

**Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series**  
**Study #35: A White Horse & A Red Horse On Fire!**  
**Revelation 6:1 - 4**  
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**Book with Seven Seals**

In Revelation 5:7 in John's vision he sees Jesus with a prophetic book or scroll in his right hand sealed tight with seven seals with information that will reveal the future of the world. In Revelation 6:1 John also sees in his vision Jesus beginning to unseal each of the symbolic seven seals one by one.

It is evident that the book sealed with seven seals contains the prophetic history and future of nations and the church. As we see this prophetic book opened we will see that it also contains the importance of the Ten Commandments of God, His health laws, and counsels. We will also see symbolic language interpreted that has influenced every person on this earth from the beginning of time until the end of time.

**What happened when the Lamb, Jesus, opened the first seal?**

**Revelation 6:1-2**

- 1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.
- 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

**What does the horse represent symbolically?**

When you go to Bible history in 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles after the rule of King Solomon the nation of Israel split in two nations: Israel and Judah. The new nation of Israel fell into deep apostasy against God. But in Judah there were people of God who held on to the truths of God. They were the remnant of God meaning those who remained true and loyal to God.

***How does God describe His faithful remnant?***

**Zechariah 10:3**

- 3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his **goodly horse** in the battle.

The "goodly" horse is God's faithful obedient in spiritual battle. Horse in the context of Revelation chapter 6 represent those who professed to be a part of God's church.

***What is the opposite of a good horse? A Bad horse.***

When you look at the total history of God's church from the Bible time until today God, still has a remnant people or a church as His "goodly horse". God also warns of a church that has become a bad horse, false church. So we can conclude here in Revelation 6 that the horse symbolically represents a church.

Horse = Church  
 Goodly Horse = True Church

Bad Horse = False Church

### **What does “white” represent symbolically?**

#### **Revelation 15:6**

6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in **pure and white linen**, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

#### **Revelation 19:8**

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, **clean and white**: for the fine linen is the **righteousness of saints**.

White represents purity and righteousness undefiled by sin.

The white horse represents a pure and righteous church undefiled by sin and worldliness.

**In ancient times, a horse was used for transportation to cover a large territory especially in times of war. It was known for its strength, speed, durability and ability.**

**Not only is this a pure and righteous white horse, but the one who is riding the white horse has a bow and crown going forth conquering, and to conquer.**

### **Who is the one riding on the white horse?**

#### **Revelation 19:11-13**

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a **white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness** he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Jesus is the head of his pure church. Jesus has the reins of white horse who have given his faithful church victory over sin through his blood.

Jesus is the GENERAL that goes forth conquering, and to conquer with decorated with a crown of victory! Victory over selfishness, envy, covetousness, pride, and sin is through Jesus.

### **Go back to the middle part of Revelation 6:2?**

Revelation 6:2 “...he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him..”

### **What does the bow and crown represent?**

Crown (Greek)- stephanos (stef'-an-os)

From an apparently primary “stepho” (to twine or wreath); a chaplet (as a badge of royalty, a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor generally; but more conspicuous and elaborate than the simple fillet, G1238), literally or figuratively: - crown.

#### **1 Corinthians 9:25**

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a **corruptible crown**; but we an incorruptible.

**Bow? Is it a bow and arrow or something attached to the crown?**

Many assume that the bow in this context is referring to a bow and arrow, but when you go to the original Greek “bow” is referring to something that is attached to the crown.

Bow (Greek – G5115) toxon [tox'-on]

From the base of G5088; a bow (apparently **as the simplest fabric**): - bow. - Strong's Dictionary

This bow is referring to fabric like a ribbon that is attached to the crown.

**What is on this ribbon attached to the crown?**

Bow is from the base of word G5088

**G5088** tiktō [tik'-to]

A strengthened form of a primary word τέκω tekō (which is used only as an alternate in certain tenses); **to produce** (from seed, as a mother, a plant, the earth, etc.), literal or figurative: - **bear, be born, bring forth, be delivered, be in travail.** - Strong's Dictionary

On the crown of victory is a message of victory of God's who have been delivered from sin and birthed into HOLINESS!

This is similar to what was worn by Aaron and his sons as priests.

**Exodus 39:30-31**

30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, **HOLINESS TO THE LORD.**

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

**What does Ellen White see on the head of Enoch while in vision?**

“The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious... Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons. There I saw good old Enoch, who had been translated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and on each leaf was written ‘Victory’. Around his head was a dazzling white wreath, and leaves on the wreath, and in the middle of each leaf was written ‘Purity’, and around the wreath were stones of various colors, that shone brighter than the stars, and cast a reflection upon the letters and magnified them. On the back part of his head was a bow that confined the wreath, and **upon the bow was written ‘Holiness’**. Above the wreath was a lovely crown that shone brighter than the sun.” - Ellen White, “God's Love For His People”, Early Writings, p. 40

**Church of VICTORY**

Those who are faithfully active in the pure church of Jesus are in the Christian army of Jesus to fight and win spiritual battles through the power of the Holy Spirit. They share the everlasting gospel of Jesus with speed, power, and fervor to a dying and sin-sick world.

