

Seals and Trumpets and Bowls – Oh My! ~ Part 1

Revelation 6 ~ July 16, 2006

The Book of Revelation

Forms of Literature

✎ An **epistle**

✎ A **prophecy**

✎ **Apocalyptic**

Interpretative Approaches

✎ **Historicist** – a **pre-written** history

✎ **Preterist** – prophecies have **already occurred**

✎ **Futurist** – majority of prophecies **await** fulfillment

✎ **Spiritual** – a great **drama**

First Four Seals – The Four Horsemen (Revelation 6:1-8)

1. First Seal – **White** horse and rider (v. 2)

Who does it represent?

What do we know?

2. Second Seal – **Red** horse and rider (v. 4)

What do we know?

The red horse is **symbolic** of our day & time.

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3. Third Seal – **Black** horse and rider (vv. 5-6)

*With peace, there is always **war**; With war, there is always **famine***

The black horse **also symbolizes** our day & time.

4. Fourth Seal – **Pale** horse and rider (v. 8)

What is happening?

Fifth Seal (Revelation 6:9-11)

What do we see?

Who are these individuals?

Sixth Seal (Revelation 6:12-17)

Portrays the **fate of the earth**

What happens?

What is the purpose of these judgments?

1. To bring people to **repentance**

2. To demonstrate God's **patience**

3. To establish God's **justice**