

“The Red and Black Horsemen”

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- A. “Second living creature”** - These are four cherubim that surround the throne of God
- B. “A red horse”** – Refers to actual spirit animals that normally patrol the earth. (**Zechariah 6:1-8**)
1. They exist in the common colors of earthly horses.
 2. They are spirits that stand for the Lord.
 3. They go forth to patrol the earth.
 4. They can execute judgments over certain regions of the land.
- C. About the angel who sat on the horse:**
1. He will **“take peace from the earth”**.
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 - a. This time period was described by Jesus - **Matthew 24:6**
 3. He is given a **“great sword”**- symbolizes violence and death.
 - a. **Matthew 24:7–8** — ⁷ “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸ “But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”
- D. Application:**
1. Avoid large gatherings that attract opposition. **Proverbs 27:12** — “A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, The naive proceed and pay the penalty.”
 2. Secure emergency resources now.

3. Live away from large population centers.
4. Have the means to defend your life against predators. **Luke 22:36** — “And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.”

II. The rider of the black horse will unleash worldwide economic collapse.

Revelation 6:5–6 — ⁵ When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a **pair of scales** in his hand. ⁶ And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A **quart of wheat** for a **denarius**, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.””

A. Definitions:

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2. **“Quart of wheat”** - a dry measure almost equal to a qt.
3. **“denarius”** – It is equivalent to a days wage.

B. Interpretation: Astronomical food prices would bring famine and starvation.

1. The dollar will buy less and less.
2. The causal effect of this hyperinflation comes from widespread war.

C. Application:

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2. Learn how to grow your own food. (vegetables, chickens, sheep and goats)
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