**Soldier of Jesus Christ**

**What does the General say as words of encouragement to His true soldiers who are actively fighting in this spiritual warfare?**

**2 Timothy 2:1-4**

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

So when we look at the symbolism of our General, Jesus Christ, with a crown of victory and a ribbon bow that says “Holiness” riding on a white horse; we see a pure and clean Christian church or people who are not afraid to fight for the cause of Christ against the strongholds of the devil. The pure Christian church shares and spreads the gospel with urgency and fervency.

In these last days, before the coming of Christ, God will have an army of people who are holy, pure and uncorrupted by the false doctrines and teaching of Satan and traditions of people. They are a righteous army of people who study the Word of God and follow all of its truths including the commandments of God. Revelation 14:4,5 describes this pure group of people perfectly.

### **Revelation 14:4-5, 12**

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

### **Revelation 12:11**

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

The true remnant church of Christ are supposed to be a church that prevails because Jesus Christ prevails in their lives.

Jacob’s name was changed from Jacob to Israel because their was a character change!

### **Genesis 32:28**

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Jacob (Hebrew) = “heel holder” or “supplanter” - BDB Dictionary

Supplanter = one who wrongfully or illegally seizes and holds the place of another. - vocabulary.com

Israel (Hebrew) = “God prevails” - BDB Hebrew Dictionary

When we allow God to prevail in our lives God will change our defeated characters into a conquering character over sin! When God prevails, we prevail!

**Has God changed your name to Israel? ....**

### **Historical Application**

Historically this white horse corresponds with the church phase of purity which occurred from 31 AD – 100 AD. Just like the church of Ephesus in the 7 churches.

White Horse = Pure church (31 AD – 100 AD)

**Last Day Application**

The last day application would be the church of Laodicea in 1844. The Advent movement before it reached a lukewarm state. The movement eventually became an organized body around 1863, known as Seventh-day Adventist. They went forth in giving the 3 angels messages of Revelation 14:6-7. This church organization started off conquering but eventually became lukewarm. However God's "Seventh-day Adventist movement message" will not go lukewarm.

**White Horse = God's remnant faithful undefiled by corruption and compromise**

**What did John see when Jesus opened the second seal on the book?****Revelation 6:3-4**

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

**What does red represent in this context?**

Red (Greek-G4450) Purrhos [poor-hros']

From G4442; **fire like**, that is, (specifically) **flame colored**: - red.

This second horse is on fire! In other words, the red horse represents God's church going through the fire!

**What does the fire represent?****1 Peter 1:7**

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

**1 Peter 4:12**

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.

**What keeps a church pure and holy? Persecution.**

The white horse must go through the fire! The fiery red horse of the second seal represents a persecuted church.

**2 Timothy 3:12**

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**Red also represents spilled blood of God's people who die (martyred) for the Word of the Lord.**

**Matthew 24:9 (Jesus says)**

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

**John 16:2**

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

**Who is riding the red horse and what is cause of the persecution?**

Go back **Revelation 6:4**... “power was given to him that sat thereon to **take peace from the earth** (cause), and (effect) that they **should kill** one another: and there was given unto him a **great sword**.”

Many commentators of the red horse assume the rider on the horse is doing the persecuting and killing of God’s people because he takes peace from the earth, killing is taking place, and he has a great sword.

We cannot study the Bible and make assumptions. Let the Bible speak for itself.

**What does Jesus reveal about the effect of his mission as it is shared to a sin loving world?****Luke 12:49-53 (Jesus says)**

49 I am come to send **fire on the earth**; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Suppose ye that I am come to give **peace on earth**? I tell you, Nay; **but rather division**:

52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

**Remember, Jesus is the prince of Peace only he can give true everlasting peace.**

**But in the context of Luke 12:50, Jesus reveals the effect of his message of salvation. Jesus did not come to bring unity between good and sin, holiness and corruption. He did not come to negotiate peace with Satan. Jesus did not come to a sin loving world to keep them in sin! Jesus came to WAR against SIN!**

**Jesus came in the FLESH to fight and overthrow the kingdom of Satan! Jesus did not come from heaven as a diplomat to earth and negotiate peace with a lost fallen angel.**

**1 John 3:8**

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

**Those who reject the mission and purpose of Jesus stay under the banner of Satan and fight against those who believe and are faithful to Jesus!**

**Look back at Luke 12:49, notice God’s Fire!**

**For those who live by faith in Christ will be persecuted by fire to be purified, but those who reject God will be consumed by it!**

## **What does John the Baptist say concerning God's fire?**

### **Luke 3:16**

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

If we want to stay pure, we MUST be baptized with God's fire that will purify us! Remember, if you are faithful, God is in control of the thermostat! God will not allow the fire to consume you, like the 3 Hebrew young men in Daniel who were thrown into the fiery furnace because they refused to bow to the golden image and stay faithful to the God of Heaven.

