

# The Beginning Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ (Mark 13)

## The Four Horsemen Of The Apocalypse And The Beginning Of Birth Pains

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Mark 13:1-2 As He was leaving the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

### The Lord's First Four Statements Reveal The Four Horsemen Of Revelation

Mark 13:5-8 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in My Name, claiming, 'I am He,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places and famines.

### The Rider On The White Horse Is Metaphor For Conquest By Deception (False Christs)

Revelation 6:1-2 I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow and he was given a crown and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

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### The Rider On The Red Horse Represents Jesus' Statements About War

Revelation 6:3-4 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was

given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Mark 13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen; but the end is still to come.

### The Rider On The Black Horse Represents The Socio-Economic Results Of War And Human Conflict

Revelation 6:5-6 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

### The Rider On The Pale Horse Represents Famine, Plague And An Amplification Of Human Conflict

Revelation 6:7-8 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Historical Pandemics: The most famous outbreak, the Black Death in 14th-century Europe, killed 25 to 50 million people, wiping out up to 50% of the region's population. Modern Mortality Rate: Untreated plague has a historic fatality rate ranging from 66% to 93%. (cdc.gov/plague-statistics/index)

Worldwide, the World Health Organization attributes approximately 600,000 deaths per year to direct drug use, with opioids accounting for close to 80% of these global fatalities. Drug overdoses in the US dramatically increased over the last two decades, deaths increased approximately 520% from 1999 to 2023- In 2023, approximately 105,000 people died from a drug overdose and nearly 80,000, or about 76%, involved opioids. (USCDC)

### The End Times Teaching Of The Bible Is Called Eschatology And It All Indicates An Increasing Magnitude As Time Unfolds

Mark 13:8 Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

## **The Fifth Seal Reveals Anti-Christian Sentiment And Actions As The Gospel Spreads**

Mark 13:9-13 You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. Because of Me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. This gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial...

...do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. "Brother will betray brother to death and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of Me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Revelation 6:9-11 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until You judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

### **Please Stand For A Public Reading**

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!