

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: The Four Horsemen Of The Apocalypse

Revelation 6:2, 4, 5, 6, 8 -- I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer -- There went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. -- And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. -- And I heard a voice -- say, a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny -- And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth to kill with "the sword" and "with hunger" and "with death", and with "the beasts" of the earth.

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Jeremiah 29:17, 19 -- Behold I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence -- "because they have not hearkened to my words".

Ezekiel 14:21 -- (God speaks of sending four judgments upon Israel because they kept not his commandments) -- When I send my four judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword -- the famine -- the noisome beast -- the pestilence.

God promised 3 judgments: sword, famine, and pestilence on all who disobeyed his law (commandment). After much long suffering, the 4th judgment upon disobedient children was "the beast" (the sword of the ruling empire). John prophesies four horsemen that will destroy 25% of all mankind (over one billion people at present) with these 4 judgments, because they will not hearken to the Word of God. The 1st horseman (white) conquered with a bow (a sign throughout scripture of God's judgment). The 2nd horseman (red) slaughtered with the "sword". The 3rd horseman (black) had a pair of balances (scales) saying that the time would come when it will take all a man can make to feed one man well (wheat - the food of the wealthy) or to feed one small family (barley - food of the poor). The price given denotes the scarcity though not an entire absence of food; thus a "famine". The 4th horseman (pale) signifies death by "pestilence". These judgments were always sent upon the people of God who went worshipping other gods. Paul says that covetousness (wanting more for self) is idolatry. America is ignoring the word of God. We have cast it aside. The famine (money shortage, food shortage, etc.) and pestilence (incurable disease, etc.) is on the way. Jesus said at the end of time there will be distress of nations with perplexity (without an answer, in a quandary - Luke 21:25). The judgments of God are always without remedy (Prov. 29:1). America will continue in this wicked self-idolatry (pride) and God will destroy us. Only the repentant will have hope of life hereafter.

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