

The Things That Must Take Place
Bad News, but Remember the Good News
Revelation 6:1-8

Introduction:

- A. The horses go out only by c_____
1. This tells us that God is in c_____
 2. This tells us that we should look at things from God's v_____.
- B. The next three horses are b_____ news, but in the midst of it all we need to remember the g_____ news (the white horse).

The second seal – w_____ (3,4)

- A. The Pax Romana
1. This was an unprecedented period of p_____ in the Roman Empire which began in 27 A.D. and lasted for over _____ years.
 2. The Romans guarded their b_____ and met any opposition with swift and effective action.
 3. The Romans e_____ their borders in this period.
 4. No other world power could boast of such a long period of peace.
- B. Authority was given the r_____ horse to take away peace from the e_____.
1. The Greek word translated “earth” can mean the entire g_____, but there was not world peace in John’s day.
 2. The Greek word translated “earth” can also mean l_____ (see Matt 9:26)
 3. This was fulfilled in the 3rd century when the Germanic Tribes began invading the Roman Empire.
- C. In this bad news, remember the good news. The gospel brings p_____ between God and every person who trusts in Christ.

The third seal – d_____ (5,6)

- A. The horse is colored b_____
1. The rider holds a b_____ type scale
 2. The price of wheat and barley are given (basic staple)

- a. One q_____ of wheat (which can make a 2 lb loaf of bread) costs a denarius, which is a d_____ wage given the common laborer (this would equal \$120 in today's money)
 - b. Three q_____ of barley (which can make three 2 lb loaves) also costs a denarius (this would equal \$40 per loaf in today's money).
3. The supply of w_____ and olive o_____ are unaffected.
- B. No record can be found when this was fulfilled.
1. The number one source of wheat for the world is the U_____ and R_____ - war drove the prices up in the last two years.
 2. The number two source of wheat for the world is the U_____ and C_____ - draught drove the prices up in 2022.
 3. Some places in the world, wheat is unaffordable.
- C. In this bad news, remember the good news

The fourth seal – d_____ (7,8)

- A. The horse color – pale g_____ (where we get our word chlorophyl)
1. The rider is called d_____
 2. H_____ followed (which is the name of the place of the dead)
- B. Authority was given the rider to bring death by three means to one-f_____ of the earth (does earth mean globe or the Roman Empire?)
1. Death by s_____
 - a. Fulfilled in the rise of I_____ and its expansion beginning in 622 A.D.
 - b. In less than _____ years conquered Arabia, Palestine, Armenia, Asia Minor, Persia, parts of India, Egypt, Numidia, Tripoli, Tunis, the Barbary States, Morocco, the African coast, Spain, Sicily, Candia, Cyprus, and parts of Italy.
 2. Death by f_____ (killing famines have occurred in many parts of the world)
 3. Death by wild a_____ bringing death.

a. To kill with death is redundant and some translations say p_____ . But the word does not mean that.

1) There are only t_____ “with’s” – to kill **with** sword, and **with** famine, and **with** death (same Greek preposition)

2) The Greek preposition changes for the wild beasts to “by means of” wild beasts. Translate – *to kill with sword and with famine and with death even by means of wild beasts.*

b. Plagues usually come by means of wild animals

C. As these bad things continue, remember the good news

Conclusion – In the midst of all the bad, God uses it to bring out the victory of the good, through s_____ and through m_____. Remember the white horse. Good wins in the end, because God is good!