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## The Opening of the First Seal 6:1-2

### The Releasing of Divine Judgment "A white horse"

"White" Righteousness

"Horse" Divine Power. A righteous judgment of God on the Earth.

### The Commission of The Rider

"He that sat on him had a bow. "The "bow" is an instrument of war. Not of a destructive war-but of a moral war. Psa. 64:7-9; Hab. 3:8-9; Isa. 26:9.

"And a crown was given unto him" "And he went forth conquering, and to conquer. "Psa. 110:3; Isa. 26:9; Dan 12:8-10; Joe 12:28-32.

## The Opening of The Second Seal 6:3-4

### The Releasing of Divine Vengeance "A Red Horse"

"Red" the color of blood. Wars and Blood shed.

"Horse" Divine Power. The wrath of God on the Earth.

### The Commission to the Rider.

"Power was given to him...to take peace from the earth" II Chron. 15: 3,5 A type. "They shall kill one another"

"There was given unto him a great sword." "Rhomphaia " "Megas" -Sword —Large

## The Opening of The Third Seal. 6:5-6

### The Commission of The Third Rider. vs. 5-6

A Black Horse -

Black is the symbolic color of dearth and famine. Jer. 14:1-2; Lam.4:8-10 5:10. Notice verse nine — Famines are the scenes of violence and tragedy. II Kings 6:25-29; Luke 21:23; Matt. 24:19.

## "A Pair of Balances in His Hand."

Balances are used for exact weighing Indicating that there is a scarcity of food. vs.6 Bread by weight always implies scarcity. Lev.26:26; Eze.4:16. When corn is in abundances; it is sold by gross measures and no attention is paid to a few hundred grains.

## The Settling of Prices. vs. 6

This also adds to the fact of scarcity of food. "A Measure of Wheat." The word, measure, used here is the Greek word, choenix (which would be about a quart). Davis Dictionary of the Bible. A measure or quart of wheat would be the ordinary allowance of wheat to a man for one day's scanty subsistence.

The Usual Price. The usual price of a "choenix" of wheat was one-eighth of a "penny", or denarius. The price named in the text, being eight times this, indicating further the greatness of the famine.

The Value of the Penny. In the A.S.R.V. the word "penny" is translated "shilling." A shilling in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence, or nearly seventeen cents. Probably the Roman Denarius a coin worth about 17 cents. This was the amount a soldier received for a days pay. Also in Matt. 20:### The ordinary wage for a full days labor, would be (17 cents) a penny. All that a man can do is earn the bread that he will use himself. What if he has a family?

The Barley By Price. Food of horses and cattle - And also the days subsistence of a slave. "Hurt not the oil and the wine" A matter of grace. In judgment God remembers mercy.

# The Opening of The Fourth Seal 6:7-8

The Commission of The Fourth Rider vs. 8

## "A Pale Horse" "Chloros"

It is translated "Green" Rev. 8:7,9:4; Mark 6:39.

## Its Rider - "Death" Personified

Death, and Hell followed him.

## Its Power -

Power over a fourth part of the earth . Of the total population of the earth one forth will die.

## Its Manner of Death.

Kill with sword

With hunger

With Death (Pestilence) Jer. 38:2; Eze.6:11; Matt. 24:7; Luke 21:10-11

With Beasts Ezek. 14:21

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