



## Revelation Backgrounds 15

### The Birth Pains Selected Cross-references

Revelation 6



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## The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse



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## Four Horsemen

- Zec 1:8-11 “I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. (9) Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ (10) So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’ (11) And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’



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## Four Horsemen

- Zec 6:1-8 Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of bronze. (2) The first chariot had red horses, the second black horses, (3) the third white horses, and the fourth chariot dappled horses—all of them strong. (4) Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” (5) And the angel answered and said to me, “These are going out to the four winds of heaven (cf. Rev 7:1), after presenting themselves before the Lord of all the earth. (6) The chariot with the black horses goes toward the north country, the white ones go after them, and the dappled ones go toward the south country.” (7) When the strong horses came out, they were impatient to go and patrol the earth. And he said, “Go, patrol the earth.” So they patrolled the earth.



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## All these are the beginning of birth pains

- Mat 24:4-9 And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. (5) For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. (6) And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.** (7) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. (8) All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. (9) “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.



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- Luke 21:28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”



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## The first seal

### Revelation 6:1

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### References

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,  
Psa 50:4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:



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## 2. Red: war

### Revelation 6:3-4

When he broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, "Go!" Another horse went out, a red one; and its rider was **given the power** to take peace away from the earth and make people slaughter each other. He was given a great sword.

### References

Mat 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.  
Red = War.

- Rev 12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.
- Rev 17:3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.



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## 3. Black: famine leading to rationing

### Revelation 6:5-6

When he broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, "Go!" I looked, and there in front of me was a black horse, and its rider held in his hand a pair of scales. Then I heard what sounded like a voice from among the four living beings say, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages! Six pounds of barley for the same price! But don't damage the oil or the wine!"

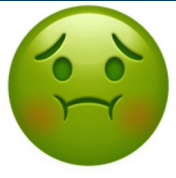
### References

Lev 26:26 When I break your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in a single oven and shall dole out your bread again by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.  
Eze 4:10 And your food that you eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from day to day you shall eat it.  
Mat 24:7 and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.



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## 4. Pale: famine and pestilence

Revelation 6:7-8	References
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## 5. Martyrs

Revelation 6:9	References
<p>When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been <b>put to death for proclaiming the Word of God</b>, that is, for bearing witness.</p>	<p>Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.</p> <p>Hebrews 9:23-24: Thus, it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.</p>

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Revelation 6:10	References
They cried out in a loud voice, "Sovereign Ruler, HaKadosh, the True One, how long will it be before you judge the people living on earth and avenge our blood?"	<p>Gen 4:10 And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.</p> <p>Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.</p> <p>Deu 32:43 "Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and takes vengeance on his adversaries. He repays those who hate him and cleanses his people's land."</p> <p>Psa 79:10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants be known among the nations before our eyes!</p>

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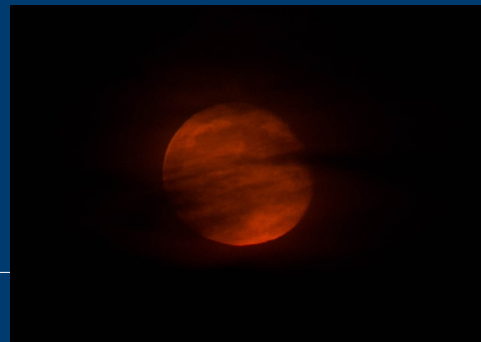
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Each of them was given a <b>white robe</b> ; and they were told to <b>wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants should be reached</b> , of their brothers who would be killed, just as they had been.	<p>Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.</p> <p>Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”</p> <p>Genesis 15:14-16: But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”</p>

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## 6. Earthquake, sun to black

Revelation 6:12-14	References
Then I watched as he broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake, the sun turned black as sackcloth worn in mourning, and the full moon became blood-red. The stars fell from heaven to earth just as a fig tree drops its figs when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place.	<p>Mat 24:29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”</p>



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Exo 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt."  
Isa 13:9-10 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. (10) For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.



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## 6. Fig tree



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### References

Mat 24:32-33 From the fig tree, learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. (33) So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.  
Isa 34:4 All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.



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## 6. Hide in Caves

### Revelation 6:15-17

Then the earth's kings, the rulers, the generals, the rich and the mighty—indeed, everyone, slave and free—**hid himself in caves** and among the rocks in the mountains and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne and from the fury of the Lamb! For the Great Day of their fury has come, and who can stand?"

### References

Jos 10:16-19 These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. (17) And it was told to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." (18) And Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, (19) but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand."



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### References

Joe 2:11 The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?  
 Mal 3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.  
 Mar 13:20 And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.



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## "Prophecy is Pattern" - the Plagues of Egypt

Plague	Exodus	Revelation
Water to Blood	<a href="#">Exo 7:14-24</a>	<a href="#">Rev 8:8</a> ; <a href="#">Rev 11:6</a> ; <a href="#">Rev 16:4-5</a>
Frogs	<a href="#">Exo 8:1-15</a>	<a href="#">Rev 16:13-14</a>
Lice	<a href="#">Exo 8:16-19</a>	<a href="#">Rev 6:8</a> ; <a href="#">Rev 9:20</a>
Flies	<a href="#">Exo 8:20-32</a>	<a href="#">Rev 6:8</a>
Pestilence	<a href="#">Exo 9:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Rev 6:8</a>
Boils	<a href="#">Exo 9:10-12</a>	<a href="#">Rev 16:1-2, 11</a>
Hail/fire	<a href="#">Exo 9:13-35</a>	<a href="#">Rev 8:7</a> ; <a href="#">Rev 16:21</a>
Locusts	<a href="#">Exo 10:1-20</a>	<a href="#">Rev 9:2-11</a>
Darkness	<a href="#">Exo 10:21-29</a>	<a href="#">Rev 8:12</a> , <a href="#">Rev 16:10</a>

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## Death of the Firstborn

- Ex 12:29 At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock.
- Ex 11:6 There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, **such as there has never been, nor ever will be again.**
- Rev 5:6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, **as though it had been slain,**

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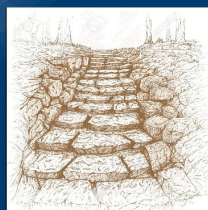
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## Talmidim Way



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