

Handout Chapter 6

“It is God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ that has shone into our hearts to enlighten them with the knowledge of God’s glory, the glory on the face of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“So for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see.” 2 Corinthians 4:6

“...the coming of the Son of Man will be like lightning striking in the east and flashing far into the west. Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” Matthew 24:27, 29

THE LAMB BREAKS THE SEVEN SEALS	
SEAL	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE
First seal: The rider on the white horse	Rev 6:1-2
Second seal: The rider on the red horse	Rev 6:3
Third seal: The rider on the black horse	Rev 6:5-6
Fourth seal: The rider on the pale (green) horse	Rev 6:7-8
The riders were “given authority over a quarter of the earth, to kill by the sword, by famine, by plague and through wild beasts” Rev 6:8	
Fifth seal: Martyred white robed saints (souls) under the altar	Rev 6:9-11
Sixth seal: Judgment / de-creation	Rev 6:12-17
Seventh seal: Mission of the seven angels	Rev 8:1-13

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Rider	Scripture Passage	Symbolic images associated with the riders
1. White Rider	Rev 6:2	Bow, victor’s crown
2. Red Rider	Rev 6:3-4	Sword
3. Black Rider	Rev 6:5-6	Scales
4. Pale (green) Rider	Rev 6:7-8	Called “Death”

The 7 parts of creation that John refers to when the sixth seal is broken: 1. Earth, 2. Sun, 3. Moon, 4. Stars, 5. Firmament (sky), 6. Land, 7. Man

Prophetic de-creation images found in Old Testament prophecy:

- 1). Earthquakes: Ex 19:18; Ps 18:7, 15; 60:2; Is 13:13-14; 24:19-20; Na 1:5
- 2). Eclipse of the sun: Ex 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Amos 8:9; Micah 3:6
- 3) The moon became like blood: Job 25:5; Is 13:10; 24:23; Ez 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31
- 4) The judgment on the stars (stars are images of government and they also are clocks that show that time has run out: Gen 1:14; Job 9:7; Ecc 12:2; Is 13:10; 34:4; Ez 32:8; Dan 8:10; Joel 2:10; 3:15

- 5) The wind imagery: in Zechariah's vision the 4 horsemen bring the winds in Zechariah 6:5 and are reintroduced in John's vision shaking the fig tree.
- 6) Fig tree is Israel: Mt 21:19; 24:32-34; Luke 21:29-32
- 7) The sky vanishing like a Scroll rolled up: Is 34:4; 51:6; Ps 102:25-26
- 8) Every mountain and island moved out of their places = the Gentile nations are also effected: Job 9:5-6; 14:18-19; 28:9-11; Is 41:5, 15-16; Ez 38:20; Na 1:4-8; Zeph 2:11.

Three items of the "Seven Seals" passage match the first four figures?

First Seal:	White horse	Fifth Seal:	White robes
Second Seal:	Red horse	Sixth Seal:	Moon like blood (red), Sun black (see 7 th seal & 3 rd horse)
Third Seal:	Black horse	Seventh Seal:	Green grass burned (black)
Fourth Seal:	Green horse		