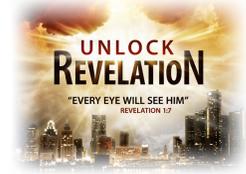




UNLOCK REVELATION

“Revelation’s Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”

Study Guide #18



*This study guide uses the New King James Bible.

1. How does God reveal to us the future and anything He will do on planet earth?

- Bible Answer from Amos 3:7 - *“Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the _____.”*

Note: God points out that He always reveals what He is going to do through Bible Prophecy. He never leaves us in the dark.

2. What is the first horseman of Revelation 6, and what do his characteristics reveal?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 6:1-2 - *“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, a _____ horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.”*

Note: As we will see by their characteristics, these seals and riding horsemen are simply timelines that revealed the future of Christianity from John’s day until our day. The seven seals (see additional handout) reveal the timeline of events from Jesus’ ascent to Heaven until His second return. The first horseman reveals the Gospel being preached through the apostles. The white horse symbolizes the pure truth that went forth to all the world. This was a time when power was in the church, because the church obeyed God (Acts 5:29, Romans 12:10, Colossians 1:23, Acts 5:14).

3. What was the next horseman, and what do his characteristics represent?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 6:3-4 - *“When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come and see. Another horse, fiery _____, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.’”*

Note: The second rider was on a red horse (symbolizing shed blood), and a great sword was given to him. He took peace from the earth through war. There was a time from about 100 A.D. - 313 A.D. that the Christian church went through great persecution by secular powers. The Roman Emperor Nero (who killed the apostle Paul) was followed by a series of emperors who brutally murdered a large number of Christians. Sometimes, they were crucified in the streets by day and lit on fire to light the streets at night. Many were made sources of entertainment in the Coliseum by being thrown to lions. Others were beheaded or burned at the stake. Christianity wasn’t popular until Constantine in about 312/313 A.D.. After this, the Christian faith would become popular, but paganism, as we will see revealed through the next horseman.

4. How would Satan respond and try next to destroy the Christian Church through the black horsemen?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 6:5-6 - *“When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a _____ horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.’”*

Note: The black horse symbolizes a time of great, dark compromise in the church from 313 A.D. Constantine came into power then and made the first Sunday laws. Soon after, the Roman Church officially took power. Bible truth was compromised with paganism, and Christianity became very popular. When the wheat was sold for a denarius, there was a shortage. Wheat is used to make bread, which is a symbol of the Word of God. The pure word was a rarity during this time. People became interested more in rituals and festivals and entertainment than the truth, and the Bible was placed on the shelf. Naturally, all kinds of heresies and falsehoods came in, just like the Apostle Paul had warned (Acts 20:28-30).

5. What did Paul warn the Christian Church concerning what would happen after the apostles would die?

- Bible Answer from Acts 20:28-30 - *“Therefore take _____ to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”*

Note: The Apostle Paul warned the church that the times John revealed would come. It was also this time that the papal authority and councils of men began to come into power. The fulfillment of Daniel 7:25 (the little horn would think to change times and laws) as well as Daniel 8:12 (he cast truth to the ground and prospered) began to take place. However, He faithfully warned them when he said in Acts 20:31-32: *“Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”*

6. What warnings does God give to ministers, pastors, and Bible teachers who teach contrary to His Ten Commandments?

- Bible Answer from Ezekiel 22:26 - “Her priests have _____ My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.”

- Hosea 8:12 - “I have written to them of the great things in my law but they were counted as a _____ thing.”

- Malachi 2:8-9 - “But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law... Because you have not kept My ways but have shown _____ in the law.”

Note: God is clear that in the last days, there would be ministers, pastors, and others who would violate His law, teaching that it wasn't important anymore. Also, they would count it as a strange thing. Finally, many would depart from the way by showing partiality, or teaching it in part. This would certainly apply to those who teach the commandments but not the Sabbath, as that is partial to the whole. Some do it ignorantly, and God has compassion on them, but those who do it intentionally will be held accountable for their actions.

7. What would be the last horseman that would follow?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 6:7-8 - “When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a _____ horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger; with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”

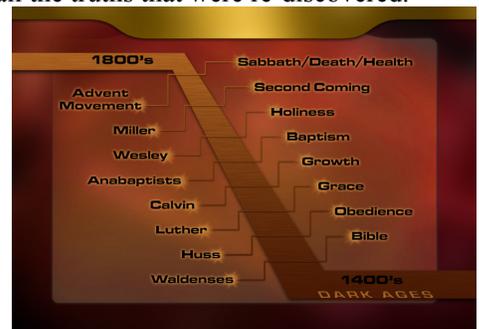
Note: This final horse, which is pale, is the symbol of a dead faith-like a corpse. It would symbolize the time from 538-1798 A.D. when the church would have fully compromised and replaced the Bible completely with traditions. Paganism had flooded into the church, and it would starve people to death from the words of life in the Bible. The Bibles were outlawed and chained to the pulpits. No one was allowed to read them. They would be allowed to kill 1/4 of the earth, hence the deaths of those millions in the Dark Ages whose only crime was to follow the Bible. The church went step by step into deeper compromise through traditions, penances, indulgences, image worship, and human authority over Scripture.

8. Would God’s truth be trodden down forever? How would He respond?

- Bible Answer from Proverbs 4:18 - “But the _____ of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”

Note: Certainly, God would not leave His church in darkness forever. He would be with them through the Protestant Reformation beginning with the Waldenses, John Wycliffe, Huss, Luther, and many others. He would restore each truth that was lost during the Dark Ages. Piece by piece, God would restore the truth in the final days that the apostles once preached in the book of Acts. God raised up during the Reformation men and women who were faithful through great sacrifice to give us the Bible in our own languages. He carefully preserved His church and His word through these times. He would have a last day church that would arise just before His return that would contain all the truths that were re-discovered.

Greatest Issues	Satan’s Counterfeit	God’s Truth
Authority	Church Council	God’s Word
Prayer	Images	Holy Spirit
Salvation	Human Works	Christ’s Grace
Intercession	Priest	Christ
Worship	Sunday	Sabbath
Death	Immortal Soul	Sleep
Baptism	Sprinkling	Immersion
Health	Laws Abolished	Laws Eternal



9. How would God describe His last day people who would restore the Sabbath truth that was lost in the time and tyranny of the Dark Ages?

- Bible Answer from Isaiah 58:12-13 - “Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.”

Note: God would have a people in the last days who would take all the truths of the Reformation, plus the restoring of the truth of the Sabbath in the last days, and bring them together into one movement that would await His return to the earth in power and glory. Who is this movement? It will be revealed in our next study!

10. What does Jesus lovingly counsel His people to do when caught in the midst of the rituals and dogmas of man-made traditions?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 18:4 - “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come _____ of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

11. Is it your decision to lovingly follow Jesus and follow the truths of the Bible in these last days, especially when Jesus calls us to come out of Babylon, a system of error? _____