

2. What does the word “tribulation” mean? How long will this tribulation period last? (See Daniel 9:24-27)
3. Read Matthew 24 (Olivet Discourse) and compare its details to Revelation 6. What does it mean in Mt. 24:8 that “all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs”? What happens after birth pangs? How bad will it be on earth when God pours out His wrath before Jesus returns?
4. What are the implications of the white horse, rider with bow (no arrows mentioned), a crown given to him, and conquering? What will it be like at the beginning of the Tribulation period?
5. What are the implications of the second horse and rider?
6. Have you ever experienced a famine? How quickly can a famine come? Think back when the Covid pandemic started and the difficulty of getting food or even toilet paper. What would happen if basic food for one person cost your entire salary? How would you feed your family? What might people do when they are starving?
7. What is meant by “do not damage the oil and the wine”? What might extremely poor people do in circumstances like that?
8. What would it be like if ¼ of the current world’s population died in a short amount of time? How many people would that be? Where would they be buried?
9. By what means do that many people die? Note: the word “pestilence” is the word “death” earlier in verse 8. Why would wild beasts start killing people?
10. What should the response be of those who survive the first four seals? What keeps people from doing that? (See Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)
11. Assuming Pastor Paul is right about a Pre-Tribulational rapture... If the Tribulation judgments started this week, list the names of people you know who would still be here and have to go through it (or die in it). Prayerfully make plans to share the Gospel with them. Invite them to Good Friday and Easter services.

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Rev. 6:1-8

**“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 5  
“The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”**

I. The Things Which You Have Seen – chapter 1

II. The Things Which Are (chapters 2-3)

**III. The Things Which Will Take Place After These Things (chapters 4-22)**

**A. Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)**

**1. The Throne Room (4:1-11)**

**2. The Lamb and the Sealed Scroll (5:1-14)**

**B. Opening the Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)**

- Compare with the Olivet Discourse (Mt. 24; Mk. 13; Lk. 21)
- Tribulation and Great Tribulation
- Birth pangs

**1. Seal 1: Peaceful Conquest (6:1-2)**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” <sup>2</sup> I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

“Come.”

“...white horse”

“...and he who sat on it had a bow”

“... a crown was given to him”

“went out conquering and to conquer”

## **2. Seal 2: Warfare and Bloodshed (6:3-4)**

<sup>3</sup> When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” <sup>4</sup> And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

“...red horse”

“...granted to take peace from the earth”

“that *men* would slay one another”

“great sword was given to him”

## **3. Seal 3: Widespread Famine (6:5-6)**

<sup>5</sup> When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”

“...black horse”

“...pair of scales in his hand”

“...heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures”

“A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius”

“...do not damage the oil and the wine”

## **4. Seal 4: Death to a Fourth of Earth’s Inhabitants (6:7-8)**

<sup>7</sup> When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” <sup>8</sup> I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

“...ashen horse”

“...had the name Death; and Hades was following him.”

“Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth”

“... to kill with sword... famine... pestilence... by the wild beasts...”

## **So What?**

### **Discussion Questions & Application:**

1. Re-read Revelation chapters 4 and 5. How does that help prepare the reader for the judgment that begins in chapter 6? Why does God have the right to judge this way?