**The Book of Revelation 6:1-8**

**Opening Questions**

1. We’ve all seen cartoons of a wild-eyed, bearded prophet holding up a sign that says: “Repent! The end is near!” Why is that type of thing often laughed at?

**Basic Facts**

* A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was spotted upon the opening of the first seal.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is associated with the creature mentioned in the opening of the second seal.
* When the fourth seal was opened, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sat on the pale horse.

**Key Phrases**

* *White horse:* The animal represents an unparalleled time of world peace – a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peace that is to be short-lived.
* *He who sat on it:* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Bow:* The bow is a symbol of war, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ implies that this victory is a bloodless one – a peace won by covenant and agreement, not by war.
* *Crown:* This word refers to the kind of laurel wreath awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ athletes.
* *Another horse, fiery red:* God will grant this horse and its rider the power to create worldwide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Sword:* Not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, broad sword, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, more easily maneuvered one that assassins often used and that soldiers carried into battle.
* *Black horse:* Black signifies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Pair of scales:* Indicates that the scarcity of food will lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and food lines.
* *Quart of wheat:* The approximate amount necessary to sustain one person for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Denarius:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ normal wages; one day’s work will provide enough food for only one person.
* *Three quarts of barley:* Usually fed to animals, this grain was low in nutrients and cheaper than wheat. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provides enough for only a small family’s daily supply.
* *Oil and the wine:* Oil was used in the preparation of bread, and wine wad considered necessary for cooking and purifying water – suddenly will become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that have to be carefully protected.
* *Pale horse:* God grants this horseman the authority to bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to 25% of the world’s population.

**Discussion Questions**

1. The first seal depicts a time of worldwide peace. How will this aid in lulling the people of the earth into a false sense of security?
2. What are some examples of false promises of peace in the world today? How do they foreshadow what is to come?
3. How does the world’s view of the antichrist differ from how he is described in Scripture? Why is this dangerous?
4. What kind of judgement did the breaking of the second and third seals unleash upon the earth?
5. If the third seal were to be opened today, what would the figures equate to?
6. What will be the results of the breaking of the third and fourth seals?
7. If the fourth seal were to be opened today, what would the death toll be? How does that compare to some of the doomsday correlations of current events?