



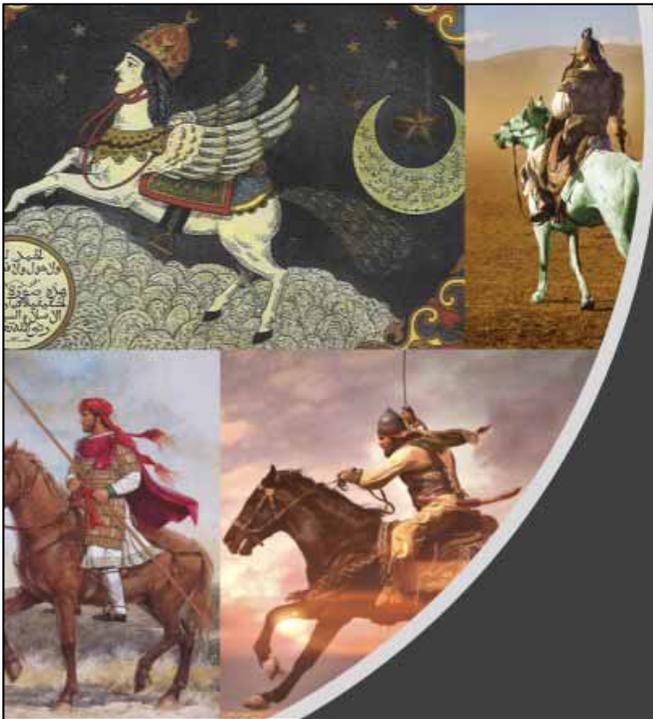
**THE LAMB OPENED THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN SEALS  
THE FOUR HORSEMEN TRAMPLE THE EARTH  
REVELATION CHAPTER 6 VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY**

**SUMMARY OF REVELATION CHAPTER 6**

In Revelation chapter 6 John watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. John looked, and there before him was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

Then John another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword. John saw a third rider on a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, John looked, and there before him was a pale green horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth, to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.



**Mohammad  
Abu Bakr  
Umar  
Uthman**

**Rev 6:1** I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”

**Rev 6:2** I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

*I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”* Jesus Christ, the Lamb, opens the first seal and we are now to observe what appeared. This signifies the great importance of the event about to be disclosed. One of the four living creatures, that are in the presence of God, tells John to come and observe. The particular living creature is not mentioned, though what is said in the subsequent verses indicates that it was the first in order as seen by John - the one “like a lion” in Revelation 4:6-8.

### **Revelation 4:6-8 (NIV)**

**In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.”**

*“I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.”* Only the first rider on the white horse was given a crown. Thus, the first rider outranks the other three. This is Mohammad, the final prophet of Islam.



## THE FIRST RIDER CARRIES A BOW—A DESCENDANT OF ISHMAEL—MOHAMMAD

Ishmael was considered the ancestor of the Northern Arabs and Mohammad was linked to him through the lineage of the patriarch Adnan. Adnan was the son of Ishmael's first son Kedar (Genesis 25:12-16). Ishmael is mentioned over ten times in the Qur'an. Ishmael was an archer (Genesis 21:20) and Mohammad is a descendant of Ishmael through Ishmael's son Kedar. Hagar, Ishmael's mother, was from Egypt, and Ishmael's wife was from Egypt (Genesis 21:21).

### Genesis 21:17-21 (NIV)

**God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.**

Islamic sources give this lineage of Ishmael down to Mohammad:

- 1 Abraham was the father of
- 2 Ishmael was the father of
- 3 Kedar was the father of
- 4 Adnan was the father of
- 5 Ma'add was the father of
- 6 Nizaar was the father of
- 7 Mudar was the father of
- 8 Ilyaas was the father of
- 9 Mudrikah was the father of
- 10 Khuzaimah was the father of
- 11 Kinaanah was the father of
- 12 Al-Nadr was the father of
- 13 Maalik was the father of
- 14 Quraysh was the father of
- 15 Ghaalib was the father of
- 16 Lu'ayy was the father of
- 17 Ka'ab was the father of
- 18 Murrah was the father of
- 19 Kilaab was the father of
- 20 Qusayy was the father of
- 21 Abd Manaaf was the father of
- 22 Haashim was the father of
- 23 Abdul Muttalib was the father of
- 24 Abdullah was the father of
- 25 Mohammad the Prophet

## HE LOOKS LIKES A LAMB BUT SPEAKS LIKE A DRAGON—THE FALSE PROPHET

Since the first rider wears a crown, he ranks highest as a chief prophet, but is a false prophet on a white horse. All those deceived will look to this prophet for the message. All Muslims and the Qur'an call Mohammad the "Messenger." Mohammad, as the prophet, outranked those following him.

