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TOPICS



In Revelation chapter 6 we find Jesus Christ the Lamb the only entity in Heaven who is able and worthy to open the seven-sealed scroll of the future. (See also chapter 5). The first four seals, when individually opened reveal four horses, spiritual beings possessing powers, who have ridden and will ride across the nations of the earth throughout time!

These horses have long been considered extremely important to all sincere Bible lovers because **this chapter about them opens our eyes to the spiritual world and what demonic and also heavenly forces are at work, both in the past and also right now today!** These spiritual forces influence humans for good or evil and possess them either way, according to the choices people make. So, let's dissect one of the horses in this edition called the BLACK HORSE!

Revelation 6: 5 When He broke open the third seal, I heard the

third living creature call out, Come and look! And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in **his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance)**.

6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine!



The key to understanding who this rider and horse are lies in the word 'Balances'. Through cross-referencing* other verses in the Bible we can see that this

horse symbolises 'the Merchant' the wicked rich, that is those rich who destroy the poor and the earth to become rich in their greed.



God has a tremendous amount of scripture in the Bible, but I have chosen only a few for you to help us see the anger and hatred the Lord has for this Black Horse attitude.

Hosea 12: 7 Canaan [Israel—whose ideals have sunk to those of Canaan] is a trader (Merchant); the **balances of deceit are in his hand; he loves to oppress and defraud**.

This is the key to understand the Black Horse, because we see the rider is a merchant,

so it is the Merchant Spirit or greed which causes famine and oppression, not anything else.

Amos:8:4-6

4 Hear this, O you **(Merchants)** who would swallow up and trample down the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail and come to an end,

5 Saying, When will the New Moon festival be past that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath that we may offer wheat for sale, making the ephah [measure] small and the shekel [measure] great **and falsifying the scales by deceit, (sounds familiar?)**

6 That we may buy [into slavery] the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; yes, and sell the refuse of the wheat [as if it were good grade]? **The Black Horse then represents famine and poverty, perpetrated by the rich** who refuse to share with those in need. Oil and Wine, throughout the Scriptures, symbolise abundance or luxury. The fact that oil and wine were 'not harmed' in Revelation 6:6, indicates a situation (now global) where wealth and luxury exist alongside famine and poverty. This gulf between the rich and the poor is only growing.

Here are a few more amazing verses about this topic, focusing on the impact of the merchant's behaviour.

JOB 24

3 They (The rich/ the Merchants/ the greedy/the rulers) drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They crowd the poor and needy off the road; the poor and meek of the earth all hide themselves.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, [the poor] go forth to their work, seeking diligently for prey and food; the wilderness yields them bread for their children [in roots and herbage].

6 They reap each one his fodder (food) in a field [that is not his own], and they glean the vintage of the wicked man.

7 They lie all night naked, without clothing, and have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains and cling to the rock for want of shelter.

9 **[The violent men whose wickedness seems unnoticed] pluck the fatherless infants from the breast [to sell or make them slaves], (child exploitation/ slavery)** and take [the clothing on] the poor for a pledge,

10 So that the needy go about naked for lack of clothing, and though hungry, they must carry [but not eat from] the sheaves.

11 Among the olive rows [of the wicked, the poor] make oil; they tread [the fresh juice of the grape from] the presses, but suffer thirst.

21 [The evil man] preys upon the barren, childless woman and does no good to the widow.

23 God gives them security, and they rest on it; and His eyes are upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, and then are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all others are and are cut off as the tops of the ears of grain.

Warning to Rich Oppressors

James 5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted,

and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. **4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.** 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.[a] 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Really shocking stuff from the Bible again! The place where we get the real news of what's going in the world today. The Great Reset we all hear about is nothing but more of the same from the Black Horse.

Please take some time this week to see if you are riding on this Black Horse or not. Examine your own ways and see how much of the descriptions above fit your lifestyle. The best horse in this race is not Black, but White as you will see as you read the chapter!

Finally, I will end with a page from a book I wrote 14 years ago in which I share my own experience first hand of the effects of the Black Horse riding by.

I pray you have enjoyed this edition and the Lord will bless your new week! Love in Him, Jerry

THE AIRCON MAN HAS NO AIRCON!

It has been my experience in China at two different times to have air conditioners installed in my humble apartment. On both occasions, the personnel sent by the air-conditioner

supplier were very precious and diligent personnel. We had (Chinese) tea together and we also chatted about family and such-like. All in all, it was an interesting experience for me. To get to know these air conditioner people and see their hard working and diligent approach to their job, really endeared me to them. Truly this kind of Chinese people are very precious, and my heart goes out to them.

One thing I discovered, and perhaps this is really not an anomaly, neither in China nor in the rest of the world, but I discovered that these hard working 'air conditioner installers', themselves lived in homes or apartments which themselves had **no** air-conditioning! In both cases, the weather was above 30 degrees on a daily basis. As far as I was concerned, this was hot, unpleasant and sweaty without an aircon!

Why is this? How come in the 21st century these people who themselves install air conditioners for people like you and me, themselves live with their wife and one child in small apartments where they have no access to cool air, which they themselves **install** all day long? This is a paradoxical question!! As long as China and many other nations have people like this, willing to do this kind of work, then China is guaranteed economic success! Does it ever cross the mind of these air conditioner installers to ask these questions themselves? I am not sure, and I also don't have the heart to ask them. Perhaps you can ask them?

But the time may come when



such air conditioner installers will rise up and demand air conditioners or some such type of change in society. If that demand takes on popularity like the Tai Ping Rebellion of the 19th Century, then you can be sure China will never be the same.

Perhaps this strange set of circumstances parallels the rather odd fact that in India, it is the poor Rajasthani or Bihari or some other 'i' and their families who build the mansions for the rich and famous in Delhi or Mumbai or Kolkata!

I will never forget living in India and seeing these poor and lower castes building palaces for the rich. They lived and worked in the hulls and skeletons of the palaces they themselves were building for the rich. They lived there and slept there and set up their own temporary home there for several months, along with their small children, 'enjoying' them for a short time (without air conditioners) in 40-degree daytime heat and 30 degree night time heat, the luxury that the future owners would take for granted. Somehow this left an indelible impression upon my poor young soul.

As soon as the mansion was basically finished, the

workers would move on to their next assignment! Forever remaining poor, and forever building mansions for the rich and usually lasting physically about 50 years in their mortal bodies in the heat of what is India!

If you do meet air conditioner people, or others of similar paradoxical jobs in China or elsewhere, I hope you will please be very kind to them and tell them of God's great Love for them!

(This excerpt is from the book, 'Pieces of China' by Jerry Finch, available on Amazon).

[Pieces of China: A Foreigner's Guide to navigating life in China!](#)
[eBook : Finch, Jerry: Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Store](#)



[The Four Horsemen: The Black Horse - YouTube](#) while this presenter focuses mainly on the Black Horse simply being 'Famine' he is able to show it was the policies of the leaders or rich who caused such famines in history, of which he gives a few examples.

*A cross reference is a **note placed alongside the biblical text which directs the reader to another place in the Bible where he can find the same thing or something similar**. It gives only the book, chapter, and verse without any comment.



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