

## The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

### Revelation 6:1-8

- 1) The earth's last days divided into three periods
  - a) Era of *birth pangs* (Matt 24:8): false Christs, war, famine, earthquakes
  - b) Era of *tribulation* (Matt 24:21); Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week (Dan. 9:26-27)
  - c) Era *immediately after the distress of those days* (Matt 24:29-30): Christ's return and His subsequent earthly kingdom
- 2) The first four seals: onset of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week (Rev. 6:1-8; cf. Dan. 9:24-27)
  - a) A white horse (1-2): Antichrist (*beast, man of lawlessness*) is revealed
  - b) A red horse (3-4): peace removed from earth; men slaughter one another
  - c) A black horse (5-6): famine on the heels of war
  - d) A pale horse (7-8): death & Hades reigning over ¼ of the earth
- 3) Observations & application
  - a) God has sovereignly decreed the day of His judgment
    - i) Since God is holy, He must judge sinners
    - ii) Let us note that God's judgment comes *after* the cross
  - b) God's enemies are those who reject His Son, Jesus Christ
  - c) Enemies of God, *repent!*
  - d) Children of God, *overcome!*