

Now discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. What associations and assumptions, either culturally or personally, have you had regarding the four horsemen in Revelation 6? How do you view them now after reading John's description?

2. In John's vision, he sees Jesus open the first through the fourth seals. What do each of the horsemen that are released symbolize? What is significant about the color of their horses?

3. Considering what the four horsemen symbolize, which of them seems to be the most predominant in wreaking destruction in the world today?

4. What are some of the obstacles, barriers, opponents, and circumstances you have overcome in your faith? How many of these are represented in Revelation 6–7?

5. Why are the people of God the only ones capable of standing in the face of false teaching, war, spiritual famine, disease, persecution, and natural catastrophes? How is the source of your power as a believer different than that of kings, great ones, generals, and the wealthy?

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It is important to remember that the four horsemen in John's vision had significance and relevance for the original recipients of his letter. They are not just part of some future event. John's original readers knew what it meant to endure false messiahs, wars, famines, diseases, persecution, and natural catastrophes. Also, keep in mind that John doesn't say anything in Revelation that hasn't already been said elsewhere in Scripture. For example, this passage follows the same order of Jesus' warnings in Matthew 24 about the last days in which we are still living.

Why is it important to remember that the scenes in Revelation 6–7 have significance and relevance to believers today?

What do you feel as you consider the impact the four horsemen have had on humankind throughout history?

How does focusing on the strength you have in Jesus impact any fears, worries, concerns, or apprehensions you have about the four horsemen and their impact?

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PRAY

End your time by praying together as a group. As you pray, ask God to help you understand the strength you have in Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Acknowledge any fears, concerns, or lingering questions you may have—but also realize that God’s power in you means you can endure, withstand, and overcome anything and everything represented by the four horsemen. Ask if anyone has prayer requests, and then write down those requests so that you and your fellow group members can continue to pray about them in the week ahead.

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