
Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE REVELATION SEMINARS

RS-009

LESSON NINE

THE FOUR HORSEMAN OF REVELATION

Teaching code - in “teacher notes”.

1. Underlining - designed to get class participation.
2. Bold items - messages to instructor.
3. All other copy - information designed to go directly to class.

Place lesson #10, NO exhibits and Amazing Facts Folder “G”
(Don’t Be Fooled) at each student location before session begins.

Friendly Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lesson Nine

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF REVELATION

Material for distribution: Lesson 10 and Amazing Facts Folder G, “Don’t Be Fooled”.

FRIENDLY WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Before enrolling for this Seminar,
how many of you had heard of
“The Four Horsemen of Revelation”?

Many have – few know what they represent.
Tonight, we will all be rewarded
as God's Word reveals meaning to us.

We will see:

Horsemen represent heavenly messengers who reveal the future.

Horsemen – First four of Seven Seals.

Time period covered by Seven Seals:
Parallel to period of Seven Churches.

HOW MANY SAW THIS AS THEY
STUDIED EXHIBIT #1 OF THIS LESSON?

Let's look at this Exhibit a moment.

CAUTION – focus attention on parallelism, then move on.

1. Let's get right into lesson with question #1.
The word "Angel" means messenger.
The Horsemen bring messages from heaven to earth.
In Revelation the messages they bring
reveal the future.

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QUIZ QUESTIONS

(Yes or No)

1. We are now living under the Sixth Seal. YES
2. The next event to happen under the Sixth Seal is the return of Christ. YES
3. Those "who shall be able to stand" at Jesus' coming are the ones who receive the seal of God in their foreheads. YES
4. The everlasting gospel is rapidly sweeping across the earth and soon Jesus will return. YES
5. The silence of the Seventh Seal indicates that all the angels come with Jesus to gather His faithful followers from off the earth. YES

OFFERING APPEAL

Decision Questions

It's time to place the "Xs" on your Quiz Envelopes again. This is very helpful to me, to know how you're comprehending the lessons. Thank you for your help!

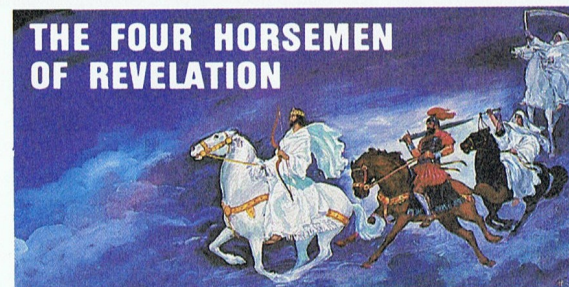
1. If the lesson tonight made sense to you, place an "X" on the envelope.
2. The Book of Revelation is making more sense all the time. If you are getting more of a grasp on God's Word, especially the Book of Revelation, place a second "X".
3. And now for the third "X". More and more I'm sensing my need for Christ and by God's grace I want to receive the reward of the faithful; I want to look into His face and hear the words, "Well done – enter into the joy of the Lord." If this is your desire, place a third "X".

Talk up next lesson.

Closing Prayer

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Virtually everyone in the Christian world has heard of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. But, should you quiz fifteen or twenty of your church friends, the odds are that none of them would have the faintest idea as to who these horsemen really are.

The four horsemen are part of the seven seals of Revelation, chapters six and eight. These seals are seven symbolic views or word pictures, of major conditions and events which face the people of God from the ascension of Jesus until His second coming. They cover the same time period as do the seven churches of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

These exciting and very significant views have been given us by Jesus, Himself, hence, their importance cannot be over-estimated. We must enter this study with much prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we endeavor to understand Jesus' special messages for us.

PLEASE SPEND A FEW MINUTES REVIEWING EXHIBIT # 1 ON THE SEVEN SEALS BEFORE YOU BEGIN STUDYING THIS LESSON. ALSO READ REVELATION, CHAPTER SIX (1806).

THE SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

1. What do horses and riders often represent in prophecy? Zechariah 1:8-10 (1376); 6:2-5 (1380)

Ans: a. Zechariah 1:10 (1376) "These are THEY whom the LORD hath SENT to WALK to and fro in the EARTH."

Ans: b. Zechariah 6:5 (1380) "These are the four SPIRITS* of the HEAVENS which GO FORTH from STANDING BEFORE the LORD of all the EARTH."

2. The word here translated “Beasts” is a different word than that used to represent “kings” and “kingdoms”. It means “Living Creatures”.