Mohammad's night ride to Jerusalem on a white horse fits the description of the first rider. Islam claims Mohammad was taken from Mecca and back in one night to the outer court on the Temple Mount on a white horse, a place Revelation 11:2 says was set aside for Gentiles and does not belong to the people of God since it is "excluded." (Revelation 11:1-2; *I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshippers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles."*)

We can learn more about Mohammad from what the Bible tells us in Revelation chapter 13 about the false prophet. The main human enemy of Jesus (in addition to Satan the spiritual enemy) will claim to speak for God, but instead really speaks for the dragon-Satan. He may not even know Satan is speaking through him. This individual in Revelation 13 is referred to as *"the second beast of the earth"* and *"It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon."* (Revelation 13:11-18). Obviously, he has a pious appearance (*"like a lamb"*), but underneath his words and actions are dark and Satanic (*"spoke like a dragon"*).

The *"two horns like a lamb"* identifier also gives John's readers an image of the crescent moon of Islam, the image of Baal the beast. Baal is allied with Satan in the Old Testament. Hubal, or Hub Allah, or Hu' Baal, are different names for the same moon god of Mecca. Baal was another name of the Babylonian moon deity "Sin." Baal was sent to the Abyss (Jeremiah 50:1-3, Jeremiah 51:44, and Isaiah 14:15-17). The beast emerges from the Abyss. (Revelation 17:8a; *"The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction."*)



**ANCIENT SYMBOL OF BAAL**



**ISLAMIC CRESCENT MOON**

## **“IT HAD TWO HORNS LIKE A LAMB”—HOW MOHAMMAD ASSOCIATED WITH JESUS**

Revelation 13:11-12 says the false prophet will try to associate with Jesus, the Lamb of God.

### **Revelation 13:11-12 (NIV)**

**Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.**

The Qur’an claims Jesus said Mohammad’s name (“Ahmad”) can be found in both the Old Testament and New Testament. The claim is that Jesus said Mohammad would follow him.

### **Qur’an 61:6**

And when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, “O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and **bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad.**”

Muslims claim Mohammad is the “prophet in Deuteronomy 18:18. (*“I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.”*) Muslim scholars also claim that the “Paraclete”, “Spirit of Truth” or “Comforter” about whom Jesus foretold in John chapters 14-16 is the prophet Mohammad. They say that the prophecy talks of a human being, a person, who would come after Jesus as the final prophet.

### **John 14:15-17a (NIV)**

**“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.”**

But continued reading of the prophecy in John indicates the disciples would see it in their lifetimes, and that the spirit of truth would live in them. This is not a human appearing some 600 years later!

### **John 14:17b-18 (NIV)**

**“But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”**

Islam claims Mohammad is the messenger of Allah. Mohammad repeatedly tries to associate with Jesus in the Qur’an, just as Revelation predicted. The name of Jesus (“Isa”) is found more often in the Qur’an than Mohammad’s name. But Mohammad is speaking from the dragon, also just as Revelation predicted. The Qur’an lies about Jesus. The Qur’an takes away that Jesus is the Son of God. The Qur’an takes away the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. The Qur’an takes away the crucifixion of Jesus. The Qur’an takes away the resurrection of Jesus. The Qur’an takes away a loving God. The Four Horsemen caused much damage to followers of Jesus. All four fight the truth of Jesus—that he died and rose again for our sins. This is what the Qur’an claims--that Jesus is not God, did not die for our sins, and was not raised from the dead.

## REVELATION SAYS THE FALSE PROPHET DOES FIVE THINGS:

1. The False Prophet will attempt to look like, claim to be connected to, or associated in some way to the Lamb (Revelation 13:11)
2. The False Prophet deceives the world. (Revelation 13:14)
3. The False Prophet sets up an image of false worship to the false god. (Revelation 13:14-15)
4. The False Prophet creates a mark, or statement of faith, to the false god. (Revelation 13:16-18)
5. Demonic spirits and messages come out of the False Prophet mouth. (Revelation 16:13-14)

