



## A VISION OF THE HORSEMEN

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-5**

#### Intro:

*The book of Revelation is a discipleship manual*

Today, we witness the breaking of the 7 seals of the scroll. What happens when the lamb begins to implement the plans of God?

#### Seals 1-4 (Rev. 6:1-8)

“The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”.

- i. Conquest
- ii. Violence
- iii. Injustice
- iv. Death

The living creatures pray, “Come!” Not to the horsemen, but to the lamb (Rev. 1:7; 22:20).

*The four horsemen represent the kinds of the things that happen when Jesus and his kingdom begin to come*

John 16:33

#### Seal 5 (Rev. 6:9-11)

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Martyrs cry out for God to avenge their blood. They are under the altar, which show that their suffering is a holy and priestly act (see Romans 12:1-2).

Acts 14:22; 1 Thessalonians 3:3

*What we are supposed to do is trust the judge, and continue following the way of the lamb*

#### Seal 6 (Rev. 6:12-17)

The sixth seal unleashes the wrath of God and the lamb.

*Ultimately, the wrath of God is not in him throwing lightning bolts; but in him finally letting us have our own way (See Romans 1:18-24)*

#### Seal 7 (Rev. 8:1-5)

Silence in heaven reveals a sense of anticipation and awe. But also clears the air for God to hear the prayers of his people.

*The most powerful force to bring change in our world is prayer*

As each seal is broken, someone prays! When we pray for Jesus to fully establish his kingdom on earth, things start happening. As the kingdom breaks in, things change. The status quo is upset. Idols are unmasked and evil is flushed out.

The most revolutionary thing Christians can do is pray “Come, Lord Jesus!”

#### Conclusion:

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## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. Revelation 6 reveals some “spooky” scenes. What is your opinion on how Christians should deal with Halloween? What did you do/do you plan to do this Halloween night? Why?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday’s sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

### Study & Discussion:

1. What is the relationship between suffering and God’s kingdom? Why do they seem to go hand in hand (see Acts 14:22; 1 Thessalonians 3:3; Colossians 1:24; John 16:33)?
2. Read Romans 1:18-32. This passage talks about how God’s wrath is being revealed. 3 times it says “God gave them over...” (v. 24, 26 & 28).
  - Have you ever considered the idea that God’s wrath is not about him throwing lightning bolts, but instead it is him removing his hand of blessing and protection?
  - What sorts of consequences are listed in this passage?

### Application:

1. Have you considered the potential consequences of praying the prayer of the living creatures (“Come!”). Do you really want Jesus’ kingdom to come, when it could bring such unrest in the process? If you really want Jesus kingdom to come, and you’re brave enough to face the consequences, make it a part of your prayers every day this week.

### Prayer:

- Pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

### Other Requests

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