

CHAPTERS 6-8A

The Four Horseman – 6:1-8

How are the first horse and rider described? What is his mission? Who or what might this represent? (see **19:11,14**)

How are the second horse and rider described? What is his mission? What might this represent? (*compare Matt 10:34-36*)

How are the third horse and rider described? What is announced at his coming? What might this represent?

How are the fourth horse and rider described? What is he given authority to do? How does he overlap and exceed the work of the previous two horsemen?

The Fifth and Sixth Seals – 6:9-17

How have the saints fared during this time of violence and suffering? Where are their souls located and what might this symbolize?

What question do they ask? What answer are they given?

How is the great day of God's wrath described here? (*compare Joel 2:30-31; Is 34:4; Matt 24:29*) Is this intended to be a literal description of God's judgment? What does it symbolize?

How do the people of earth react? What question do they ask?

144,000 Sealed – 7:1-8

How is further judgment symbolically restrained? Why does God delay this judgment? (*compare Ezek 9*)

What does the sealing of God's bond-servants symbolize? (see **14:1**)

How many saints receive God's seal? What does this number symbolize?

What tribes are left out in this description of the spiritual Israel? (*compare Num 1:20-46*) Why might this be?

Multitude from the Tribulation – 7:9-17

Whom does John now see standing before the throne? How are they described? How does this differ from those whom John had heard described in **v. 4**?

How does this vision answer the question of **6:17**?

What does this multitude say in praise to God? What do the angels, elders, and four living creatures add to this praise?

Who is John told this multitude represents? What have they had to experience to reach this point?

How is their eternal blessedness and relationship with the Lord described? (*parallel Rev 21-22*)

The Seventh Seal – 8:1-5

What is the result of the seventh seal being broken? What impression is this intended to give? (*compare Hab 2:20; Zech 2:13*)

What is prepared during this time?

How is this silence finally broken? What does the fire of this incense represent and what is its effect upon the earth? What does this symbolize?