3. WHITE – Purity (Psalms 51:7, Isaiah 1:18)

When the “Church” began, its teachings were pure.
Its members were committed – even unto death.

CROWN – comes from the Greek “Stephanos” – Victor’s crown.

BOW – Instrument of conquest

Here – battle against evil, (Colossians 1:5,6,23).

Paul says: Gospel proclaimed in
ALL the world by 60 A.D.!

SWORD – Instrument of slaughter – God’s people slain

Illustration: Mother of 12 sons in North Africa
was threatened with death if she didn’t deny Christ.
She refused.

One by one all 12 sons were slain
before her eyes.

Finally she gave her own life
for Jesus.

NOTE: Our most exciting thoughts should be of our Lord’s return.

17. What is Jesus delighted to do for us if we ask Him? Jude 24,25 (1799)

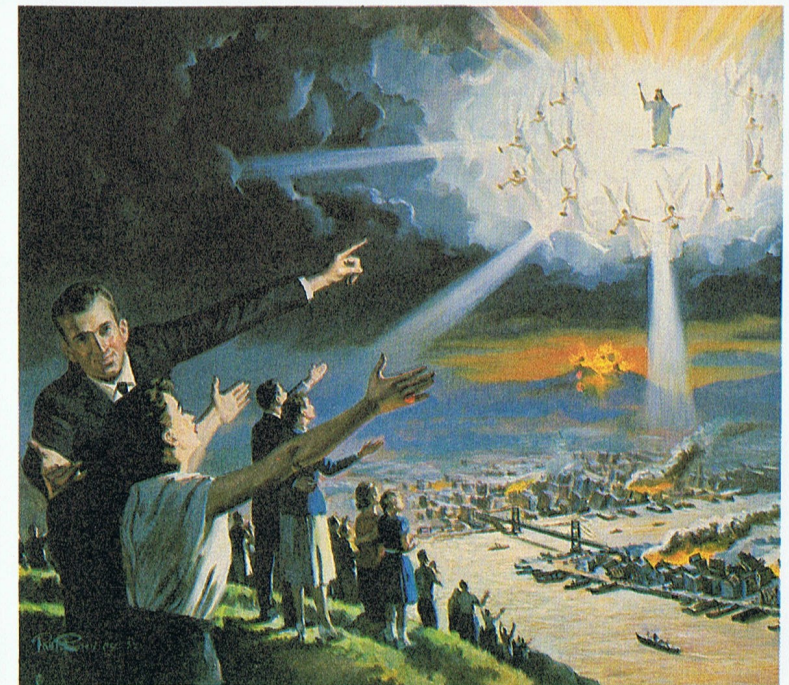
Ans: Keep us from ~~FALLING~~ and present us ~~FAULTLESS~~ before the presence of His glory with exceeding JOY.

NOTE: Jesus **GUARANTEES** us a place in His kingdom if we follow where He leads.

18. Jesus wants to take you on that fabulous space journey from earth to heaven. Will you decide, now, to follow where He leads, so He can slate you for that trip?

Ans: _____

NOTE: After studying this lesson, please review again Exhibit #1 on the seven seals. It will be most helpful.



“Look up, and lift up your heads;
for your redemption draweth nigh”,
Luke 21:28.

17. AFTER Question #17

Do you long for victory in your personal life?
I do, too!

What a promise He makes to us!

CLASS APPEAL

18. As we have studied this lesson

we see signs that tell of Jesus' soon coming.

I get excited every time I review these prophecies.

It can't be long!

I want to be ready to go home with Him,

Don't you?

Ask for a show of hands.

Have eye contact with as many as possible before you pray.

Show that you are happy and earnest!

LET US PRAY.

APPEAL PRAYER

NOTE: *These spirits are angels from heaven. Hebrews 1:13, 14, (1757) states plainly that angels are ministering spirits sent by God to minister to His people upon the earth. In prophecy, these angels are sometimes represented as riders upon horses. The horses and riders of Revelation 6 were, by their color, dress, and activities, cartooning or symbolizing, four distinctive and very important eras through which God's people would pass beginning with apostolic times.

2. Who announced these four horsemen as they galloped upon the prophetic screen? Revelation 6:1, 3,5,7 (1806).

Ans: "The four BEASTS".

NOTE: These four beasts are also called in some translations, "four living creatures". These living creatures, have special responsibilities in heaven.

THE SEVEN SEALS

3. In the first seal, how is the activity of the rider of the white horse described? Revelation 6:2 (1806)

Ans: "He went forth CONQUERING and to CONQUER".