Those who are going through the fire are on fire shining bright for the glory of God to the world! We all need to be "FIRED UP" for the glory of God – RED HOT with God's TRUTH that will cause persecution!

**Going back to Red Horse, the rider of the horse is still JESUS who came not to negotiate peace with the kingdom of Satan, but to conquer it! It's a great spiritual battle and those who reject it will fight against those who believe and live in Jesus!**

**"They will kill one another" - Many of God's people will be killed by their fellow human beings (brother, sister, etc) just because they hold up the light of God's truth.**

### **Why did Cain kill Abel?**

#### **1 John 3:11-13**

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

## **What is the "great sword" that is given to Jesus on the fiery red horse?**

### **Matthew 10:34-36 (Jesus says)**

**34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.**

**35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.**

**36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.**

**We MUST put on the whole armor of God as a soldier of Jesus Christ, but what is the GREAT offensive weapon to prevail over the enemy?**

### **Ephesians 6:17**

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**The great sword is the WORD of God that contains His everlasting gospel to defeat the kingdom of Satan!**

"There is a seeming contradiction between these prophetic declarations and the words of Christ: "I came not to send peace, but a sword." Matthew 10:34. But, rightly understood, the two are in perfect harmony. The gospel is a message of peace. Christianity is a system which, received and obeyed,

would spread peace, harmony, and happiness throughout the earth. The religion of Christ will unite in close brotherhood all who accept its teachings. It was the mission of Jesus to reconcile men to God, and thus to one another. But the world at large are under the control of Satan, Christ's bitterest foe. The gospel presents to them principles of life which are wholly at variance with their habits and desires, and they rise in rebellion against it. They hate the purity which reveals and condemns their sins, and they persecute and destroy those who would urge upon them its just and holy claims. It is in this sense--because the exalted truths it brings occasion hatred and strife--that the gospel is called a sword." Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 46

### **Historical Application**

**Remember, the white horse in the first seal matches the Historical application of a pure church.**

**The second church, Smyrna represents a church period of intense persecution of God faithful The red horse of the second seal represent the same time period from 100 AD to 323 AD when God's faithful where greatly persecuted and many killed by the Pagan Roman Empire.**

**Red Horse = The Persecuted Church 100 AD – 323 AD**

### **Last Day Application**

The red horse represents a time of persecution of the true faithful remnant of God because they give the loud cry message of the everlasting gospel, remain faithful to God's word, and refuse the Sunday sabbath during the mark of the beast crisis.

### **Revelation 13:15**

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast **should be killed.**

### **Revelation 20:4**

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were **beheaded** for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The Mark of the beast crisis is coming closer and closer; Coming around the corner soon.

**What was one of Pope Francis' main message this past week, even after weeks of the Catholic church being exposed as a den of pedophiles and homosexuals?**

**True rest is found in Christ – not escapism, pope says, By Hannah Brockhaus, September 5, 2018, Catholic News Agency**

“The commandment to rest on Sundays is an invitation to be centered on Christ and to give praise and thanksgiving for the gift of life, not to waste the day in distraction, Pope Francis said Wednesday.”  
 “ “For us Christians, the center of the Lord’s Day, Sunday, is the Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving.’ It is the day to say to God: thank you, thank you, Lord; thank you for life, for your mercy, for all your gifts,” the pope said Sept. 5.”



**What is the central theme of Pope Francis' Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home that great influence the signing of the Paris Agreement? - Sunday and the Eucharist.**

**Things are moving extremely fast! Are you ready? Are you faithful?**

**What is the key message that Jesus wants his faithful to remember about the symbolic red horse and the rider?**

Where was Jesus when the 3 Hebrew boys were thrown in the midst of the fiery flames? Jesus was in the midst.

**Psalms 46:7**

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

**Isaiah 41:10**

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

**Jesus is ON the red horse that is on FIRE! Jesus says to His faithful, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20)**

**Jesus is on the white horse and rides that horse through the fire!**

**Romans 8:35-39**

**35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.