

Revelation 6 with Old Testament Allusions

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." **2** And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Zechariah 1:8 - I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and

behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white.

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." **4** Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Zechariah 1:10 - And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said,

"These are the ones whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So 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 a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." **8** So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Zechariah 6:2-3 - With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses,

and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong steeds.

9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. **10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" **11** Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number* of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, was completed.

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Isaiah 13:9-10, 13 - Behold, the day of the Lord comes,
Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate;
And He will destroy its sinners from it.
10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations

Will not give their light;
The sun will be darkened in its going forth,
And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens,
And the earth will move out of her place,
In the wrath of the Lord of hosts

And in the day of His fierce anger.

Isaiah 29:6 – You will be punished by the
Lord of hosts
With thunder and earthquake and great
noise,
With storm and tempest
And the flame of devouring fire.

Isaiah 34:4 – All the host of heaven shall be
dissolved,
And the heavens shall be rolled up like a
scroll;
All their host shall fall down
As the leaf falls from the vine,
And as fruit falling from a fig tree.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

Isaiah 34:4 - (see above)

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

Isaiah 2:10, 19, 21 - Enter into the rock, and
hide in the dust,
From the terror of the Lord
19 And the glory of His majesty.
They shall go into the holes of the rocks,
And into the caves of the earth,
From the terror of the Lord

And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crags of the rugged rocks,
From the terror of the Lord
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Luke 23:30 - Then they will begin to say to
the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills,
“Cover us!”

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Zephaniah 1:14 - The great day of the Lord is
near;
It is near and hastens quickly.

The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter;
There the mighty men shall cry out.