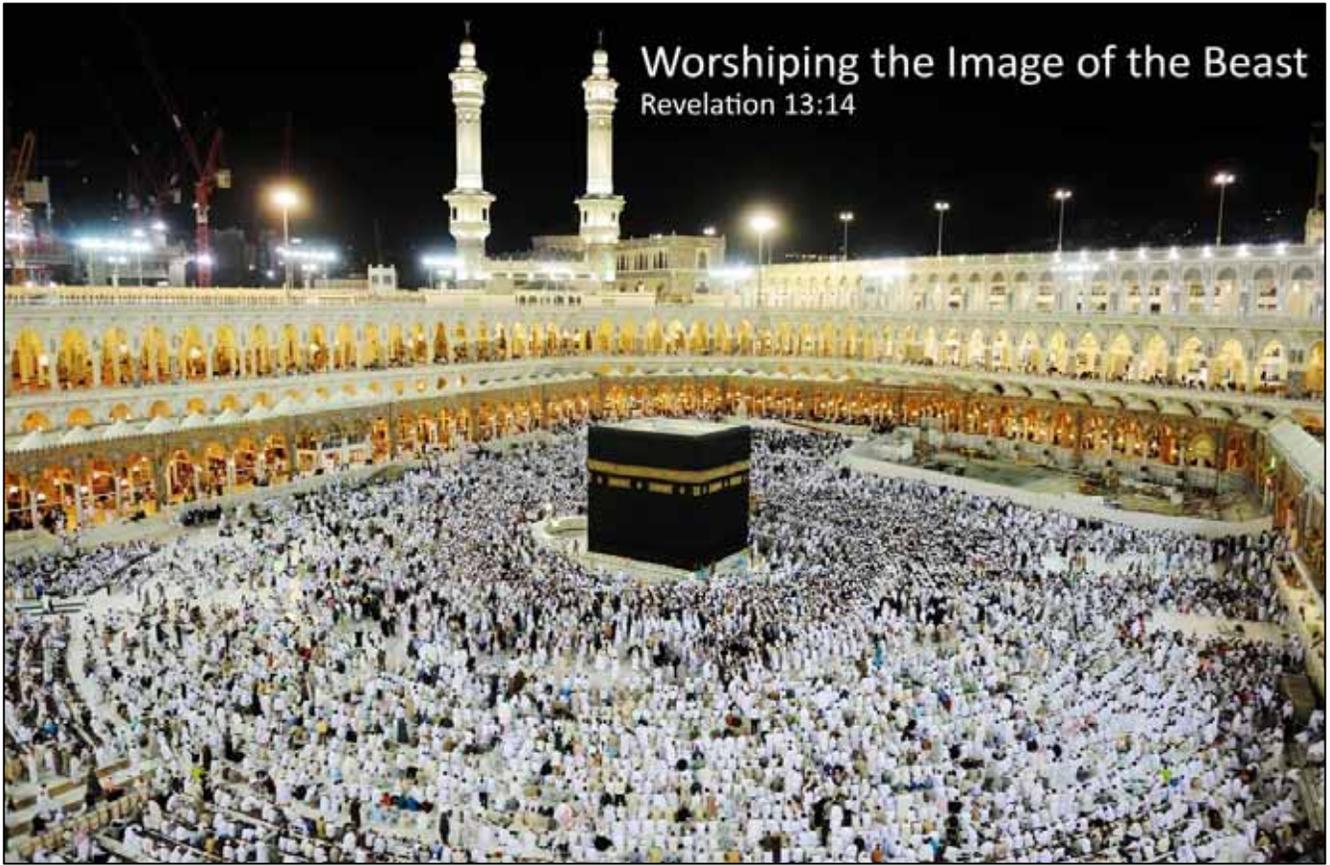
Islam says Mohammad is the last prophet, thus no Muslim will ever look for another prophet in the future. A false prophet must be someone has been claiming to speak for a false god. According to Revelation, this person must: 1) claim to be connected to Jesus (Revelation 13:11), 2) deceives the entire world (Revelation 13:14), 3) set up an image (The Kaaba Blackstone in Mecca) of false worship to the false God (Revelation 13:14-15), 4) gives a mark, (the Islamic Shahada) or statement of faith, to worship the false God (Revelation 13:16-18), and 5) he must also have a message with demonic words and spirits coming out of his mouth (Revelation 16:13-14). Mohammad did all five of these things. He is Islam's last prophet and the false prophet.

Mohammad received all the revelations from Allah to create the Qur'anic writings. Mohammad and the other three horsemen spread these false revelations. These writings deny Jesus is the Son of God, deny the crucifixion and resurrection, and block the only redemptive path to the true God.



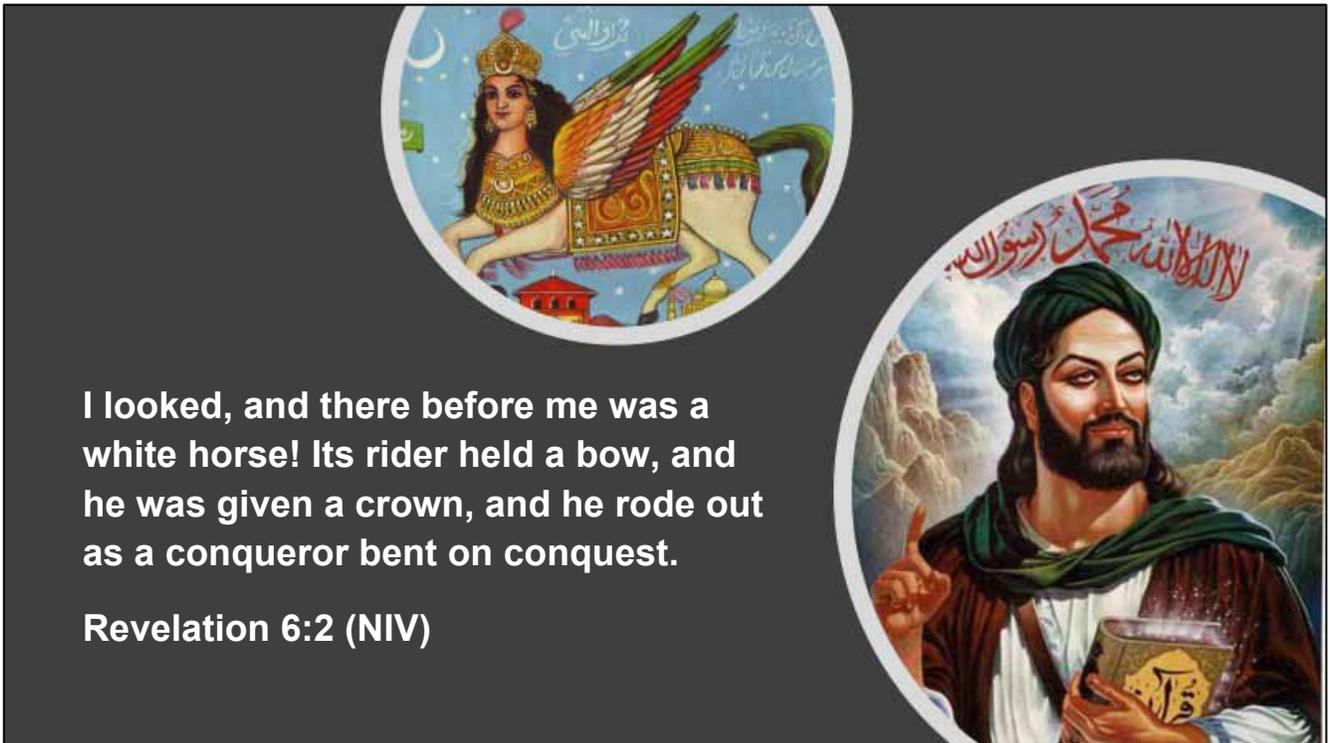
### MOHAMMAD PLACED THE BLACKSTONE IN THE KAABA—THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

