

The Final Say | Revelation 6:1–8 (ESV)



Observation: What does the text say?

- **v.1–2:** The **Lamb** opened the first seal. A **white horse** — its rider had a bow and a crown. He came out conquering, and to conquer.
- **vv.3–4:** A **red horse**. Its rider was *permitted* to take peace from the earth. He was given a great sword.
- **vv.5–6:** A **black horse**. Scales in hand. A day’s wage for a day’s meal. “Do not harm the oil and wine.”
- **vv.7–8:** A **pale horse**. Its rider’s name was **Death**, and **Hades** followed. Authority over a *fourth* of the earth.
- The four living creatures who **worship** God in chapter 4 are the same ones who **summon** the horsemen in chapter 6. “Come.”

Scriptures: Revelation 6:1–8; Zechariah 6:1–8; Leviticus 26:18–26; Ezekiel 14:21; Matthew 24:6–8

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Interpretation: What does it mean?

The prayers of the saints and the justice of God

- Our prayers to God matter; they are held as an offering.
- The four creatures worship God and call for God's judgement.

Revelation 5:8; Revelation 8:3–5; Psalm 141:2; Luke 18:7–8

What was sealed is now revealed

- The four horses / horsemen have been seen throughout scripture as judgement.

Daniel 12:4, 9; Revelation 22:10; Matthew 24:6–8; Leviticus 26:18–26; Zechariah 6:1–8

God has the final say

- Each rider's authority is **limited**. The red horse is "*permitted*." Death has authority over a *fourth* and not the whole earth.
- God has the final say, not the earth, not man, not creation.

Revelation 6:4, 6, 8; Ezekiel 14:21; Psalm 46:1–3; Romans 8:28

Application: How should we live?

Trust God even when you don't understand

- This text does not explain *why*. It tells you **who is in control**. It is not the horsemen. It is the **Lamb**.

Proverbs 3:5–6; Isaiah 55:8–9; Hebrews 11:1

Pray, because your prayers matter

- Your prayers are held in golden bowls before the throne as offering. God answers prayer in his timing.

Revelation 5:8; Revelation 8:3–5; Psalm 141:2; Matthew 6:10

Live as people who know the ending

- The horsemen ride, but they ride by **permission**. God's kingdom will come and God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Revelation 20:14; Revelation 11:15; Luke 21:28–36; 2 Corinthians 5:7

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