

The Second Seal



Revelation 6:3-4 KJV

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And 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.

Sword / War

- Curses, Plagues, Disobedience
- Beginning of Birth Pains {Matt. 24:7}
- Contributor to 4th Seal Population Reduction
- Song of Moses
- 1 of God's "4 Disastrous Acts of Judgment"
- Process of Cleansing in Fulfillment of YHWH's Day of Atonement

SWORD, FAMINE, PESTILENCE & WILD BEASTS

In ALL 7 Chapters God is Targeting His Disobedient People

This emphasizes REPENTANCE BEFORE
the 4 Horsemen Emerge

Failure to do so can be a target for destruction...

Also Contained within these 7 Chapters, is God's Interpretation, Instructions, Encouragement, Warnings, Reasons & "Food in due Season" (Matt 24:45) for those alive at the time of **Seals 1-4**

God's Arrows =
Famine, Sword & Pestilence & Wild Beast

→ Yahweh refers to the Curses or Plagues of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Seals as **HIS ARROWS** at **Deuteronomy 32:23-25** & **Ezekiel 5:16-17**.

→ **"Sword, Famine, Pestilence & Wild Beasts** is the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Seal or the 4 Horsemen of Revelation

This is why the 1st Seal Rider is only mentioned with a Bow. His Arrows are the Curses or Plagues of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Seals of **"Sword, Famine, Pestilence & Wild Beasts** targeting the disobedient
Sword / War is a contributor to Revelation's 1st Population Reduction Prediction in the 4th Seal.

→ **Revelation 6:7-8**

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's 3 **Population Reduction**

4th Seal – "Kill 1/4," **Revelation 6:8**

6th Trumpet – "Kill 1/3," **Revelation 6:15**

7 Bowls of WRATH – "people more rare than fine gold" **Isaiah 13:12**

***Pale Horse -PDF Hyperlink**

Song of Moses - [hyperlink](#)

Deuteronomy 32:22-25

22 For a **FIRE** is **KINDLED** by my anger,

...it shall consume the earth with her harvests
and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 ...I will spend **MY Arrows** on them.

24 They shall be wasted with **HUNGER**
Devoured by **PESTILENCE**; ...

I will also send against them the
TEETH OF BEASTS

25 The **SWORD** shall destroy outside;
& indoors **TERROR**,



→ Ezekiel 14:21

“For thus says the Lord God: How much more when I send upon Jerusalem MY 4 DISASTROUS ACTS OF JUDGMENT, sword, FAMINE, wild beasts, and pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast

1. Deuteronomy 32:22-25
2. Leviticus 26:22, 25-26
3. Ezekiel 5:12, 15-17
4. Ezekiel 14:12-23
5. Jeremiah 15:1-3
6. Jeremiah 16:3-4
7. Revelation 6:7-8

- Sword
- Famine
- Pestilence
- Wild Beast



Leviticus 2:22 25-26

I will also send **WILD BEASTS** among you,
which shall rob you of your children,
destroy your livestock, & make you few in number...

25 & I will bring a **SWORD** against you
that will execute the VENGEANCE OF THE COVENANT;
when you are gathered together within your cities
I will send **PESTILENCE** among you;

& you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

When I have **CUT OFF YOUR SUPPLY OF BREAD**

ten women shall bake your bread in one oven,
& they shall bring back your **BREAD BY WEIGHT**

& you shall **EAT & NOT BE SATISFIED**

[*Beasts](#) – PDF Hyperlink



Ezekiel 5:12, 15-17

12 A 1/3 part of you shall die of **PESTILENCE**
& be consumed with **FAMINE** in your midst;
a 1/3 part shall fall by the **SWORD** all around you;
& a 1/3 part I will scatter to all the WINDS
& will unsheathe the **SWORD** after them.

15 You shall be a **REPROACH** & a **TAUNT**,
a **WARNING** & a **HORROR**, to the **NATIONS** all around you,
when **I EXECUTE JUDGMENTS** on you in **ANGER & FURY**,
& with **FURIOUS REBUKES—**
I am the Lord; I have spoken—

16 When I send against them the
TERRIBLE ARROWS OF FAMINE
which shall be for **DESTRUCTION**,
which I will send to **DESTROY YOU**,
I will INCREASE the FAMINE upon you
& **CUT OFF YOUR SUPPLY OF BREAD**.

17 So I will send against you
FAMINE & WILD BEASTS

& they will bereave you.
PESTILENCE & BLOOD
shall pass through you,
& I will bring the **SWORD** against you.
I, the Lord, have spoken.”