In both Revelation 19:20 and 20:10, John is told the false prophet is thrown in the lake of fire at the time of Christ's return. Mohammad must deceive a lot of people to receive such special wrath from Jesus Christ! Islam has deceived one third of the world.



Worshipping the Image of the Beast  
Revelation 13:14

PRAYER TO THE KAABA SET UP BY MOHAMMAD



I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

Revelation 6:2 (NIV)

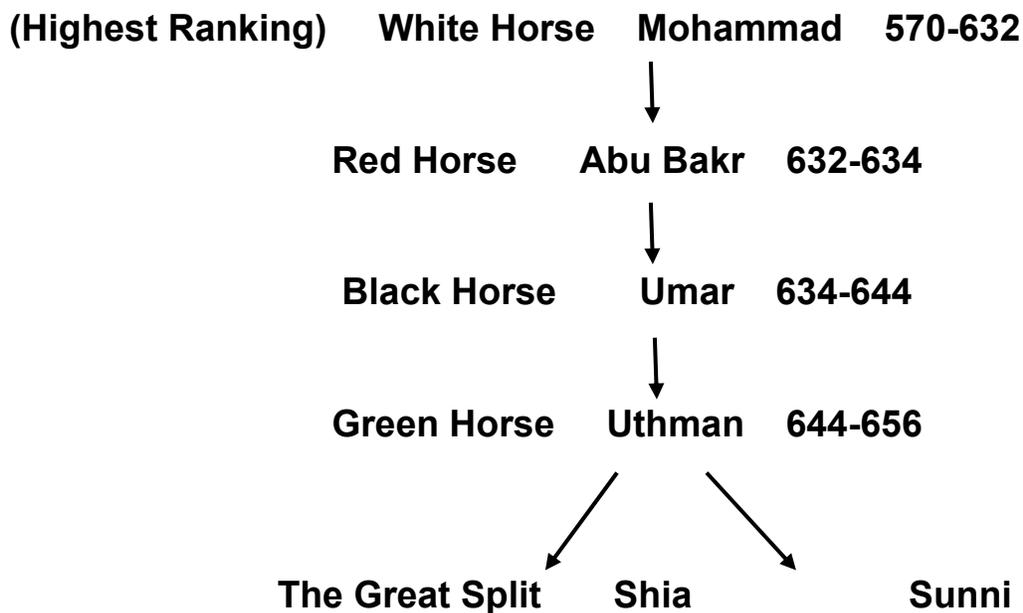
**Rev 6:3** When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

**Rev 6:4** Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

### **THE NEXT THREE RIDERS ARE THE THREE CALIPHS THAT FOLLOWED MOHAMMAD**

The Four Horsemen produced a caliphate (“kingdom”) that was devastating to the truth of Jesus in the Bible. They had power over one quarter of the world’s population (Revelation 6:8b; “*They were given power over a fourth of the earth*”)

The leader of a caliphate is called a “caliph.” Mohammad was the first rider, followed by Abu Bakr, then Umar and finally Uthman. Historically, three major caliphates existed: the Rashidun Caliphate (632–661), the Umayyad Caliphate (661–750) and the Abbasid Caliphate (750–1258). The fourth major caliphate, the Ottoman Caliphate, established by the Ottoman Empire in 1517, was a manifestation whereby the Ottoman rulers claimed caliphal authority and lasted another 400 years until World War I.



### **ABU BAKR IS THE RIDER ON THE SECOND RED HORSE**

Revelation tells us the second horseman is on a red horse. He does not rank as highly as the first because he does not wear a crown. (Revelation 6:3-4 *When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.*) The second rider on the Red Horse of War was the 1st Caliph after Mohammad, Abu Bakr.

Mohammad received his revelations in a cave near Mecca. Mohammad then told Abu Bakr what had happened in the cave and how Allah had revealed to him the Qur'an and made Mohammad his messenger.

