

Read Revelation 6:1-8

¹Then I saw when the Lamb break one of the seven seals. And I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice of thunder, “Come.” ²And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat upon it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

³And he broke the second seal. And I heard the second living creature say, “Come.” ⁴And another, a red horse, went forth. And to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, that men would slay one another. And a great sword was given unto him.

⁵When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come.” And behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶And a voice said, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not hurt the oil and the wine.”

⁷When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” ⁸I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat upon it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him.

Study Questions

- 1) Read Genesis 3:5, 4:8, 6:5, 7:11-12 and name the 4 important events—the 4 foundational understandings about fallen humanity—that we learn from these passages.
- 2) What prophecies for the end times are hidden inside these 4?
- 3) The vision of The Scroll in the Book of Revelation lays out an overview of the history of the world. How do the 4 horseman of the apocalypse - the first four seals to be broken-open on that scroll - specifically line up with the 4 Genesis prophecies?
- 4) Why should we be interested in this as believers? After all, we believe we will be in heaven celebrating by then. How does the time of Tribulation in the Book of Revelation actually picture God’s love? How is it like the angel with the flaming sword barring the way to the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden?

- 5) Read Luke 15:1-24 and Luke 22:31-32 and describe God's methods at times, for dealing with individuals like the Lost Son and Peter. Is God's tough love the exception or the rule? Read James 1:2-3.
- 6) This process of knowing whether the trials we face are God's tough love, our fault, or the enemy's doing, all result in our sanctification — our becoming mature in Christ. How does the Body of Christ come into play in this process?
- 7) How helpful has your small group been in your spiritual walk? Would you encourage others to come?