

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“The Four Horsemen” #12
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Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

- **The White Horse: Represents A World Conqueror**

“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!” 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 6:1-2 (NIV)**

Who is the Rider on the White Horse?

- a. Jesus is the one opening the scroll
- b. This rider is given a bow, not a sword like Jesus in Revelation 19:11-14
- c. He has a crown of victory and Jesus has a royal crown in Revelation 19:12
- d. What follows him is a removal of peace, war, famine, death and martyrs
- e. This seems to follow the chronological order of Matthew 24

“Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.” **Matthew 24:4-5 (NIV)**

“The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of **counterfeit** miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.” **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 (NIV)**

- **The Red Horse: Represents A Time Of Worldwide War And Bloodshed**

“When **the Lamb** opened the **second seal**, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” 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 6:3-4 (NIV)**

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.” **Matthew 24:6-8 (NIV)**

- **The Black Horse: Represents Worldwide Famine**

“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. 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!**” **Revelation 6:5-6 (NIV)**

- **The Pale Horse: Represents Worldwide Death**

When the Lamb opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 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.

Revelation 6:7-8 (NIV)

- **The Fifth Seal: Reveals The Martyrs For Their Faith In Jesus**

When he opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the **souls of those who had been slain** because of the **word of God** and the **testimony** they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "**How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge** the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a **white robe**, and they were told to **wait a little longer**, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was **completed.**" **Revelation 6:9-11**

- **The Sixth Seal: Reveals Celestial Signs & Awareness Of God's Wrath**

I watched as he opened the **sixth seal**. There was a **great earthquake**. The **sun turned black** like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole **moon turned blood red**, and the **stars in the sky fell to earth**, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The **sky receded like a scroll**, rolling up, and **every mountain and island was removed from its place**. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man **hid** in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "**Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Revelation 6:12-17 (NIV)

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance**. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." **2 Peter 3:9-13 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

➤ How have I prepared for the coming Judgment of God?

My next right step, I will:

- Share my story of faith with others
- Invite someone to church or join a watch party on Sunday
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- Join our Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week's message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Review the Remember Verse “**Blessed** is the one who **reads** the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear** it and **take to heart** what is written in it, because the time is near.” **Revelation 1:3 (NIV)**

How has God blessed you so far in this study of God's Word?

Icebreaker: How is your group like a team of four horsemen: Are you each pulling in a different direction or the same? How so?

- **The White Horse: Represents A World Conqueror**

Read Revelation 6:1-8

Who or what do each of the four horsemen represent?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How are the first two similar?

How are they different?

When the third horseman arrives, how much food will a day's wage buy?

Why will luxury items like oil and wine still be available?

What is the relationship of the third horseman and the first two horsemen?

In what sense do they lead to the fourth horseman?

How has each of these forces operated throughout history?

How do they prevail today?

What do you think this means for the interpretation for the vision?

Read Revelation 6:9-11

What is revealed by the opening of the fifth seal? Vs. 9

How is this related to the suffering of the Christians in John's day?

In our day?

Read Revelation 6:12-17

What occurs when the sixth seal is opened?

Who can stand the wrath of God?

Which seal opening makes the greatest impression on you? Why?

What is the worst thing that has happened to you because of your faithfulness to the Word of God?

In what area of your life are you trying to hide from God?

What do you need to do in order to come out of hiding?

How does this passage make you feel about the end times? Why?

How will this affect your actions this week?

Read 2 Peter 3:9-13

Why is God waiting to bring judgment on this planet?

How patient has He been with you?

Close in Prayer: _____