When Abu Bakr heard this from the prophet, he did not stop to think, he at once became a Muslim. He submitted to Islam with such determination that once the prophet Mohammad remarked, "I called people to Islam, everybody thought over it, at least for a while, but this was not the case with Abu Bakr, the moment I put Islam before him, he accepted it without any hesitation."

Abu Bakr became the first openly declared Muslim outside Mohammad's family. Abu Bakr served as a trusted advisor to Mohammad. On his return from a business trip from Yemen, he was informed by friends that in his absence the prophet Mohammad had declared himself the Messenger of Allah and proclaimed a new religion—the "new fortress god" described in Daniel chapter 11:37-38.



**ABU BAKR-THE RIDER ON THE RED HORSE**

From 622 to 632, Abu Bakr was Mohammad's chief adviser, but had no prominent public functions except that he conducted the pilgrimage to Mecca in 631 and led the public prayers to Allah in Medina during Mohammad's last illness in 632. In 632 Abu Bakr became the first caliph.

Abu Bakr's caliphate crushed the rebellion of the Arab tribes throughout the Arabian Peninsula in the successful Ridda Wars. Though the period of his caliphate covered only 27 months, it included successful invasions of the two most powerful empires of the time: the Sassanid Persian Empire and Byzantine Eastern Roman Empire. Abu Bakr was the red horse of war!

In the last months of his rule, Abu Bakr sent general Khalid on conquests against the Persian Sassanid Empire in Mesopotamia and against the Byzantine Empire in Syria. This would set in motion a great Islamic Empire continued by Umar and then Uthman. In just a few short decades this would lead to one of the largest empires in history and control a quarter of the world.

Abu Bakr died in 634. He only was a leader a little over two years. He is regarded as the "Successor of Allah's Messenger" (meaning the successor to Mohammad), and first of the "Rightly Guided Caliphs" – i.e. Rashidun—and as the rightful successor to Mohammad, the final prophet.

**Rev 6:5** When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

**Rev 6:6** Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

### **UMAR IS THE RIDER ON THE THIRD BLACK HORSE**

Umar was the second caliph and followed Abu Bakr. Umar ruled from 634 to 644. Revelation tells us the third rider is on a black horse with a pair of scales. (Revelation 6:5-6 *When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds {quart} of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds (3 quarts) of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”*) Among the many things Umar did was impose a new tax system.

Under Umar, the caliphate expanded even faster, defeating the Sassanid Empire and more than two-thirds of the Byzantine Empire. His attacks against the Sassanid Empire resulted in the conquest of Persia in under two years (642–644). After invading the Holy Land, and conquering Jerusalem in 637, Umar gave a covenant, or pact, that was a harsh treaty between the Muslims, Jews and Christians of Syria, Mesopotamia and Jerusalem. Umar "distributed the land for a price" (Daniel 11:39.) **Umar instituted taxation on the conquered peoples, as illustrated by the pair of scales to calculate the tax.**



**UMAR-THE RIDER ON THE BLACK HORSE  
WITH A PAIR OF SCALES TO CALCULATE HIS NEW TAXES**

## UMAR--"THE KING WILL DO AS HE PLEASES" IN DANIEL 11:36

Daniel was taken captive in 605 BC as part of the Babylonian captivity of Israel. Daniel finished his work around the year 530 BC, shortly after the capture of Babylon by Cyrus of Persia in 539 BC. In the book of Daniel (Daniel 11:36-45 and 7:23-25) he sees a future king who treats the Holy People very badly. This King defeats three kings, and changes the set times and laws.

This king has many battlefield conquests and invades the Holy Land. Today many people think this king is still in the future (perhaps the "Antichrist"), but almost certainly Daniel was writing about the second Muslim caliph after Mohammad named Umar. Daniel wrote this 1,200 years before Umar. Umar was murdered in a mosque in Media, and no one came to help him.

## JOHN DESCRIBES UMAR'S NEW TAXATION IN REVELATION 6:5-6

Carefully look at what John wrote about the third seal with the black horse in Revelation 6:5-6: *When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds {quart} of wheat for a day's wages {denarius}, and six pounds (3 quarts) of barley for a day's wages {denarius}, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"*

## WHAT DOES "A QUART OF WHEAT FOR A DAY'S WAGES" MEAN?

John says a certain amount of wheat will be required for earning a full day's pay. Many Bible commentators have interpreted this text to mean that a day's wage (a denarius) will only purchase a quart of wheat or three quarts of barley. In ancient times, a denarius would normally buy about 10 quarts of wheat, and 2-3 times more in barley. Since this interpretation of Revelation gives wheat and barley prices about 10 times higher than normal, they interpret this as a severe famine. This is not correct. But they miss the taxation of Umar at 10%, or one quart of wheat for 10 quarts earned in a day. The scales are to calculate a 10% tax.

They believe Revelation describes a future condition where basic goods are sold at greatly inflated prices. They think the black horse rider depicts a future time of deep scarcity or famine.