NOTE: What a fitting symbol for the church of the first century! So successful was God's church that, before Paul died, he said that the gospel had been preached to the entire world, Colossians 1:5,6,23 (1728). **WHITE** symbolizes the purity of the church, Psalm 51:7 (895); Isaiah 1:18 (1025). The **CROWN** signifies victory, James 1:12 (1774); II Timothy 4:7,8 (1750); I Corinthians 9:25 (1679). The **BOW** symbolizes success in battle against evil, Psalm 7:11,12 (863); Psalm 45:4,5 (890). The white horse covers the same time period as the Ephesus church — first century, A.D.

4. What did the rider of the red horse of the second seal do? Revelation 6:4 (1806)

Ans: "Power was given him . . . to take PEACE from the EARTH, and that they should KILL one ANOTHER."

NOTE: The **RED** color of the second horse fitly represents the bloody destruction and persecution of God's people by Rome during the second, third and early part of the fourth centuries, Ezekiel 32:6,11 (1260); Jeremiah 46:10 (1183); Nahum 2:3 (1362). By this persecution, the peace of God's people was destroyed. The **WORD** is associated with war and bloodshed, Isaiah 3:25 (1028); cf I Chronicles 22:8 (685). It is also associated with persecution, Acts 12:1,2 (1612). The red horse covers the same time period as the Smyrna Church.

5. BLACK = Darkness = moral darkness

Sin
Apostasy
Error

Black – fits the picture of the moral and spiritual apostasy of the 4th into the 6th century.

Paul prophesied of this same condition, II Thess. 2:1-8.

Note only two or three significant phrases in II Thess. 2:1-8.

6. Amos prophesied of this time
Amos 8:11,12 – Famine for spiritual food

Spiritual leaders prohibited reading Scripture.
Kept Bible locked up in ancient language (Latin).
Persecuted anyone who tried to translate
into vernacular (language of people).

OIL = Holy Spirit

WINE = Jesus' blood of atonement
"Hurt not the oil or the wine".

This is a promise that:
Holy Spirit,
blood of Christ,
is available for salvation
to sincere of heart.

7. DEATH = Spiritual condition of the popular church.
Results to the person who would be
faithful to "truth".

During "Dark Ages", churchmen saw to it that:
anyone who thought for themselves,
or clung to the truth of God's Word
should be killed.

NOTE: The people who will be ready for Jesus' coming must first, receive God's seal or sign in their foreheads. Do you know what this sign is? OUR NEXT SEMINAR LESSON EXPLAINS WHAT THIS IMPERATIVE SIGN IS. WHAT COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT?

GOD HAS GRACIOUSLY GIVEN MANY OTHER SIGNS WHICH DESCRIBE THE DAYS JUST BEFORE JESUS' COMING. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REVIEW EXHIBIT #3, WHICH LISTS MANY OF THESE SIGNS.

13. The gospel must go to every person on earth before Jesus comes, Revelation 14:6 (1815); Matthew 24:14 (1439). What happens as soon as all have heard the gospel? Revelation 14:14 (1816)

Ans: JESUS COMES IN THE CLOUDS.

NOTE: The gospel is sweeping across the earth like a prairie grass fire in the wind.

14. I cannot know the day or hour of Jesus' return, Matthew 24:36 (1440), but what can I know as I look at the signs? Matthew 24:33

Ans: " KNOW that it is NEAR,
EVEN at the DOOR."

NOTE: This is no guess work. We can KNOW that it is near.

SILENCE IN HEAVEN

15. What happened when the seventh seal was opened? Revelation 8:1 (1808)

Ans: "There was SILENCE in HEAVEN about the
SPACE of HALF an HOURL."

NOTE: This silence takes place at the time of Jesus' coming. Heaven is silent because it is empty. All the angels come with Jesus, Matthew 25:31 (1442).

16. How should we react when we review the signs of Jesus' return? Luke 21:28 (1536).

Ans: "Look UP and LIFT up your HEADS,
for your REDEMPTION draweth NIGH."

13. It is exciting for me to see the interest so many have in God's Word and in getting to know our Saviour better.

Your presence here tonight, is evidence that the time Jesus spoke of, in this verse, (Matt. 24:14) is almost here.

14. Read Matthew 24:23 in unison.

15. What do you suppose caused "silence in Heaven"?

16. Read Luke 21:28 in unison



Black represents death — both physical and spiritual!

