



# THE REVELATION of Jesus Christ

Chapter 6:5-8

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# Recap Ch.6:1-4

- As the first four seals are opened, John saw four horses and the one sat on the horses. The white horse, the red horse, the black horse and the pale horse.
- For Jews horses mean conquest, battle, war, attack and victory.
- Horses represent God's activity upon earth and the forces He uses to accomplish His divine purpose
- 4 times we read the instruction "come and see". The Greek word used for come and see is "*erchomai*", which also means "*Go*"
- Every time seal is opened, one of the living creatures tells to the horse and the rider go and execute the judgment.
- It is logical to think that the white horse and the one sitting upon must be Jesus Christ.
- It is none other than the false Christ or the antichrist.

# Recap Ch.6:1-4

- Here is the Antichrist bringing peace to the world. See his bow has no arrow, the antichrist is going to conquer peacefully, no war. But that peace remains only for a short time.
- Satan always counterfeits the work of Christ (white horse, weapon and riding forth)
- The rider on the second horse characterizes war, the horse is red, for the purpose of shed blood, it speaks about war.
- The sword on his hand is, not the soldier's sword *rhomphaia*, but it is a dagger the assassin's knife *makhaira*.
- Second horse man represents not a war between nations and nation, but men are fighting against men.
- What we see in Ch.6 is similar to the one we see in Matthew Ch.24 as Jesus was talking to His disciples about the signs of His coming.

# Ch. 6:5-6 (Third Seal)

- As the third seal was opened, we see the black horse
- The color of Black often connected with famine.
- Famine and war usually go together. Shortage of food often drive up the prices.
- (KJV) A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny. (NIV) Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages.
- In order to get enough wheat to feed yourself, one has to give up the entire wage for a day.
- In the tribulation time, along with the appearance of the antichrist, followed by war, famine will appear and the globe will be wrenched or damaged with hunger.
- But the rich would be enjoying as oil and wine are not touched.
- Apparently, in this first famine only the poor people are touched, the wealthy won't be touched.
- Now we can see how this provides way for the antichrist.

# Ch. 6:5-6 (Third Seal)

- Revelation 13:17,18 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
- The beast will control the world by the hunger of the world.
- Albert Einstein says, *“An empty stomach is not a good political advisor.”*
- Hunger is has a tremendous controlling power. But antichrist uses this hunger to change the economy of the world and bring that under his control. (no one can buy and sell if no mark in them)
- What about the condition of the world today?

Let us look at some of the statistics today: We will realize even today the shadow of the black horse is already falling on the world.

- 925 million hungry people lived in 2010 ●
- Every year 15 million children die of hunger
- More than half of the world goes to bed hungry every night
- Malnutrition claims the life of 10,000 people everyday
- Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger

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- The food thrown into the garbage cans everyday in some houses here is enough to feed a family of 6 for a whole day in some other country.
- The average American dog has the highest protein diet than the most of the people of the world
- For the price of one missile, a school full of hungry children could eat lunch every day for 5 years
- Every year this trend is found to be alarmingly increasing ●
- Gandhi once called it as an “eternal compulsory fast”
- We need to understand the population system of the world today
- It took 1850 to produce the 1<sup>st</sup> billion inhabitants on the earth
- Less than 80 years to pass the 2 billion mark in 1930
- It took 31 years to reach 3 billion mark in 1961
- In another 15 years it reached the 4<sup>th</sup> billion 1976
- In 1987 within 11 years it reached 5 billion
- In another 11 years it reached 6 billion
- Today it is almost 7 billion
- If we continue to grow 900 years there will be 60 million billion people or 100 people for every square yard or land of sea.

# Ch. 6:5-6 (Third seal)

- Viewing the population growth, the depletion of the natural resources such as gasoline and other minerals, one can easily say that the world is moving towards a crisis sooner.
- There is no doubt that the shadow of the black horse is already seen upon this earth.
- Jesus said in *Matthew 24:7-8* <sup>7</sup> *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.* <sup>8</sup> *All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

# Ch. 6:7-8 (Fourth seal)

- All the other horses have one rider now John sees a companion walking along with the rider
- Death & Hades appears three times in the book of Revelation
- Ch. 1:18 Christ saying “I have the keys of Hades and of Death”.
- Ch. 20:13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.
- Ch.20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
- Death on the horse and the Hades walking along as they have an appointment with destiny.
- They may reign supreme during the tribulation, but have a destiny in future.
- A Japanese artist Fugita painted the fourth horseman as a skeleton of a horse across the battlefield. A green chlorine cloud of death floats over the scene. Fugita remembers Hiroshima and Nagasaki and uses them to describe this scene from the book of Revelation.

# Ch. 6:7-8 (Fourth seal)

- The word pale is the word from which we get the word chlorine. It is the pale green horse. (*Read article*)
- After antichrist comes war, after war comes famine, after famine comes death, death of the body and of the soul
- They are armed with the weapon of the sword, hunger, pestilence and wild beasts.
- Ezekiel 14:21 (Read) Four sword judgment of the Lord .
- War, famine, pestilence and beast. Pestilence is epidemic, a disease spread across the world.
- More people will die because of the combination of these things than ever before on the world.
- Wee have seen the first two (war & famine), now we will see the pestilence.
- A plague that kills more people than those killed by other pestilences is AIDS. (*Read*)

# Ch. 6:7-8 (Fourth seal)

- The most destructive creature in the world!!
- (*Read...*)
- The rider on the fourth horse will reap a terrible harvest as sword, famine, pestilence and beasts
- He will kill 25% of the world population. Later on another one 3<sup>rd</sup> of the population is going to be killed.
- **Matthew 24:4-8** Jesus said about the tribulation in the same order.
- V24:5 – (Deceive ) Antichrist - White horse (1<sup>st</sup> seal)
- V24:6 – (War) Red horse (2<sup>nd</sup> seal)
- V24:7 – (Famine) Black horse (3<sup>rd</sup> seal)
- V24:7 – (Pestilence) Pale horse (4<sup>th</sup> seal)

# Ch. 6:7-8 (Fourth seal)

We see the shadow of the judgment even in our days:

- Global peace, single currency and one economy (White horse)
  - Statistics about war Red horse
  - Statistics about famine (Black horse)
  - The ever increasing presence of plagues and pestilences Pale horse
- You are either in Ch.6 or in Ch.4
  - Either in heaven or on earth

We need to do three things here:

- **Praise:** Before the antichrist appears we are going to be there
- **Passion:** No body we love can go through that we need to put our arms around ad tell our friend and relatives and tell how they can escape this wrath.
- **Personal evaluation:** Hebrew 2:3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.