

Revelation chapter 5 Revelation chapter 6

When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, the fourth living creature ([Revelation 6:6–8](#)) said, "Come!" It is noteworthy that each command to come brings an immediate response from a rider. Certainly, these horsemen are messengers of Satan to hurt and damage the inhabitants of earth, but their actions fulfill God's will to judge unbelievers.

Throughout history, Satan has tried to damage God's creation, especially God's people. At times, this involvement has been through temptation, indirect influence, and other means ([1 Peter 3:8](#)).

He plotted to persuade Adam and Eve to sin and thereby experience death and corrupt the human race ([Genesis 3:1–7](#)). He drew humanity into constant evil in the time of Noah, prompting God to destroy the earth with a flood ([Genesis 6:5](#)).

He tried to wipe out Israel during the captivity in Egypt ([Exodus 1:8–22](#)) and in the time of Esther ([Esther 3:5–6](#)). His evil attempts to destroy God's plan to bring redemption through Jesus included Herod's slaughter of the Hebrew children ([Matthew 2:16–18](#)) and various efforts to destroy Jesus before He voluntarily died on the cross for our sins ([Matthew 4:1–11](#); [Luke 4:29–30](#); [John 10:39](#)). No doubt, Satan delighted to see the damage and destruction inflicted by the four horsemen of [Revelation 6](#).

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, or simply the Four Horsemen, described in Revelation chapter 6, verses 1–8. The Four Horsemen are symbolic depictions of different events that will take place in the end times. As an example of the Bible's influence on culture at large, the Four Horsemen of [the Apocalypse](#) have been referenced as an imminent cataclysm or the means by which a disaster comes to pass.

[Revelation 6:2](#) The [first Horseman](#) likely refers to [the Antichrist](#). He is the false imitator of the true Christ, who is also associated with a white horse ([Revelation 19:11–16](#)).

[Revelation 6:3](#) The [second Horseman](#) refers to [terrible warfare](#) that will break out in the end times. Those wars will include the Antichrist's rise to power, which requires the downfall of three other kings ([Daniel 7:8](#)), and possibly the [Battle of Gog and Magog](#) ([Ezekiel 38–39](#)).

[Revelation 6:5](#) The [third Horseman](#) of the Apocalypse portrays a [great famine](#) that will take place. Food is scarce, and prices are inflated beyond reason. The command to spare the oil and the wine seems to signify that the luxuries (oil and wine) will still be available during the famine, but the staples will not.

When the Lamb breaks open the fourth seal, the fourth living creature says, "Come!" ([Revelation 6:7](#)).

([Revelation 6:8](#)). The fourth Horseman of the Apocalypse is symbolic of [death](#) and [devastation](#). The horse's pale color (in the original language, it's literally "pale green" or "yellowish green") denotes sickness and biliousness. The fourth Horseman of the Apocalypse will bring further warfare and terrible famines along with awful plagues, diseases, and attacks by wild animals.

A fourth of the world's population will die. What is most amazing, or perhaps terrifying, is that the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are just precursors of even worse judgments that come later in the tribulation (Revelation chapters 8–9 and 16). For all the horror brought by the Four Horsemen, there is much more to come.