Ezekiel 14:12-23

12 & the word of the Lord came to me:

13 “Son of man, when a land SINS AGAINST ME
by ACTING FAITHLESSLY,
& I STRETCH OUT MY HAND AGAINST IT
& BREAK ITS SUPPLY OF BREAD
& send **FAMINE** upon it
& cut off from it man & beast,

14 even if these three men, NOAH, DANIEL, & JOB, were in it,
they would deliver but their OWN LIVES by THEIR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
declares the Lord God.

15 “If I cause **WILD BEASTS**
to pass through the land,
& they ravage it, & it be made desolate,
so that no one may pass through because of the BEASTS,

16 even if these 3 MEN were in it,
as I live, declares the Lord God,
THEY WOULD DELIVER NEITHER SONS OR DAUGHTERS.
THEY ALONE WOULD BE DELIVERED,
but the land would be desolate.

17 “Or if I bring a **SWORD** upon that land & say,

Let a **SWORD** pass through the land,

& I cut off from it man & beast,

18 though these 3 MEN were in it, as I live, declares the Lord God,

THEY WOULD DELIVER NEITHER SONS NOR DAUGHTERS,

BUT THEY ALONE WOULD BE DELIVERED.

19 “Or if I send a **PESTILENCE** into that land

& pour out my **WRATH** upon it with **BLOOD**,

to cut off from it man & beast,

20 even if **NOAH, DANIEL, & JOB** were in it,

as I live, declares the Lord God,

THEY WOULD DELIVER NEITHER SONS NOR DAUGHTERS.

They would deliver but their **OWN LIVES** by **THEIR**

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

21 “For thus says the Lord God:

How much more when I send upon Jerusalem

MY 4 DISASTROUS ACTS OF JUDGMENT,

SWORD, FAMINE, WILD BEASTS, & PESTILENCE

to cut off from it man & beast

22 But behold, SOME SURVIVORS will be left in it,
SONS & DAUGHTERS WHO WILL BE BROUGHT OUT;
behold, when they come out to you,
& YOU SEE THEIR WAYS & THEIR DEEDS,
you will be CONSOLED for the disaster that I have brought
upon Jerusalem,
for all that I have brought upon it.

23 They will CONSOLE you,
when YOU SEE THEIR WAYS & THEIR DEEDS,
& you shall know
that I have not done without CAUSE all that I have done in it,
declares the Lord God.”



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ΒΑΡΒΑΡΑΣ ✠



Η ἁγία μάρτυς βαρβάραι. ἐγένετο ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτολήσ·
θυγατήρ διοσκόρου τῆρ σέλληρος· ὅπῃ τοῦ μαζιμα
μοῦ τοῦ παρὰ νόμου καὶ νόμος· ὅδ' ὡν ἑαυτῆς διὰ
τὸ εἶναι αὐτῇ ἄμορφον· ἵνα μὴ ἀρπάσῃ τίς αὐτῇ· ἔ
ποινος τῶν ἱεροῦ τῆς λῶν· καὶ ἀποκλεισθῇ αὐτῇ ἑρμῆς
καὶ ὁδοὺς κεραυτῆρ καὶ εἰδωλῶν· ἵνα προσκυρῇ· ὁ κείρῃ
δὲ τὰ εἰδωλῶν σιωτρίψας· τὸν χρὶ ὁ θεὸς καὶ ὁ βίβλος
ὁ ζῶν καὶ οὐ τὸν κτίζοντος τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῆς· καὶ διαπα
ζαμβρὺν τοῖς τέχνῃσι σμῖα· θυρίδα· ποικίλῃ· ὑποχρεῖ
σαι τοῖς αὐτοῦ· ὁ κείρῃ δὲ τοῦ πύργου παρὰ κύψας· πρεῖς
θυρίδας διὰ ζαλογῆρας· εἰς τὸ ὄμομα τοῦ πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ
ἱῶ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος· διαγνώσθῃ ὁ αὐτῇ παρὰ τοῦ πνεύματος
χριστιανῇ· παρὰ δὲ τῇ τῷ ἀρχοντὶ καὶ ἐτμορῇ θῆ· εἰτα
φυγόνσαι· ἀμὴν ληθῇ εἰς τὸ ὄρος· καὶ καταδραμὼν αὐτῇ ὁ
πῆρ αὐτῆς καὶ ὁ δῶν· οἱ κείρῃς χροῖμα ὡς κεφαλῶν· καὶ ἐρχ
μέρος δὲ ἐκ τῶ ὄρους· καὶ βλάψῃ ὡς πυρὸς ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ ἐρῇ ὁ θεός·

Jeremiah 15:1-3

1 Then the LORD said to me,
“Though MOSES and SAMUEL stood before me,
yet my **HEART would NOT TURN TOWARDS THIS PEOPLE.**
Send them out of my sight, and let them go

