

Revelation 6



and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation – Chapter Six

The Covenantal Treaty Structure

SECTION	NAME	PURPOSE
1.	PREAMBLE	To identify and establish the authority of the Suzerain
2.	HISTORICAL PROLOGUE	To review the historical relationship between the Suzerain and the Vassal
3.	ETHICAL STIPULATIONS	To explain the conduct expected of the Vassal and the benefits which accompany obedience to the covenant
4.	SANCTIONS	To define violations of the covenant and the consequences of disobedience to the covenant
5.	SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS	To warn of the grave consequences of succeeding the covenant

III. ETHICAL STIPULATIONS 4:1-7:17

- A. You are Worthy, O LORD4:1-11
- B. Worthy is the Lamb.....5:1-14
- C. Opening the First Six Seals.....6:1-17
- D. The First Interlude.....7:1-17

C. Opening the First Six Seals – 6:1-17

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| 1. First Seal: Rider on a White Horse | 6:1-2 |
| 2. Second Seal: Rider of a Red Horse | 6:3-4 |
| 3. Third Seal: Rider on a Black Horse | 6:5-6 |
| 4. Fourth Seal: Rider on a Pale Horse | 6:7-8 |
| 5. Fifth Seal: Souls under the Altar | 6:9-11 |
| 6. Sixth Seal: Earthquake and Cosmic Chaos | 6:12-17 |