But John does not use any words to indicate a buy/sell transaction such as the actual buying of grain or a purchase of something. John does not indicate grain or food scarcity exist or are connected to wages. The literal text says: *"Two pounds {quart} of wheat for a day's wages {denarius}, and six pounds (3 quarts) of barley for a day's wages {denarius}."* John does not write: "To buy a quart of wheat you must spend a day's wage." John could have just as well meant: **"You owe a quart of wheat to the caliphate state in taxes for earning a day's wages."** This is most likely the correct interpretation.

Most Bible commentators are puzzled by the next part of the text: “*and do not damage the oil and the wine!*” They have no solid explanation for this, other than oil (olive oil) and wine are more expensive, and perhaps wealthy people in the famine can still afford these items. But it seems unlikely that olive oil and wine prices would not rise in a famine. In fact, they would probably rise even higher than basic grain prices. They would be harmed in a famine.

So, what is John really trying to tell us about the Four Horsemen, power, crops, wine, oil, and wages? What do the scales mean? Why is the ratio 10 to 1?

Revelation 6:8 tells us the Four Horseman have power over a quarter of the world’s population. All conquering powers impose new taxes to fund their activities. The rider on the black horse seems to place some type of new yoke (bondage or servitude) on the land. A better understanding of the Revelation 6:5-6 text is that the Four Horsemen impose a new taxation system on these conquered people (the scales are used to calculate the tax) such that when a person earns a day’s wage (a denarius) they **must pay a tax** rate equivalent of a providing a quart of wheat or three quarts of barley to the caliphate of the Four Horseman.

Since at normal prices a day’s wage would buy about 10 quarts of wheat, a one quart wheat tax example would give the new system income tax rate of about **10%** of the daily wage, using normal grain prices. **Apparently, the 10% tax is placed on labor related to raw crop grains such as wheat and barley, but finished products that are stored such as olive oil and wine are exempt.** This is what Umar did in actual history.

## THE NEW ISLAMIC TAXES INSTITUTED BY THE FOUR HORSEMAN

The Islamic conquest of the Middle East brought not one, but four new taxes to the conquered peoples. The money was used to fund the Islamic State. The four types of taxes in Islam are called Zakat, Jizya, Kharaj and Ushr. These taxes were instituted by the Four Horsemen.

**1. Zakat Tax:** The Zakat is one of the five pillars of Islam. The Zakat tax rate is 2.5%. It is a tax partially designed for helping the poor, used to promote Islam, and fund jihad. The funds are partially used to bring more people into Islam—and deny Jesus Christ is the Son of God and risen Savior. Although technically Zakat was only for Muslims, overall many people were forced to convert to Islam and pay the Zakat, rather than the Jizya tax. The Zakat command is given in Koran 9:60.

*Qur’an 9:60 “The Alms-tax is only for the poor and the needy, for those employed to administer it, for those whose hearts are converting to the {Islamic} faith, for freeing slaves, for those in debt, for Allah’s cause {Jihad fighters}, and for needy travelers. This is an obligation from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.”*

Shariah Law states only nine items are subject to the Zakat tax. Wheat and barley are part of the obligatory nine items. Olive oil and wine are specifically exempt. Shariah Law 657 states Zakat is obligatory in nine things: wheat, barley, dates, grapes (raisins), gold, silver, sheep, cows and camels.

Source: <https://www.al-islam.org/a-summary-of-rulings-makarim-shirazi/rules-zakah>



## THE FOUR NEW ISLAMIC TAXES INCLUDE A 10% CROP PRODUCTION TAX

**2. Jizya Tax:** The Jizya tax is a per capita yearly tax historically levied by Islamic states on certain non-Muslim subjects—called “dhimmis”—permanently residing in Muslim lands under Islamic law. The Qur’an and Islamic Hadith mention Jizya without specifying its rate or amount. However, scholars largely agree that first Muslim rulers (the Four Horsemen) expanded systems of taxation and tribute in the conquered lands.

In lands conquered by the Muslims by force, the Jizya was imposed upon all who refused to convert to Islam in exchange for protection. This was a tax on Christians and Jews that refused to convert to Islam. The Jizya could be paid with cash or crops such as wheat or barley. The tax could not be paid with pigs, or wine, or dead animals. The rate of Jizya varied until it was fixed and broadly implemented by Umar, the second caliph after the Prophet Mohammad and the first caliph Abu-Bakr. Umar is the third rider on the Black Horse with the scales.

Arab Christians and Jews were to be fought until they paid the jizya willingly and humbled. **This is according to the Qur’an--that the Jizya was to be collected in humbling conditions.**

Qur’an 9:29 “Fight those who do not believe in Allah, nor in the latter day, nor do they prohibit what Allah and His Apostle Mohammad have prohibited, nor follow the religion of truth, out of those who have been given the Book, until they pay the tax in acknowledgment of superiority and they are in a state of subjection.”

