

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

Reference: **Revelation 6:1-8**

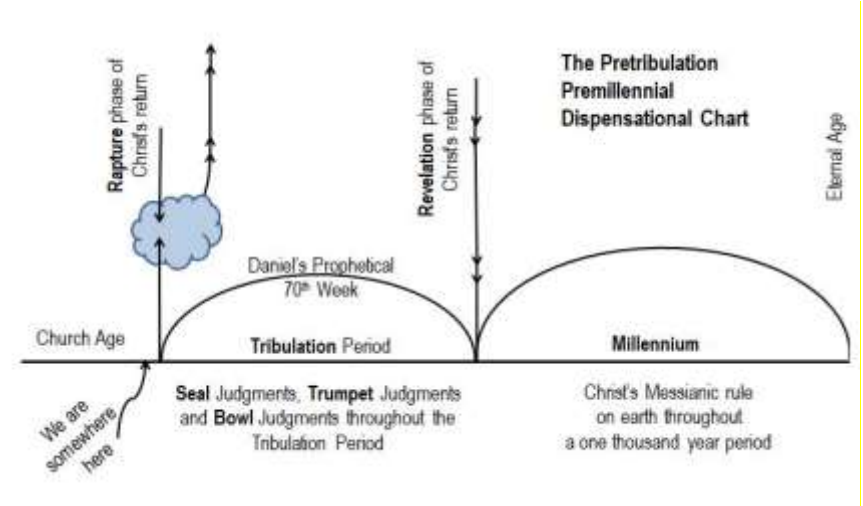
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The first eight verses from **Revelation chapter 6** describe the four horsemen of the apocalypse. The word apocalypse comes from the name of this book. The word "Revelation" is translated from the ancient Greek word *apocalypses* and means an unveiling, an exposing, an uncovering or a _____.

Reference: **Revelation 1:1** (see screen)

Revelation chapters 6 through **19** is an extensive comment on what prophetic experts call the _____ period.

The dominant position in evangelicalism is called the **pre-tribulation** (rapture) **premillennial dispensational position**. That prophetic position teaches that Jesus returns from heaven to rescue Christians from off the earth (i.e. the rapture) and that the rapture is scheduled to happen pre or prior to the tribulation period. The tribulation period is a prophetic seven year or _____ month long period starting just after the rapture.



The word "tribulation" is derived from the Latin word *tribulum*. A *tribulum* was an ancient agricultural tool used to separate the husk from the corn. The implications of the word *tribulum* are a pressing together, a tearing apart, an affliction, a troublesome burden and a binding _____.

There are three successive series of tribulation judgments mentioned in Revelation. Those judgments are:

- the seven _____ judgments (**Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-5**)
- the seven _____ judgments (**Revelation 8:6-9:21; 11:15-19**)
- and the seven _____-_____ judgments (**Revelation 16:1-21**)

This morning we are going to address the **four horsemen of the apocalypse**. Notice there's a horseman mentioned in **verse two**, a horseman mentioned in **verse four**, another horseman mentioned in **verse five** and a fourth horseman mentioned in **verse eight**.

Read **verse one**. (see screen)

From **Revelation chapter 5** we see Jesus in heaven depicted as a sacrificial lamb and He takes a seven sealed scroll from the hand of God the Father. Most commentators believe this scroll contains the title deed to the earth that man forfeited to Satan through his sin. That title deed described how Jesus is going to reclaim this earth from Satan.

THE FIRST HORSEMAN AND SEAL JUDGMENT ONE IS _____.

verses one and two (see screen)

Question: Who is this white-horse rider?

Answer: There are two basic opinions.

Opinion One: Some Christian denominations and some non-Christian cults consider this rider to be _____ because in **Revelation chapter nineteen** Jesus is also described riding a white horse as He descends to the earth at the second phase of His return. But, the rider from the first seal has on a crown that in the original Greek language is *stephanos*. *Stephanos* was a crown that was earned after winning an _____ competition. The crown that Jesus wears in **Revelation nineteen** is *diademas* and *diademas* is the crown a _____ wore. Also, this first rider carries a _____, but according to **Revelation 19:15** at His return Jesus is going to have a _____.

Opinion Two: The most popular opinion is that this is _____-_____ and anti-Christ is going to be a counterfeit Christ.

Satan's primary MO is to deceive and one of the means he uses to deceive is through *counterfeiting* something that God has originated.

Example: Just as God exists as a triune being, Satan exists as a counterfeit triune being.

The Godhead consists of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.

The counterfeit to God the Father is _____;

The counterfeit to God the Son is the _____-_____;

and the counterfeit to God the Holy Spirit is the _____.

Anti-Christ is going to head up a European confederacy of nations and he and this confederacy will agree to protect Israel for seven years so that the Jewish people might enjoy some semblance of peace.

Reference: **I Thessalonians 5:3** (see screen)

THE SECOND HORSEMAN AND SEAL JUDGMENT NUMBER TWO IS _____.

verses three and four (see screen)

Reference: **Matthew 24:6-7** (see screen)

THE THIRD HORSEMAN AND SEAL JUDGMENT NUMBER THREE IS _____.

verse five and six (see screen)

THE FOURTH HORSEMAN AND SEAL JUDGMENT NUMBER FOUR IS _____.

verses seven and eight (see screen)

Question: What does this mean "one fourth of the earth?"

Opinion One: It means one fourth of the earth's total _____.

Opinion Two: It means one fourth of the earth's total _____ area.

Revelation 6:8 describes how people are going to die during the tribulation period:

One through the _____

Two through _____

Three through death but death from _____ and _____

Four through _____ of the earth