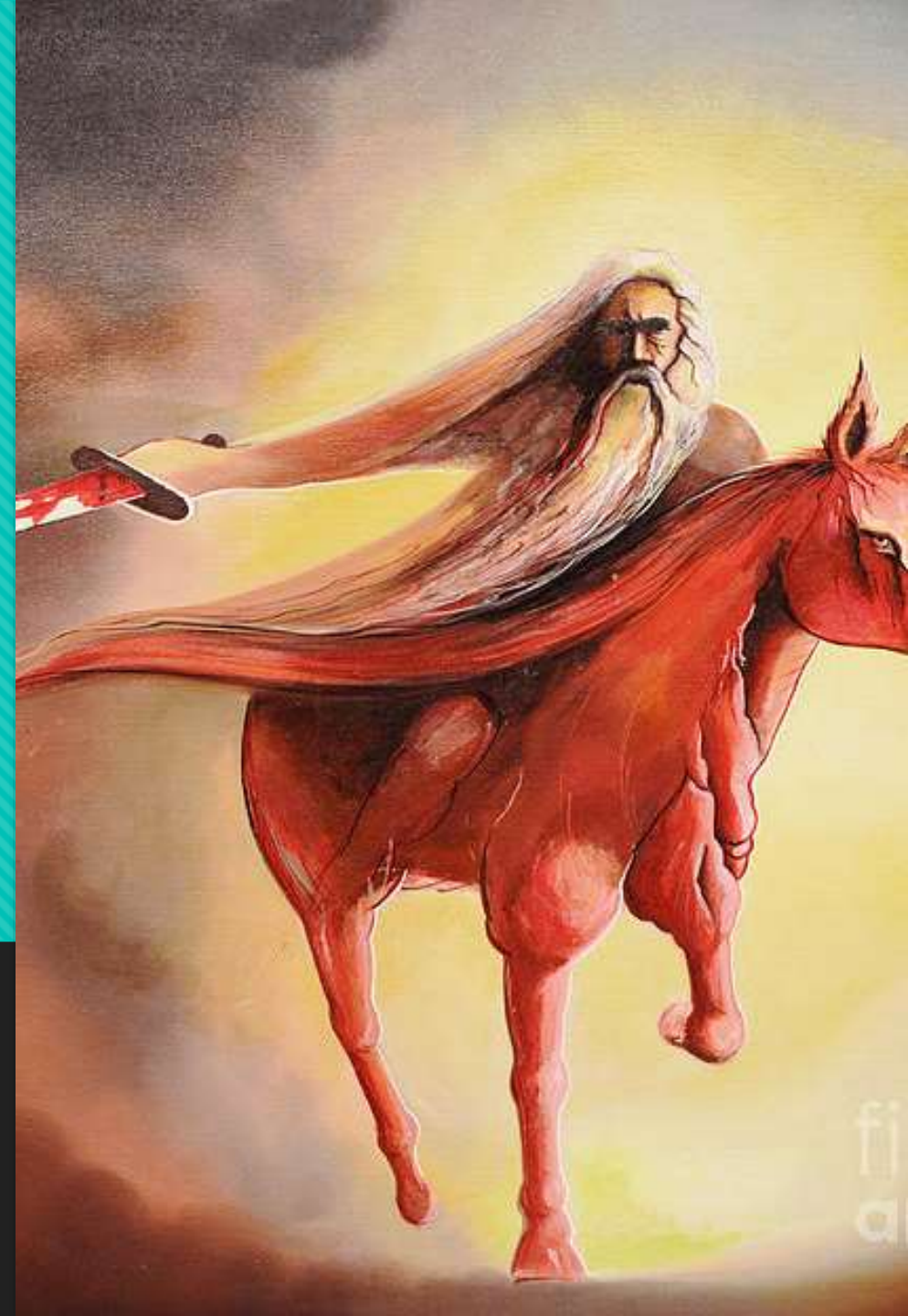
First Seal: A Rider on a White Horse

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Second Seal: A Rider on a Red Horse

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Third Seal: A Rider on a Black Horse

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Fourth Seal: A Rider on a Pale Horse

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What are the Four Horseman?

Reference	Horseman	Meaning
1-2	White	?
3-4	Red	Sword
5-6	Black	Famine
7-8	Green	Pestilence

- **Jeremiah 21:4-10**
- Jeremiah 29:17
- Jeremiah 32:24
- Ezekiel 5:12
- Ezekiel 5:17
- **Ezekiel 14:21**

Who is The Rider on the White Horse?



- He is **already** victorious
- He is given a **crown** (A victor's crown) – Matt 27:29; 2 Tim 4:8; 1 Pet 5:4; Rev 2:10; 3:11; 4:4, 10; 12:1; Rev 14:14
- He is riding a **white** horse – Rev 1:14; 2:17; 3:4, 5, 18; 4:4; 6:2, 11; 7:9, 13-14; 14:14; 19:11, 14; Rev 20:11
- He goes forth **conquering to conquer**
- He “returns” in **Chapter 19:11-16**
- What about the “**bow**”?

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Fifth Seal: Souls Under the Altar

Revelation 6:9-11



Who are these Souls Under the Altar?

- Slain for the testimony of God – vs. 9
- Told to wait for the martyrdom of their fellow servants – vs. 12
- *This is a key symbol to understanding the purpose of the Revelation.*
- The avenging of the apostles and prophets (Revelation 18:20; 19:2)
- **READ - Luke 11:45-64**





Sixth Seal: Earthquake and Cosmic Chaos

Revelation 6:12-17

Cosmic Chaos or “De-Creation”

- Isaiah 13:9-10 – Against Babylon
- Ezekiel 32:7-8 – Against Pharaoh of Egypt
- Joel 2:30-31 – Against Jerusalem (586 BC)
- Haggai 2:21-22 – Against Gentile Kingdoms
- Matthew 24:29 – Against Jerusalem (70 AD)

This is **apocalyptic language** employed in Scripture *to announce the overturning of nations and governments*. It cannot always mean the actual end of heaven and earth because it occurs numerous times in Scripture and in the Revelation.

Comparison of the Judgments

Reference	Description	Scope of Influence
Revelation 6	The Seven Seals	1/4 of the Earth and Sea
Revelation 8	The Seven Trumpets	1/3 of the Earth and Sea
Revelation 16	The Seven Bowls of Wrath	The entirety of Earth and Sea

Structural Arrangement of the Seals

First Seal	White Horse	Fifth Seal	White Robes
Second Seal	Red Horse	Sixth Seal	Moon turned to blood
Third Seal	Black Horse		Sun turned black
Fourth Seal	Green Horse	Seventh Seal	Green Grass Burned