The 2nd seal

Chapter 6 outline

The First Seal (6:1-2)

- A. The announcer (6:1): The first living creature announces this judgment.
- B. The action (6:2)
 - 1. John sees a white horse (6:2a).
 - 2. Its rider goes out to conquer with a bow in his hand and a crown on his head (6:2b).
- II. The Second Seal (6:3-4)
- A. The announcer (6:3): The second living creature announces this judgment.
- B. The action (6:4)
 - 1. John sees a red horse (6:4a).
 - 2. Its rider is given power to take peace from the earth (6:4b).
- III. The Third Seal (6:5-6)
- A. The announcer (6:5a): The third living creature announces this judgment.
- B. The action (6:5b–6)
 - 1. John sees a black horse (6:5b).
 - 2. Its rider is holding a pair of scales, indicating a great famine is at hand (6:5c-6).

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- IV. The Fourth Seal (6:7–8)
- A. The announcer (6:7): The fourth living creature announces this judgment.
- B. The action (6:8)
 - 1. John sees a pale green horse (6:8a).
 - 2. Its rider is death and hell (6:8b).
 - 3. Millions will now die by the sword, famine, plagues, and by wild beasts (6:8c).
- V. The Fifth Seal (6:9–11)
- A. What John sees (6:9): He sees the souls of the martyred under heaven's altar.
- B. What John hears (6:10–11)
 - 1. The request of the martyrs (6:10): "When will you avenge our blood?"
 - 2. The reply of the Messiah (6:11): The martyrs are told to wait a little longer, until "the full number of the servants of Jesus had been martyred."

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VI. The Sixth Seal (6:12–17)

- A. What John feels (6:12a): A great earthquake strikes.
- B. What John sees (6:12b–14)
 - 1. The sun turns black, and the moon turns blood red (6:12b).
 - 2. The stars fall (6:13).
 - 3. The sky rolls up like a scroll (6:14a).
 - 4. Every mountain and island is removed from its place (6:14b).
- C. What John hears (6:15–17)
 - 1. The place (6:15b): The sound comes from the caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
 - 2. The persons (6:15a): They include kings, warriors, rich and poor, slaves and free men.
 - 3. The prayer (6:16–17): They all cry to be hidden from the wrath of the Lamb.

Understanding the seals

- Chapter 6 deals with the 6 seals
- Chapter 7 there is a break in the action for more information
 - This chapter talks about the sealing of the 144,000 and the tribulation saints.
- Chapter 8-9 The 7th seal and out of the 7th seal comes the 7 trumpets
- Chapter 10-11 another break in the action for a little book, a measuring rod, the two witnesses (11:5 is the 7th trumpet)
- Chapter 12-14 A pause to describe the battle between God and Satan.

Understanding the seals

- Chapter 15 (vs 7 the 7th bowls of wrath readied)
- Chapter 16 Another pause with the command to go and pour out
- Chapter 17-18 Pause judgement on Babylon
- Chapter 19 The return of Christ
- Chapter 20 The bottomless pit and 1000 year kingdom
- Chapter 21 New heaven and new earth
- Chapter 22 The river of life.

Check out Ez 14:21

	Revelation 6 vs.		Matthew 24	
1.	White horse rider	6:1-2	False Christs	24:4-5
2.	Red horse: war	6:3-4	Wars	24:6

The first four seals

- The first four seals.
- The four horsemen. (judgments)
 - Note these come the noise of thunder.
 - Come and see.
- The first seal
 - White horse.
 - Not Christ.
 - He is opening the seals.
 - Crown is a stephanos a victor's crown not a ruling crown.
 - Horse is a symbol of judgement. (2 kgs 6:15-18, Jer 46:9-10, Joel 2:3-11, Nahum 3:1-7, Zech 1:8-11. 6:1-7)

- Rev 6:3-4
- Notice the living creature speaks.
 - The living creatures in Revelation are not the creatures in Ez1
 - Ez 1 they had 4 wings
 - Rev 4 they have 6 wings
 - Cherubim are often depicted as throne bearers of God and celestial attendants who praise him. Seraphim are often depicted circling the throne of God and crying "holy, holy, holy"
 - In Christian angelology, seraphim are considered to be in the highest rank, while in the Jewish angelic hierarchy, they are considered to be in the fifth rank.

• Isa 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

- It appears that each creature gives the command for each horse to go. See is backwards from the original.
- "Come" is erkou = proceed.
- Now these creatures are seen as fiery holiness!
- RED is associated with terror and death.
- The first thing we see is he takes peace from the earth.
 - Peace is a gift from God, to the earth.
 - Note he takes the gift away.
 - Romans 1:24
 - He does not bring war, he takes away peace.
 - Then the people kill one another!

- Interesting that the first horse confirmed the covenant.
 - According to Dan 9:27
 - He will even convince the Jewish nation and the Arab nations to sign a peace treaty, paving the way for the long-awaited third temple.
 - His accomplishments will be so spectacular, so far-reaching and unprecedented, that many will hail him as the Messiah. But we are warned in Scripture that he is a deceiver (Daniel 8:25)

The Antichrist

- The Antichrist Will Bring a One-World Religion
- The Antichrist will bring about a new religious system, described in Revelation 17. Antichrist's global belief system will be a mixture of many beliefs intertwined with occultism.
- The Antichrist Will Develop a One-World Economy
- The Antichrist will harness the world's economic system. He will have control of the world's ability to buy and sell: "He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666" (Revelation 13:16–18 NKJV).

- Going back to the horseman
- He takes this peace away from the earth.
- So that people kill on another
 - Matt 24:22
 - What could wipe out everyone?
 - What else could take out a lot of people?
- Side note: Ez 39:6
- Eze 39:6 And I will send^{H7971} a fire^{H784} on Magog,^{H4031} and among them that dwell^{H3427} carelessly^{H983} in the isles:^{H339} and they shall know^{H3045} that^{H3588} I^{H589} am the LORD.^{H3068}
- beh'-takh
- From H982; properly a place of *refuge*; abstractly *safety*, both the fact (*security*) and the feeling (*trust*); often (adverbially with or without preposition) *safely*: - assurance, boldly, (without) care (-less), confidence, hope, safe (-ly, -ty), secure, surely.
- From H183; properly a habitable spot (as desirable); dry land, a coast, an island: country, isle, island.

- Could be USA, I don't know.
- But the USA is not part of the battle for Isreal.
- Why because we have started to slip away from supporting Isreal.
- Okay so he takes the peace and then given a sword.
- What is the sword?
 - Hint something that will lead to the next horse.
 - The black horse.