

The 1st & 2nd Seals

Revelation 6:1-4



I. The Lamb possesses the divine authority to break the seals, initiating the Great Tribulation. Revelation 6:1

Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!"

- In Revelation 6, as the Lamb breaks the seals on the universe's "title deed," we're reminded that God's ultimate plan for restoration far outweighs the temporary causes championed in our culture today.
- True understanding of the Lamb's authority in Revelation 6 should compel us to worship, adore, and submit to Jesus, as this recognition should radically alter how we navigate our lives and priorities.

A white horse with a rider, symbolizing deceptive peace. The horse is white and the rider is dark, set against a dark background. The text is overlaid on the image.

II. The White Horse's Rider symbolizes a deceptive counterfeit peace. Revelation 6:2

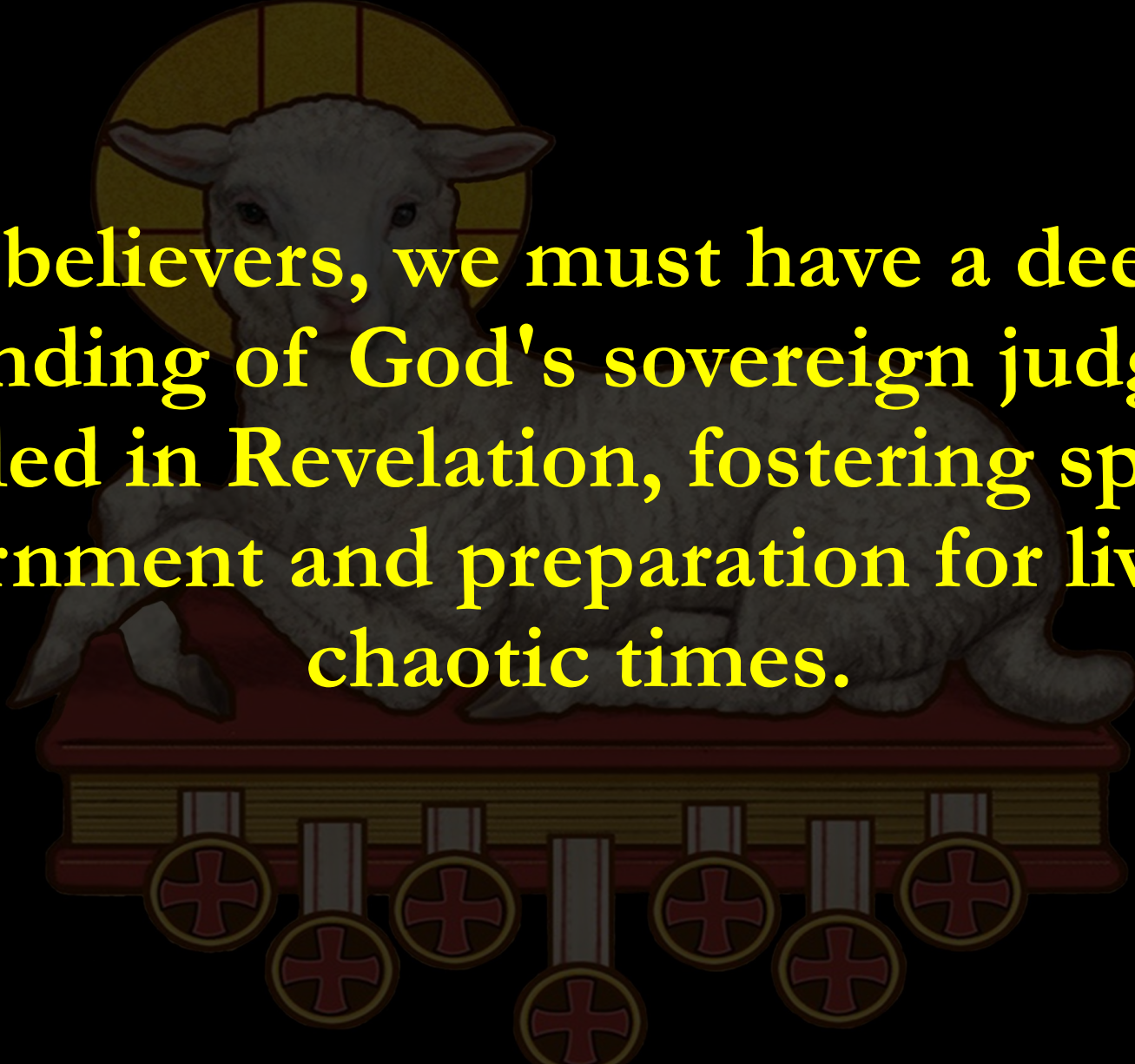
And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

- John's vision of a rider on a white horse in Revelation symbolizes a deceptive peace urging us to be alert to false promises of worldly tranquility.
- For Christians today, discernment comes from actively seeking wisdom through prayer, studying Scripture, and being critically mindful of worldly influences, all to fortify our spiritual strength.

III. The rider of the Red Horse signifies a period of chaos and bloodshed. Revelation 6:3-4

When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

- When the Lord breaks the second seal, releasing the Red Horse, it heralds a divinely sanctioned upheaval meant to jolt humanity out of its false sense of peace, reminding us that God remains sovereign even in orchestrated chaos.
- The events foreshadowed by the Red Horse should propel believers toward a posture of readiness, spiritual fortitude, and bold witness, grounding their peace and actions in the surety of Christ's promises and God's overarching plan.

A central illustration of a white lamb with a golden halo, resting on a dark red book. Seven golden crosses are hanging from the bottom of the book. The background is dark with a faint grid pattern.

As believers, we must have a deeper understanding of God's sovereign judgments as revealed in Revelation, fostering spiritual discernment and preparation for living in chaotic times.