5. As the third seal was opened, a black horse appeared. What does black symbolize? Acts 26:18 (1641); John 12:35 (1573)

Ans: a. Acts 26:18 (1641) "To turn them from **DARKNESS** to **LIGHT**".

Ans: b. John 12:35 (1573) " **WALK** while ye have the **LIGHT** lest **DARKNESS** come upon you".

NOTE: Repeatedly, in the Scripture, darkness or blackness symbolizes moral darkness, sin, apostasy and error — the very opposite of the light of the gospel. The symbol is very fitting for the church during the 4th, 5th and half of the 6th centuries (the Pergamos church period) when Christianity became the state religion. Millions of unconverted people crowded into the church. Popularity and compromise brought Pagan errors into the church, which virtually crowded out the gospel.

6. What did the rider of the black horse have in his hand? Revelation 6:5,6 (1806)

Ans: "A pair of **BALANCES**".

NOTE: The picture of verse six is of food being weighed during a terrible famine. A penny, which was a day's wages, could hardly buy enough food for one person. How could a man feed his family — not to mention the supplying of their other needs? This famine also symbolizes an acute scarcity of the Word of God, Amos 8:11,12 (1346). Bibles were not available to the people and the church stopped preaching the Word. The result was a severe famine for hearing God's Word. The **OIL** represents the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:2-6 (1378), and the **WINE**, Jesus' blood of atonement, Matthew 26:27-29 (1444). These two precious gifts were not to be lost sight of during this intense spiritual famine.

MARTYRS FOR JESUS

7. What was the name of the rider of the pale horse of the fourth seal? What followed this horse? Revelation 6:8 (1806)

Estimates: 60 to 100 million martyrs
died at the hands of religious leaders.

Almost all God's true children were slain.
God prophesied this event several times:

Daniel 7
Daniel 12
Revelation 12
Revelation 13
Revelation 17
Revelation 18

Jesus promised those threatened with martyrdom that
in His kingdom they would be with Him
wherever He went, Revelation 7:13-17.

8. Note: "Altar" on earth — not in Heaven.
Symbolism from Moses' altar — Blood = symbol of life.
"Soul" — at times means man's life force.
Soul's "crying out" is symbolic,
the same as when Abel's blood
was said to be "crying out".

Read Comments — Adam Clark — A. Barnes

9. WHITE ROBES — Symbol of victory through Christ.

REST = Sleep in death — in the tomb.

11. The next momentous event under the sixth seal is the second coming of Jesus. Read the graphic description in Revelation 6:14-17 (1807). Why do the unsaved call for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them?

Ans: "For the great DAY of His WRATH is COME
and who SHALL be ABLE to STAND?"

NOTE: IT IS SOBERING, INDEED, TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOW LIVING BETWEEN VERSE 13 and 14 OF THE SIXTH SEAL OF REVELATION 6. IT HAS BEEN 150 YEARS SINCE THE LAST SIGN, THE FALLING OF THE STARS. THE NEXT SIGN IS ABOUT TO APPEAR. "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory". Matthew 24:30 (1440). Please note that the sixth seal covers the time periods of both the sixth and seventh churches, Philadelphia and Laodicea — from about the middle of the 18th century to the coming of Jesus.



SEAL OF GOD

"WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?" is the question the lost will cry out in terror at Jesus' second coming?

Jesus interrupts, before opening the 7th seal, and spends the entire 7th chapter to tell us WHO WILL BE READY.

12. To be ready, what must first be received from the angel?
Rev. 7:2,3 (1807)

Ans: "Hurt not the earth . . . till we have SEALED
the SERVANTS of our GOD
in their FOREHEADS."

11. HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL TO KNOW WE ARE LIVING, RIGHT NOW, BETWEEN VERSES 13 AND 14?

Wait for reaction from class

- 12.** Did you notice that Jesus interrupts
His presentation of the Seven Seals
for an entire chapter?
WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE HE DOES THAT?

Wait for response from class

Those who will be ready for the Seventh Seal
and Jesus' Second Coming must have a special experience.
WHAT IS THAT SPECIAL EXPERIENCE?
WHAT MUST THEY RECEIVE?

Wait for response from class to answers from question #12.

Did you study Exhibit #3?
Notice there are many other signs given in Scripture
that show we are living at the very end of time!

We do not have time to look in detail at this Exhibit,
but let me ask "WHICH ONE OF THOSE SIGNS STRUCK YOU
WITH THE MOST FORCE?"

