

"Look _____, and _____ up your _____
 for your _____ draweth _____"

NOTE: Our most exciting thoughts should be of our Lord's return. We must make our preparation for this great event first in our lives, and tell others so they, too, may be ready.

17. Now does Jesus feel when we ask for his help?

Jude 24, 25 He will "keep you from _____ and present you _____ before the presence of His glory with exceeding _____."

1. No matter who you are, or what your past has been, Jesus will accept you if you really want to be saved.
2. He will forgive your sins and help you to prepare for His great and glorious coming, so you may take that amazing space journey from earth to heaven.

18. Will you decide now to do whatever Jesus wants you to do?

Ans: _____

NOTE: Read Matthew 24 and Luke 21 for a more detailed study of the present day signs of Jesus' return. We are the last generation to be living upon the earth before Jesus comes!

Study Guide 009



THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF REVELATION

The four horsemen are part of the seven seals of Revelation, chapters six and eight. These seals are seven symbolic 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.

THE SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

1. What do horses and riders represent in prophecy?

a. Zechariah 1:8-10 "These are _____ whom the _____ hath _____ to _____ to and fro through the _____"

b. Zechariah 6:2-5 "These are the four _____ of the _____ which _____ from _____ before the _____ of all the _____!"

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NOTE: Hebrews 1:13, 14 states plainly that angels are ministering spirits sent by God to minister to His people upon the earth. These spirits are angels which minister over four very important time periods and special events that God's people must pass through, beginning with the New Testament Church.

2. Who announced the four mysterious horsemen?

Revelation 6:1, 3, 5, 7

The four _____

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

THE SEVEN SEALS

3. How is the rider of the white horse described? Revelation 6:2

"He went forth _____, and to _____."

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. WHITE symbolizes the purity of the church (Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 1:18).

4. What did the rider of the red horse do? Revelation 6:4

"Power was given. ..to take _____ from the _____ and that they should _____ one _____."

NOTE: The RED horse, under the second seal, represents the Roman government's bloody persecution of the people of God during the second, third, and early part of the fourth centuries, A.D. — the same period of time covered by the Smyrna church. God uses the colour red to depict war, slaughter, and bloodshed. See Ezekiel 32:6, 11; Jeremiah 46:10; Nahum 2:3.

receive God's seal — a sign in their foreheads. Our next seminar lesson explains what this very important sign or seal is, and how you may receive it.

13. What happens when all have heard the gospel?

Revelation 14:6, 14

Jesus _____ in the _____

NOTE: The Everlasting Gospel and the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6-10, with God's Sealing Truth, is sweeping across the earth like a prairie grass fire in the wind. Get ready for the next lesson.

14. How can I know when Jesus will appear? Matthew 24:33

When you see the signs, "Know that it is _____ even at the _____."

NOTE: It is very exciting to know the coming of Jesus is near! However, no man knows the exact day or hour of His return (Matthew 24:36). The all-important question is, "Are you ready?"

SILENCE IN HEAVEN

15. What happens when the seventh seal is opened. Revelation 8:1

"There was _____ in _____ about the _____ of _____ an _____"

NOTE: This silence takes place at the time of Jesus' coming. Heaven is silent because heaven is empty. The Father and all the holy angels will come with Jesus when He returns for His saints (Matthew 16:27; 25:31).

16. How should we act during signs of Jesus return? Luke 21:28

3 The Moon Red as Blood, May 19, 1780. About midnight, the unusual darkness lifted, and the moon appeared, but it was as red as blood. This represented the closing of an era when a true knowledge of Jesus the Son of Righteousness had been obscured (during the dark ages), and the blood of millions of true Bible-believing Christians was spilled.

4 The Falling of the Stars, November 13, 1833 was an exciting display of heavenly fireworks, perhaps the greatest ever witnessed on the face of the earth! It was seen across North America, and it is estimated that 200,000 stars an hour fell over a period of five or six hours. People thought surely it was the Judgment Day. So when God's great prophetic clock struck — the signs in the heavens appeared.