2 & when they ask you, ‘Where shall we go?’
you shall say to them,
‘Thus says the LORD:
“Those who are for **PESTILENCE, to PESTILENCE**
& those who are for the **SWORD, to the SWORD**
those who are for **FAMINE, to FAMINE ,**
& those who are for **CAPTIVITY, to CAPTIVITY.**

3 I will **APPOINT** over them
FOUR KINDS OF DESTROYERS,
declares the LORD:
the **SWORD** to **KILL,** the **DOGS** TO **TEAR,**
& the **BIRDS OF THE AIR** & the **BEASTS OF THE EARTH**
to **DEVOUR** and **DESTROY.**

[*Birds of the Air](#) -PDF Hyperlink

Jeremiah 16:3-4

3 For thus says the Lord
concerning the sons and daughters
who are born in this place,
and concerning the mothers who bore them
and the fathers who fathered them in this land:

4 They shall die of **DEADLY DISEASES**.
They shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried.
They shall be as dung on the surface of the ground.
They shall perish by the **SWORD**
and by **FAMINE**,
and their dead bodies shall be food for the **BIRDS** of the air
and for the **BEASTS of the earth**.



Matthew 24:7

7 Nations will •fight [Lrise up] against other nations, and kingdoms against other kingdoms. There will be •times when there is no food for people to eat [famines], and there will be earthquakes in •different [various] places. - *Expanded Bible*

ἔθνος

Strong's 1484

The KJV translates Strong's G1484 in the following manner
Gentiles (93x), Nations (64x), Heathen (5x), People (2x).

a multitude (whether of men or of beasts) associated or living together

1.a company, troop, swarm

2.a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus

1.the human family

3.a tribe, nation, people group

4.in the OT, foreign nations not worshipping the true God, pagans, Gentiles

Ethnos – Commentary [Hyperlink](#)

Preterist view

Ernest Renan (19th century) interpreted the *Second Horseman* to be symbolic of The Great Jewish Revolt and the insurrection of Vindex.[11] During *The Great Revolt*, civil war broke out amongst the Jews. The civil war not only dissipated their stand against Rome, but also divided the Jewish people into factions that eventually dis-unified Jerusalem.[17] Hugo Grotius (17th century), interprets “the earth”, in verse 4, as the *land of Judea*. Johann Jakob Wettstein (18th century), identified the *Red horse* as representing the assassins and robbers of Judea in the days of Antonius Felix and Porcius Festus.[10] Volkmar, a *modern rationalist preterist*, broadened the scope of the *Second Horseman* to include major battles that occurred after the year 66: the Jewish–Roman wars, Roman–Parthian Wars, and Byzantine–Arab Wars.[11]

Historicist view

The common *historicist* view of the *Second Seal* is associated with the Roman period fraught with civil war between 32 would-be emperors that came and went during that time. It was the beginning of the end for the Roman Empire.[17] The Puritan Joseph Mede (1627) captured this timeframe from years 98 to 275.[19] Christopher Wordsworth, in his *Lectures on the Apocalypse* (1849), declared a 240-year timespan, from years 64 to 304. During this period, Wordsworth indicated *Ten persecutions*: First, Nero; Second, Domitian;

Third, Trajan; Fourth, Marcus Aurelius Antoninus; Fifth, Septimius Severus, Sixth, Maximinus; Seventh, Decius; Eighth, Valerian; Ninth, Aurelian; Tenth, Diocletian.[10] The common *historicist* view of the *Second Seal* ends with Diocletian in 305.[17]

Other 19th-century views were that of Edward Bishop Elliott who suggested that the *Second Seal* opened during the military despotism under Commodus, in the year 185. While the Church of Scotland minister, Alexander Keith applied the *Second Seal* directly to the spread of Mohammedanism, starting in the year 622.[19]

Futurist view

The Antichrist will unleash World War III, and crush any who claim to be Christians. He allies with the Arab world in an effort to conquer the entire world. (Ezek. 38; Dan. 11) Only Jerusalem will stand in his way to world supremacy.[17]

Idealist view

Seal judgments two through four represent the disintegration of both human civilization and creation resulting from their rejection of the Lamb of God. The rider on the red horse represents the slaughter and war that the kingdoms of men perpetrate against each other because they reject the Christ. [17]

Geneva Study Bible

And {3} when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

(3) The second sign joined with words of declaration (after the express calling of John as before) is, that God being provoked to wrath by the obstinacy and hard heartedness of the world, not repenting for the former plague: as setting on the same at hand, will cause disputes among men, and will destroy the inhabitants of this world, by the swords of one another.

Revelation 20:4

Then I saw the thrones, and those seated on them had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image, and had not received its mark on their foreheads or hands. And they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