Take just a couple of moments for response then move on.

Ans: The rider's name was "DEATH", and
"HELL" followed him.

NOTE: The pale horse with the rider **DEATH**, followed closely by the grave ("hades" in Greek), is perfect symbolism of the devastating persecution of God's people and the multiplied millions who were destroyed by sword, starvation, wild beasts and other cruel methods. This is the same period covered by the Thyatira church — from the sixth through the 15th centuries, the period known as the Dark Ages. Jesus said this period of tribulation was the worst ever to be, Matthew 24:21 (1439). And even more tragic, it was the **CHURCH**, now in apostasy, which was persecuting and killing those who differed with her. This terrible period of tribulation is mentioned other times in the Bible, Daniel 7:21,25 (1310); 12:7 (1320); Revelation 13:5 (1814); 12:6,14 (1813); 17:6 (1818), because it almost destroyed God's true people from the earth. Jesus plans for these martyrs to be closest to Him in His new kingdom, Revelation 7:13-17 (1808).

- 8. When the fifth seal was opened, what did John see under the altar? What were they saying? Revelation 6:9,10 (1806).**

Ans: a. "The SOULS of them that were SLAIN
for the WORD of GOD".

Ans: b. "How long, O LORD . . . dost thou
NOT . . . avenge our BLOOD".

NOTE: Here is symbolism from Moses' altar of burnt offerings. The sacrifice was offered and the blood poured out at the base of the altar, Leviticus 4:7 (163). In the 5th seal, the blood of the martyred saints cried out symbolically to God, like the blood of Abel did after he was slain by his brother, Genesis 4:10 (6). The word "soul" also means "life", Job 12:10 (827), and the "blood" is the "life", Deuteronomy 12:23 (311), so, soul here refers to the blood or lives of those who had been slain. Dr. Adam Clark, the noted Methodist commentator, says, "The altar is upon the earth, not in heaven". (UNFOLDING THE REVELATION, page 69). And Albert Barnes, the famed Presbyterian commentator, says, "We are not to suppose that this literally occurred . . . for the whole representation is symbolical; nor are we to suppose that the injured and the wronged . . . actually pray for vengeance on those who have wronged them". — NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT, Vol. 9, (Book of Revelation), page 171.

- 9. How long were the martyrs to rest before being rewarded? Revelation 6:11 (1807)**

Ans: "They should REST yet for a LITTLE season".

Have class read Ladd's comments in unison

We will spend an entire Seminar lesson studying about what God's Word says regarding our dead loved ones. "Keys of Death".

Watch for this very important lesson.

10. After class response to question #10, draw attention to Exhibit #2 with question below. Be brief.

DID EVERYONE STUDY EXHIBIT #2?

These were earth shattering events.

They came precisely when prophesied after great tribulation – Matthew 24:29.

They drew attention of people around the world to the study of Bible prophecy!

This laid the foundation for the
GREAT SPIRITUAL REVIVAL OF THE 19TH CENTURY!

NOTE: The **WHITE ROBES** indicate victory for these martyrs, Revelation 19:8 (1821); 3:5 (1803). Though their victory was already won, they were to rest or sleep in the tomb a little season, till Jesus returns and rewards all His saints together, at the same time, Revelation 22:12 (1825); Hebrews 11:39,40 (1770). The late George Eldon Ladd, former professor of New Testament theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, says in his Revelation commentary, "The fact that John saw the souls of the martyrs under the altar has nothing to do with the state of the dead or their situation in the intermediate state; it is merely a way of picturing the sad fact that they had been martyred in the name of their God". AN ENTIRE SEMINAR LESSON WILL DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT OF OUR DEAD LOVED ONES. IT IS ENTITLED, "THE KEYS OF DEATH". WATCH FOR IT. The 5th seal covers the same era as the fifth church, Sardis — from the 16th to the mid-18th century. The horrible persecution of the fourth seal continued under the fifth. Jesus said this period of persecution or tribulation would be shortened. And, indeed, it was shortened by the dynamic preaching of Huss, Jerome, Knox, Tyndale, Luther and other great men of God of the reformation.

Startling signs draw men's minds to study Bible prophecy.



SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

10. What shocking events take place as the sixth seal opens? Revelation 6:12,13 (1807)

- Ans: a. "There was a great EARTHQUAKE".
b. "The SUN became BLACK".
c. "The MOON became as BLOOD".
d. "The STARS of heaven FELL".

NOTE: Please see Exhibit #2 for historical documentation of these signs.