and is happening on the stage of world history.**

### **The FIFTH Seal:**

I am including the fifth and sixth seal to give the overall picture of how world history as we know it, will end. The fifth seal follows the pale horse and shows us his viciousness of what is to happen.

*'I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God.. And they cried with a loud voice, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, do you not.. avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?***



*It was said unto them, that they should rest **yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.'***

(Revelation 6:9-11)

That little season is the second half of the seven year tenure of the Antichrist, 3½ years, which Jesus referred to as the Great Tribulation. (Matthew 24:15,21)

This is when their fellow-servants, *'that should be killed as they were,' will join them.* This will be the test of our heart and to see what kind of backbone we have and if we are willing to stand for Jesus and give our life for what and **who we know** is the truth? Jesus said, *'but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it'* (Luke 9:24)

### **The SIXTH Seal:**

*'There was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood, the stars of heaven fell unto the earth.'*

This points to the very last days, the nuclear war, the earthquake, and the return of Jesus,

The King of kings returns when the nuclear bombs are exploding. In the world's darkest hour the Light of the world breaks forth.



*'Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (Nuclear War) then they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.'* (Mat.24:29,30)

**The SEVENTH Seal** goes back to the beginning of the Tribulation and announces the Seven Trumpets of the Tribulation. (Revelation 8:1)

### **The Violent Take It by Force**

*'The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.'* (Matthew 11:12) Grab hold of the Kingdom in your heart by faith and fight for it against fear by studying God's Word.

*'Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown.'* (Revelation 3:11)

### **Step Back and Stand Still**

If we can stand back from this insane horse race that is playing on the world stage, then can we **see the futility** of it and why **history repeats**? No matter what we believe, do, say, or who we vote for, **God's overall will is done and his screenplay will be played out.**

The drama has to be played in full to see what decisions we each individually will make, and to see what kind of persons we are and what we are each made of.

*'Your will is done in earth, as it is in heaven.'* (Mat.6:10)

Will I love or hate, share or shoot, give or grab, help or hinder, stand for the truth or fall for the lies? Will I stand by Jesus and his words or decide to drown in the flood of lies coming from Satan's mouth? (Rev.12:15)

### **We Are Trampled Under Their Hooves**

\* We give our lives in demonstrations and prisons for the first horseman of political and religious "noble" causes.

\* We die as collateral damage in the hell of war for second horseman of the military machine.

\* We sell our souls to the third horseman with crooked business deals, withholding payments and exploiting the poor.

\* We surrender to the fourth horseman by ending our lives with suicide, shoot-outs, religious killings, euthanasia, massacres, ethnic cleansing, etc.



### **Why Not Give Our Life Back?**

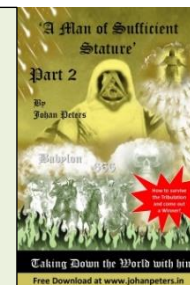
Only Jesus could break the power of the horsemen. Why not give our life back to God, who gave it to us in the first place and live forever?

*'And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep our heart and mind through Jesus.'* (Phil.4:7)

All it takes is a decision and say: "Dear Jesus, I give my life back to you, do with it what you think is best." Learn who Jesus is from the Gospels. It will determine our future when we cross over into 'forever land'.

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