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The Beginning of Sorrows-the Seal Judgments 3 & 4

- I. The seven seal judgments occur during the first half of the seven year Tribulation; this is the Beginning of Sorrows—birth pangs (Mt. 24:6-8).
 - 1. Only The Lamb Jesus Christ has the ability to open and initiate the seal judgments (Rev. Chap 5).
 - 2. The first seal judgment:
 - 1) White horse—false peace (Dan. 9:27).
 - 2) Rider with bow and victors crown—conquering with peace (Dan. 8:25).
 - 3. The second seal judgment:
 - 1) Red horse—war.
 - 2) Rider with sword—the aggressive use of force.
- **II.** The Third Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:5–6).
 - 1. The Lamb opens the seal.
 - 2. The third cherub orders the horse and rider to come out.
 - 3. A black horse comes out—famine.
 - 4. The rider has a balance scale.
 - 5. A cherub interprets, "A measure of wheat" (volume less than a quart).
 - 6. "For a penny" (a Roman silver coin; it was a worker's average daily wage).
 - 7. "Three measures of barley for a penny."
 - 8. And the oil and whine you don't mistreat" (cf. 1 Tim. 5:23)
- **III.** The Forth Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:7-8).
 - 1. The Lamb opens the seal.
 - 2. The forth cherub orders the horse and rider to come out.
 - 3. A light green horse comes out-death.
 - 4. The rider is death followed by hades, unsaved.
 - 5. One fourth of the world's population dies.
 - i. By battle—sword.
 - ii. By famine.
 - iii. By wild beasts.

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The Beginning of Sorrows-the first four Seal Judgments

	Color	Condition	Descriptions	Additional passages
1 st Horse	White	False peace	Archery bow, conquering to conquer—given victor's crown	Mat. 24:6 Dan. 9:27 1 Th. 5:2-3
2 nd Horse	Red	War	Takes peace from earth, given sword, nations who were at peace kill one another	Mat. 24:6 Dan. 7:8 1 Th. 5:2-3
3 rd Horse	Black	Famine	Balance to weigh food, slave rations	Mat. 24:7
4 th Horse	Light green	Death	Killed by sword, by hunger, in death, and by hungry wild beasts	