

# REVELATION

FINDING PEACE IN A WORLD OF CHAOS





Week 11: The Four Horseman and The Apocalypse

**Date:** Week of 3/24/2024 **Scripture:** Revelation 6:1-8

# **Bridgebuilder Opening**

- 1. What is an example of judgment you have faced in life as a result of your beliefs or behaviors? This could have come from friends, employers, a judge, etc....
- 2. When was it in your power to do so and you issued judgment towards someone or a group of people?

## **Observations and Interpretations**

- 1. Read Revelation 6:1-8 and circle or highlight any words that stand out to you. What are some of your observations from this initial reading of the text?
- 2. There is a lot to sort through in this chapter. Here are some interpretation points to consider for this passage. Use other Scripture passages, Bible commentaries, and your knowledge of the ancient world to write down a basic interpretation of the following:
  - a. The Lamb:
  - b. The Riders:
  - c. The white horse and its rider holding a bow:
  - d. The red horse and its rider holding a sword:
  - e. The black horse and its rider holding a scale:
  - f. The pale green horse and its rider, Death:

- g. The four riders together:
- 3. Considering the context of the Roman Empire and ancient warfare, how can we take the significance of the imagery in verses 1-8 and apply it to modern times? What is a relevant way to view the threat of this judgment?
- 4. What is the main thing John is trying to teach us in these verses?

### **Applications**

- 1. Suffering is inevitable in this life. We can all recount historical events and personal happenings that highlight this reality. The judgments of the four horsemen are not aimed towards individuals but towards societies. Nonetheless, individuals suffer, including Christians. What should our response to such suffering be? What is our responsibility amid suffering?
- 2. This year our church is focusing on the theme of bringing *peace* into our lives and city. How can this text help give you *peace*, as you live in a world of chaos?
- 3. In one sentence, state one thing the Lord wants you to take away from this study.

### The Gospel and Prayer

"We can cling to nothing other than trust in the sovereign God who rules history, for nothing else remains certain." - Craig Keener

Thank God that he is good and just and that in his mercy he provided Jesus, the sacrificial lamb to die in our place so that we can withstand the ultimate judgment and live forever in eternity with him.



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