

## Revelation 6, 7, 8

White horse: conquest

Red horse: bloody war

Black horse: famine

Green: death

5<sup>th</sup> seal: the martyrs

6<sup>th</sup> seal: apocalyptic signs of the end

v. 6 denarius "days wage"

wheat: good stuff, barley food of the poor

v. 15: the various ranks of society: nobles (grandees) commanders of a thousand (military tribunes)

v. 17: their vs his

chapter 7: a brief interlude of victory before really nasty stuff  
why? Note Aristotle & comic relief

144,000 Thousand: 12x1000 (lots and lots!)

Note the seal: those marked for salvation

Church as the New Israel

Note the "seal" of baptism

Note Tribe of Judah read out first (Jesus Tribe)

Reading for All Saints Day

Note the JW's view

Not meant to be a literal number, as we see in v. 9

Robes: baptismal robes

Palms: the sign of victory

Victory attributed to God

v. 17: life giving waters: baptism

v. 14: who are these like stars appearing?

v. 15: do not dismiss the voice of those who have suffered

: baptism of intention

victims of assault

converts

women in the church

chapter 8 the seventh seal (followed by 7 trumpet blasts (re court ceremonial

trumpet 5

first of two more: signs in sky and on earth

v. 1 star had fallen from the sky (supernatural powers)

v. 1=3 these appear to be based on the Plagues in Exodus

"hail mixed with blood" vegetation is burned

"mountain cast into the sea" waters become blood, fish  
killed ships wrecked

Wormwood: made from herb, tastes terrible, clears  
out parasites, sometimes an additive in Vermouth  
(artemesia)

4<sup>th</sup> Moon and the stars darkened

"woe" ouai - a word for alas and mourning

c. 3 Altar of Incense in Jerusalem

v. 3: locusts - live for five months - famous for destruction

v. 17: *red*, blue and yellow (19 nations of the world have this on their  
flags, none of which can field an army this large: Chad, Andorra,  
Rumania, Moldavia, Columbia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia

ch 9

: trumpet 6

1-6: a star falls that opens the abyss (ref. angels)

v. 6 poison: it's not nice

image taken from Amos ch 7 v 1 ff

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: He was forming a locust swarm when the  
late growth began to come up (the late growth after the king's mowing ).

2When they had finished eating the grass in the land, I said:Forgive. 0 Lord GOD! Who  
will raise up Jacob?He is so small! 3The LORD relented concerning this. "This shall not  
be," said the Lord GOD.4This is what the Lord GOD showed me: He was summoning a  
rain of fire. It had devoured the great abyss and was consuming the fields.

5Then I said:Cease, 0 Lord GOD!Who will raise up Jacob? He is so small! 6The  
LORD relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," said the Lord GOD.

v. 11 "abadon" destruction

v. 13 horns of the altar

v. 14 Euphrates: Persian Empire known for its cavalry

v. 18 sulphur smoke used in wars (ref. caves)

v. 20 several crimes: idolatry, murder, unchastity, theft, magic