

# Bereans Bible Institute

## Module XI – Revelation

### Lesson 17 – Revelation 6:1-8

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#### I. The Lamb Opens the 7-Sealed Scroll

A. 4 Horsemen borrowed from Zechariah 1:8-17 & 6:1-8 (Judgment of nations that oppress Israel)

1. CONTEXT:

a. Cyrus' decree, Temple project frustrated by surrounding peoples 9 years during reign of Cyrus, completely stalled for 12 years during the reign of Cambyses (Ahasuerus – Ezra 4:6) & Pseudo-Smerdis (Artaxerxes of Ezra 4:7-24).

b. Haggai & Zechariah – two prophets who encouraged completion of Temple Ezra 5:1, from 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius to 6<sup>th</sup> year of Darius (Darius was also Artaxerxes Ezra 6:14, Ezra 7 – Nehemiah).

1. Haggai 1:1 – 2:9

c. 4 horses in Zechariah = 4 Winds & belong to God (Zech. 1:8-21; Zech. 6:1-8; Dan. 7:2)

1. Red horses = to & fro

2. Black horses = north (Syrian Kingdom, Syria, Turkey, Iraq)

3. White horses = south

4. Spotted horses (ash {LXX}) = north (Egyptian Kingdom)

B. Seals 1-4, The beginning of birth pains (Matt. 24:4-14)

1. Vss. 1-2: White Horse, a rider w/bow, victor's wreath, conquering

a. Antichrist arising (Dan. 7:24-25; Dan. 11:40-45; Rev. 13:1-3)

b. Mass deception & apostasy (Matt. 24:4-5,7 & 2 Thess. 2:1-3)

2. Vss. 3-4: Red Horse – rider w/sword

a. rampant violence & wars (Matt. 24:6-7)

3. Vss. 5-6: Black Horse – rider w/yoke, economic ruin

a. famine & pestilence (Matt. 24:7)

4. Vss. 7-8: Pale Horse – rider, mass death, 1/4 of the land

a. The result of the previous