

## DAY 17: THE LOOMING WORLD FAMINE AND THE FINAL WORLD WAR

When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, “A quart[a] of wheat for a denarius,[b] and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!” 7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” 8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. ([Revelation 6:5-8](#))

### I. WHY STUDY ESCHATOLOGY?

- A. It’s in the Bible, we are commanded to consider the whole thing
- B. Jesus commanded us to watch and know the generation that these things will happen ([Matthew 24:37-39](#))
- C. The patterns of God’s judgement relate to the patterns of history
- D. Obedience matters

### II. THE THIRD SEAL

RECAP: The first seal, the white horse, represents the rising of the Antichrist. The second seal, the red horse, describes the war that will break out when he emerges. ([Revelation 6:1-4](#))

- A. Black horse: Economic crisis and famine
- B. Scales represent first-century economics ([v. 5](#))
- C. When military conflict occurs, there is always an economic impact and an impact on food supply
- D. A denarius is equivalent to the wages for one day of work ([v. 6](#))
- E. A quart of wheat is the amount that one man could eat for a day on a minimal diet
- F. Because of the military conflicts at hand, buying power will significantly decrease
- G. The third judgment involves both global economic collapse and global starvation
  - 1. World War II is a strong example of what this will look like

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III. THE FOURTH SEAL

- A. Pale horse: sickness and death (v. 8)
- B. Hades = hell
- C. Death is the rider, hell is following him (v. 8)
  - 1. Death is what happens to our physical bodies
  - 2. Hell is a temporary reality until it is thrown into the Lake of Fire
  - 3. The destination of those dying during this judgement event is hell
- D. Power was given to them (death and hell) by God over a fourth of the Earth (v. 8)
  - 1. 25% of the Earth's population will perish
- E. "To kill with sword" = military conflict, war
- F. "[to kill] with hunger" = starvation, famine
- G. "[to kill] with death" = could include all types of death (pandemic, radiation, etc.)
- H. "[to kill] by the beast of the earth" = wild hungry animals, animals spread plagues
- I. The four judgements in the Old Testament are mirrored here (Ezekiel 14:21)
- J. Between the Seal Judgements and the Trumpet Judgements (Revelation 9), 50% of the world's population will die within a 42 month period
  - 1. 2/3 of Israel will perish during these events (Zechariah 13)
- K. The Antichrist and the 10 nations aligned with him will hate the Harlot Babylon (Revelation 17:15)
  - 1. Harlot Babylon is a global economic system
- L. The false peace that the Antichrist brings will be shattered when he attacks Israel and the Harlot Babylon
  - 1. There are multiple fronts to the Final World War that will result in famine, death, economic crisis, etc.

The way of the just is uprightness;  
O Most Upright,  
You [e]weigh the path of the just.  
8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments,  
O Lord, we have waited for You;  
The desire of our soul is for Your name  
And for the remembrance of You.  
9 With my soul I have desired You in the night,  
Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;  
For when Your judgments are in the earth,  
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.  
(Isaiah 26:7-9)