Umar set in place the Jizya in Syria and Palestine. The Jizya was initially a measure of wheat together with one dinar per capita; then gold merchants and 40 dirhams on traders, taxing the rich heavily, the poor lightly and the middle classes moderately. Umar then imposed the Jizya upon all classes of Non-Muslim society, ordering a census of personal wealth to be carried out in all parts of the Islamic State. Later Uthman (the fourth horseman on the pale green horse) concluded that there were 550,000 “non-believers”, i.e., people who held to their Christian beliefs. Source: *The Spread of Islam Throughout the World*, Editors: Idris El Hareir and El Hadji Ravane M'Baye, pages 197-202. UNESCO, 2011

**3. Kharaj Tax:** The third Islamic tax is called Kharaj, which is a type of individual Islamic tax on agricultural land and its produce developed under Islamic Sharia law. Since most people lived in an agrarian society in the times of the Islamic conquests, this tax applied to most people—especially most workers. Kharaj refers to the land tax levied by the early Muslim rulers (the Four Horsemen) on their non-Muslim subjects, still collectively known as “dhimmi.” In an ancient Arab papyrus document, when the Kharaj tax is paid in kind, such as with wheat or barley, it is called a “**food tax.**” Source: *The Spread of Islam Throughout the World*, Editors: Idris El Hareir and El Hadji Ravane M'Baye, page 203. UNESCO, 2011

Umar “distributed the land for a price.” (Daniel 11:39) The phenomenal Muslim conquests by the Four Horsemen (Revelation 6:8 “*They were given power over a fourth of the earth.*”) created one major problem, namely what to do with the extensive lands conquered by the Muslims. After the conquest of Iraq in 635, about three years before the Islamic conquest of Jerusalem in 637, the commander wrote to Umar. He wrote that the Muslims had asked him to divide the towns, people and land, including plantations and crops, among them. He refused to do this until Umar wrote back with his views. The troops requested that Umar divide up the conquered territories.

Instead Umar allowed the conquered people to remain on the land and pay a Kharaj crop and land tax to the Islamic State. This is how he “distributed the land for a price.” Umar set the tax at the established rate of 1 dinar and 3 ardabs of victuals (1 ardab equals 69.6 kg of wheat or barley). Some land produced a higher return and tax. One governor wrote to Umar that ‘We have accepted types of produce with a higher value than wheat and barley’ – mentioning beans, grapes, dates and sesame – ‘which have been taxed at a rate of 8 dirhams, and what was previously sent to the caliph in cash and kind has been abolished.’ Source: *The Spread of Islam Throughout the World*, Editors: Idris El Hareir and El Hadji Ravane M'Baye, pages 202-204. UNESCO, 2011

**4. Ushr Tax:** Ushr is the obligatory income tax on farm produce which is 10% for most land crop usage and 5% for others. It must be paid by Muslims and non-Muslims. Ushr was also instituted by Umar. Muslim merchants paid 2.5%, non-Muslim subjects paid 5.0%, and those from non-Muslim lands called the ‘the House of War’, paid a Ushr tax of 10%. Another action Umar took with important economic consequences, and which encouraged people to convert to Islam, was allowing the poor and former slaves to become landowners with full rights to buy, sell and bequeath their land, in exchange for paying the Ushr tax (tithe), a tax levied on all people equally. Source: *The Spread of Islam Throughout the World*, Editors: Idris El Hareir and El Hadji Ravane M'Baye, pages 203-211. UNESCO, 2011

**Rev 6:7** When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!”

**Rev 6:8** I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

### **THE FOUR HORSEMEN HAD POWER OVER A QUARTER OF THE WORLD**

Revelation tells us the Four Horsemen will have power over one quarter of the world. (Revelation 6:8 *"They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."*) The Four Horsemen set in motion the Umayyad Caliphate. This is one of the most misunderstood and misquoted verses in the entire book of Revelation. Most prophecy experts incorrectly make the statement that “the four Horsemen will kill quarter of the world.” The Bible does not say that. The Bible says they will have power or control over a quarter of the world. Just as Revelation predicted, the Four Horsemen had power over a quarter of the world.

At its greatest extent<sup>1,2</sup>, the Umayyad Caliphate covered 5.8 million sq miles and included 62 million people (29% of the world's population at that time), making it one of the largest empires in history in both area and proportion of the world's population. Today about 28% or more of the world is Islamic.



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## UTHMAN IS THE RIDER ON THE FOURTH GREEN HORSE

Revelation tells us the fourth rider is on a pale green horse (Revelation 6:7-8 *When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*)

In many Bible footnotes, there is an explanation that the color is not pale, but rather pale green or green. The footnotes indicate the Greek word in verse 8 is *chlóros*: meaning pale green or green. This is the same derivative as in the word "chlorophyll", which gives the green color of leaves.

Uthman centralized the administration of the caliphate and established the official version of the Qur'an. Uthman created a standardized copy of the Qur'an by gathering all copies across the caliphate and burning all but one.

That is why Islamic scholars try to claim today there are no errors in the Qur'an—since they came from the one copy that was not burned. The other Qur'an texts with errors were different and were destroyed.

Uthman is critically important in Islamic history because after his death marked the beginning of open massive religious and civil war conflicts within the Islamic community (called the "Fitnah"). Uthman was also murdered by other Muslims. Following his death, Ali was chosen as the fourth caliph, but not before violent conflict broke out.



