

## SEVEN WAX SEALS

Please Study/Review: (posted under "Training" on website)

1. The Biblical Fall Feasts & The Messiah's Ultimate Triumphal Entry
2. Daniel's Prophecy of Seventy Weeks

A series of judgements are being released upon the earth in this chapter. This is where the phrase "**Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**" originates. In our study of Zechariah we were introduced to these horses and shown their job is to "patrol" and "unleash judgements" when necessary.

### Note:

**The Seals**- once a Seal is opened it stays open and intensifies until all the seals consummate at the 2nd Coming of Christ.

**See Matthew 24 Olivet Discourse** as an allusion to what will come starting with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD and ending with the crescendo of the time of the end, which is foreshadowed in Daniel chapter 9. Notice the Greek and Hebrew usage of Revelation 1:1 "Things that must soon take place" (study the Greek)  
Allusion to Daniel 2:28-29, 45 "At the end of days" (compare Hebrew and Greek)  
Daniel 2 makes clear "at the end of days" refers to the end of human history when human kingdoms will be replaced by the Kingdom of God.

### FIRST SEAL (Notes Posted Online)

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." And I saw, and Look!, a white horse, and the one who sat on it had a bow, and there was given to him a crown, and he went out conquering, and to conquer.

### SECOND SEAL

#### **Revelation 6:3-4**

And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come."

And another horse came out, **a red horse**, and the one who sat on it **was given power to take peace** from the earth **so that** they would slay one another, and there **was given** to him a **great (large) sword**.

1. Red Horse- Symbolic of BLOOD and BLOODSHED (2 Kings 3:22, Mark 13:7-8)  
The horse was introduced in Zechariah as one who patrols the earth. Now the horse is unleashing judgements upon the earth to bring forth repentance.
2. "Was given power"- Note that God's sovereignty grants rider permission to bring a sword (judgements) upon the earth.

See The Following:

"Don't assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34-36, Luke 12:51-53)

“See, I am beginning to bring disaster on the city that bears my Name, and will you indeed go unpunished? You will not go unpunished for I am calling down a sword upon all who live on the earth, declares the LORD almighty... “for the LORD will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgement on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword” declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 25:29-31, abbreviated)

3. Peace will be removed, but the key phrase is “was given power” (see Scripture references above) because it is the LORD who gives and it is the LORD who is now taking away to bring judgement upon the wicked and ultimately bring people to repentance. Peace is removed until the Prince of Peace returns.
4. “earth so that”- Many translations omit the Greek word *kai* between the words “earth” and “so that,” because the sentence would then read, “...to take peace from the earth, **even so that they would slay one another.**”  
**Why? *kai* (and, even) makes the English more difficult to read without really changing the meaning, so many translations omit it.**

#### 5. Sword-

sword.

μάχαιρα ([machaira](#))

Noun - Nominative Feminine Singular

**Strong's Greek 3162:** A sword. Probably feminine of a presumed derivative of mache; a knife, i.e. Dirk; figuratively, war, judicial punishment.

### **THIRD SEAL**

#### **Revelation 6:5-6**

And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” And I saw, and Look!, a **black horse**, and the one who sat on it had a **set of scales** in his hand. And **I heard what seemed to be a voice** in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius, and **do not hurt the olive oil and the wine.**”

1. The black horse- indicates famine (Lam. 5:10), mourning and death
2. This Third Seal is the beginning of the birth pains as foretold in Matthew 24:8 (Olivet Discourse). Jesus said there would be pains during the time of Tribulation (Matt. 24:7, Mark 13:8, Luke 21:11)
3. The “voice” is not identified.
4. “A measure of wheat”- the Greek word *choenix*, which is about two pints, and was the measure of grain given to slaves for food for a day, was barely enough to sustain them
5. For a denarius- would be a day’s wage and would buy 16 *choenix* in ancient times

6. Do not hurt the oil and the wine- This could indicate the “ladder rain” or indicate the ladder feasts.

What is for sure in this passage is that a great famine will occur and food staples are scarce-one quart of wheat will cost an entire day's wage-but other food items, secondary sources of nutrition are still available. There is more to this than we know. It is a mystery. But it could mean that for the rich there will be plenty and for the poor there will be lack.

#### **FOURTH SEAL**

And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.”

And I saw, and Look!, a **pale horse**, and the **one who sat on him**, his name was **Death**, and the **Grave (Hades) was with him, following**. And there was **given to them authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with broadsword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.**

1. Pale Horse- (some use pale green horse) indicating pestilence and plagues (Matthew 24:7-8)

2. This rider is the only rider named “Death and Hades”

3. Pestilence and Death- Contrast to life offered by the Lamb (Rev. 7:14)

Hades or The Grave- Physical, bodily death is connected to Greek Mythology so you can see a personification of the place where people grafter their bodily death. It is more likely that this indicates two evil powers at work in the world- physical and spiritual death. (See Hosea 13:14)

“I will ransom them from the power of Sheol.  
I will redeem them from death.  
Death, where are your barbs?  
Sheol, where is your sting?” (Hosea 13:14)

4. 1/4 of the Earth is killed

Sword  
Hunger  
Death  
Beasts

5. Wild Beasts- this Seal employs “beasts”  
(See Lev. 26:22; Ezek. 14:15)

(DREAM)