11. The next great event under the sixth seal is? Revelation 6:14-17

The second coming of _____. Then the wicked will cry, "The great _____ of His _____ is come."

NOTE: It is sobering, indeed, to realize that we are now living between verses 13 and 14 of the sixth seal of Revelation 6. The next great sign will be the sudden appearing of Jesus Christ coming in the clouds of glory (Matthew 24:30)! 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

12. Who will be able to stand when Jesus returns? Revelation 7:2, 3

Those who are _____ by God. "Hurt not the earth... till we have sealed the _____ of our _____ in their _____."

NOTE: The people who will be ready for Jesus' coming must first

5. Why did God use a black horse under the third seal?

a. **Acts 26:18** "From _____ to _____."

b. **John 12:35** " _____ while ye have the _____, lest _____ come upon you."

NOTE: Spiritual darkness, or blackness, is sin, apostasy, and error — the very opposite of the light of the Gospel. The church during the fourth, fifth, and first half of the sixth century, became popular, worldly, and finally very corrupt when church and state united. This BLACK horse represents the same era as the Pergamos church, a time when millions of pagans, with their false practices and teachings, came into the church. This resulted in the persecution (represented by the sword) of true, Bible-believing Christians.

6. What did the black horse rider have in his hand. Revelation 6:5, 6

"A pair of _____."

NOTE: The balances represent the union of church and state when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman empire under Constantine. A picture is given of food being weighed during a terrible famine. The famine symbolizes an acute scarcity of the Word of God (Amos 8:11, 12).

MARTYRS FOR JESUS

7. Who rode the pale horse? What followed? Revelation 6:8

His name was _____, and _____ followed.

NOTE: The pale horse with its rider, DEATH, followed by the grave ("Hades" in Greek), symbolizes the millions of God's people destroyed by sword, starvation, wild beasts, and other cruel methods of torture. This period is covered by the Thyatira church from the sixth through the fifteenth centuries (known as the Dark Ages). Now instead of the GOVERNMENT persecuting Bible-believing Christians, it was the church. This terrible time of persecution was

prophesied by Jesus (Matthew 24:21); and by other Bible writers (Daniel 7:21, 25; Revelation 13:5; 12:6, 14; 17:6). Jesus plans for these martyrs to be closest to Him in His new kingdom! Revelation 7:13-17.

**8. What did John see and hear under the fifth seal.
Revelation 6:9, 10**

- a. Saw souls" _____ for the _____ of God."
b. Heard them cry for God to avenge their _____

NOTE: In the fifth 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). It was a terrible time of persecution when true Bible-believing Christians were put to death by the millions for their faith.

**9. How long do they rest before receiving their rewards?
Revelation 6:11**

"For a _____ season, until their fellow-servants also... should be _____."

NOTE: The WHITE ROBES indicate victory for these martyrs (Revelation 19:8; 3:5). 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! Heb. 11:39,40. The fifth seal covers the same era as the fifth church, Sardis — from the 16th to the mid-18th century. So the horrible persecution of the fourth seal continued under the fifth seal. Jesus said this time of persecution would be shortened (Matthew 24: 21,22). It was drastically shortened, and finally stopped by the dynamic preaching of the great preachers of the Reformation.



SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

**10. What events take place as the sixth seal opens?
Revelation 6:12, 13**

- a. "A great _____ "
b. "The _____ fell."
c. "The _____ became as blood."
d. "The _____ became black."

NOTE: When God made the sun, moon and stars at Creation, He said, "Let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for years." Genesis 1:14. So these great signs in the heavens appeared.

- 1 The Great Earthquake of November 1, 1755** was the greatest catastrophe the world had seen since Noah's flood. It was felt over the greater part of Europe, Africa and America. Since it centered in Portugal, it is commonly referred to as the Lisbon Earthquake.
- 2 The Dark Day of May 19, 1780** caused great alarm, and many thought the end of the world had come. Beginning in mid-morning, it became so dark that lamps had to be lighted in the houses. The darkness covered a large part of North America, and caused serious-minded people to study their Bibles for an answer.