**UTHMAN WAS ON THE PALE GREEN HORSE**

War erupted when Ali became caliph, and he too was killed in fighting in the year 661 near the town of Kufa, now in present-day Iraq. The violence and war split the small community of Muslims into two branches that would never reunite. The war continued with Ali's son, Hussein, leading the Shiites. He and 72 members of his family and companions fought against a very large Arab army of the caliph, and they were all massacred. Hussein was decapitated and his head carried in tribute to the Sunni caliph in Damascus. His body was left on the battlefield at Karbala. Later it was buried there. The Sunni Shia split continues to this day. This is Daniel's divided kingdom-toes of iron and clay.

The Umayyad Caliphate was the second of four Islamic caliphates and was founded in Arabia after the Prophet Muhammad's death. The Umayyads ruled the Islamic world from 661 to 750 A.D.

**WHITE, RED, BLACK AND GREEN ARE THE FOUR COLORS OF THE HORSEMEN—AND ISLAM**

The Bible makes clear the first three colors are white, red and black, but many translations give the fourth color as "pale". The correct translation is green, or pale green. The Greek word in verse 8 is chlóros: pale green, pale Original Word: χλωρός, ἄ, ὄν Transliteration: chlóros Short Definition: green, pale Definition: green, pale green

**WHITE, RED, BLACK AND GREEN ARE THE COLORS OF ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST FLAGS**



**SYRIA**



**IRAQ**



**JORDAN**



**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**



**SUDAN**



**LIBYA**



**PALESTINE LIBERATION**



**KUWAIT**



**IRAN**



**YEMEN**



**WESTERN SAHARA**



**AFGHANISTAN**



**TURKEY**



**SAUDI ARABIA**



**PAKISTAN**



**TUNISIA**



**SHAHADA**



**ISIS**

**Rev 6:9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

**Rev 6:10** They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

**Rev 6:11** Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

The fifth seal human events differ from the four earlier seals. It is not introduced by the voice of the living beings, and the command “Come.” The voice which is now heard is not the cry of the groaning world, but of the oppressed and troubled Church. In the fourth seal the climax of the Four Horsemen (Mohammad, Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman) brought false doctrine and sorrow to the world. Now we see the results of their actions, and a prayer for God’s judgment on them.



The tribulation has been ongoing since the time of Nero. Jesus told us we would have tribulation, but not to worry because he has conquered the world, death and sin. Open Doors listed the top 20 most difficult countries to be a Christian in 2020. The one thing in common of all 20 countries is that they worship false gods. Of the top 20, 18 are Islamic, one (North Korea) worships their leader, and one (India) is both Hindu and Islamic worshipping idols, and the dragon and the beast.

**John 16:33 (ESV)**

**I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**

**Rev 6:12** I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,

**Rev 6:13** and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

**Rev 6:14** The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Now John is moving to the day of the Lord when the seven bowls of wrath are poured out on nonbelievers left on the earth in God's final judgment. This is why the seals, trumpets and bowls are not in chronological order. By the time of the sixth seal, most all of the trumpets have occurred, and in the sixth seal John moves forward to the day of the Lord, and the seven bowls of judgment. The seals are in the earthly realm, and the trumpets are in the spiritual realm. They overlap in time.



### **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

In Revelation 6:13-14, John is referring back to Isaiah 34:1-4 to describe the day of the Lord.

#### **Isaiah 34:1-4 (NIV)**

**Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it. For the Lord's indignation is against all the nations, And His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter. So their slain will be thrown out, And their corpses will give off their stench, And the mountains will be drenched with their blood. And all the host of heaven will wear away, And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree.**

When the sixth seal was opened, there was a great earthquake. The foundations of Baal, Satan and the nonbelievers will be terribly shaken. The great changes on the earth, moon and sun on the day of the Lord are described in Isaiah 24:19-20.

#### **Isaiah 24:19-23 (NIV)**

**The earth is broken asunder, the earth is split through, the earth is shaken violently. The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard and it totters like a shack, for its transgression is heavy upon it, and it will fall, never to rise again. So it will happen in that day, that the Lord will punish the host of heaven on high, and the kings of the earth on earth. They will be gathered together like prisoners in the dungeon, and will be confined in prison; and after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed, for the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and His glory will be before His elders.**

The prophet Zephaniah tells us Baal will be worshipped until that very last day.

#### **Zephaniah 1:2-4 (NIV)**

**“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the Lord. “I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.” “When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth,” declares the Lord, “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests.”**



**BAAL WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE LORD**

**Rev 6:15** Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

**Rev 6:16** They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

**Rev 6:17** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”

In Revelation 6:15-17 John further describes the day of the Lord. John refers back to prophecy from Hosea 10 and Luke 23.

**Hosea 10:8 (NIV)**

The high places of wickedness will be destroyed—it is the sin of Israel. Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, “Cover us!” and to the hills, “Fall on us!”

**Luke 23:28-30 (NIV)**

Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then “they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!””

The bowl judgments further highlight what will occur on the day of the Lord. (Revelation 16:20; “*Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.*”)

**Revelation 16:17-20 (NIV)**

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

The prophet Zechariah tells us this will all occur on one unique day.

**Zechariah 14:5-7 (NIV)**

Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

Thus in the final day of judgment the revealing of the Son of Man will confound men whose minds have been blinded by their entire absorption in world-splendors and the teachings of the false prophet Mohammad.