



The Conqueror
Four Horsemen—Part One
 Revelation 6:1-8

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Objective Sentence: You and I should be serious and watchful in our faith because of four judgments of the Apocalypse Horsemen.

Introduction: The coming of Jesus marked the beginning of the end of time and now 2000 years later we are living at the end of the end. (Acts 2:14-17 Heb. 1:1-2; Ro. 13:11; 1 Pet. 4:7; 1 Jn. 2:18) Horses are used in the Bible to represent worldly power and strength. David wrote (Psalms 20:7), “Some trust in horses and some in chariots, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. Spiritual horses, like the ones in Revelation Six, represent the spiritual forces abiding in the heavenlies who unleash their power for judgment on those who are living in rebellion against God. The purpose of judgment is not revenge, but cleansing. In this case God is purging the earth of sin and preparing it for the millennial reign of Jesus Christ on the earth after the Great Tribulation.

Spirit Prince of the kingdom of Persia Dan. 10:12-14 ...¹³ But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me

- I. **The White Horse Conqueror** (*Rev. 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.”² And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.
 - A. **Ezekiel 30:3:** For the terrible day is almost here—the day of the LORD! It is a day of clouds and gloom, a day of despair for the nations.” This day will begin when the four horsemen of John’s Apocalypse begin their ride.
 1. **World Dictator** (*Dan. 7:23-25* Then he (an angel) said to me, “This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path.”²⁴ Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire. Then another king will arise, different from the

other ten, who will subdue three of them. ²⁵ He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time).

- a. **Wendell Willkie:** The times are ripe for a world dictator. It is from weakness that people reach for dictators and concentrated government power. Only the strong can be free. And only the productive can be strong.
- b. **Rev. 13:7-8** And the beast was allowed to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation. ⁸ And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made.
- c. **2 Thess. 2:3-4; 9-12** Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. ⁴ He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. ⁹ This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. ¹⁰ He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. ¹¹ So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. ¹² Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.
- d. **Napoleon:** If you wish to be a success in the world, promise everything, deliver nothing.
- e. **William Pen:** Men must be governed by God or ruled by tyrants.
- f. **Richard Perle:** Dictators must have enemies. They must have internal enemies to justify their secret police and external enemies to justify their military forces.
- g. **Pastor Dan:** There is only one people group on the face of this planet that will stand against the Son of Perdition, the Lawless One—Christians. That is why the Great Dictator is referred to as the AntiChrist and not AntiMoslem, AntiHindu, Anti Any Thing Else.
- h. **Will Durant; Presidential Metal of Honor in 1977:** The great question of our time is not communism versus individualism, not Europe versus American, nor East versus West. It is whether man can bear to live without God.
- i. **Alexis De Toqueville:** Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts, the cradle of its infancy and the divine source of its claims. America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. When the past no longer illuminates the future, the spirit walks in darkness.

Closing and Invitation: What army, what leader, what organization, what nation or league of nations will be strong enough to stop this man of lawlessness from rising up and taking control of the nations by force. The short answer is none and no one. Judgments during the Tribulation will produce chaos and devastation on this planet like nothing humanity has ever seen. The Seal Judgments will affect a fourth of the earth, the Trumpets will affect a third part of the earth and the Bowl judgments will affect the entire planet. The stage is being set for a world catastrophe

with the weakening of American influence in world affairs, the escalation of nuclear armament among nations, conflict between the Arab World and the Jews concerning Israel's right to exist, the growing antagonism between the Eastern and Western countries of the world, the growing bitterness between religious factions in the world today and the competition among countries for the oil resources that are important to their existence. War will be prevalent during the Tribulation and billions of people will die.