

Revelation often feared but contains good news

The Bible's grand finale is the book of Revelation. Full of symbolism, the book is not easy to understand and is often feared because of the vivid descriptions of destruction.

Revelation describes the coming destruction of an ungodly world, but it is not all bad news, for the book ends with good news for the future and an invitation to "Come! ... take life's water free."

Revelation 1:1-3 says, "A revelation by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs, through him to his slave John, who bore witness to the word God gave and to the witness Jesus Christ gave, even to all the things he saw. Happy is he who reads aloud and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and who observe the things written in it; for the appointed time is near."

Many have heard of the "four horsemen of the Apocalypse." They are discussed in chapter 6. Verse 2 says, "And I saw, and, look! a white horse; and the one seated upon it had a bow; and a crown was given him, and he went forth conquering and to complete his conquest."

This horseman is, of course, Jesus Christ. His conquest and events leading up to it are discussed throughout the book.

Verse 4 says, "And another came forth, a fiery-colored horse; and the one seated upon it there was granted to take peace away from the earth so that they should slaughter one another; and a great sword was given him."

Verses 5 and 6 say, "And I saw, and look! a black horse; and the one seated upon it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice as if in the midst of the four living crea-



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tures say: 'A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius and do not harm the olive oil and the wine.'"

Verse 8 says, "And I saw, and look! a pale horse; and the one seated upon it had the name Death. And Hades was closely following him. And authority was given them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with a long sword and with food shortage and with deadly plague and by the wild beasts of the earth."

The fiery horse representing war began its ride with World War I, the first global war and one with a tremendous death toll, and has continued. The phrase "weapons of mass destruction" pops up on the news every day now.

The black horse represents stark famine, which may not seem to be a problem in a country where obesity has been in the news, but starvation is rampant in many countries, and malnutrition is a problem even in the United States.

The Oracle Foundation of Redwood Shores, Calif., has statistics on hunger on its Think Quest web site, "An end to World Hunger: hope for the future."

Among the statistics are:
• Every year, 15 million children die of hunger.

• For the price of one missile, a school full of hungry children could eat lunch every day for five years.

• In 1994, the Urban Institute in Washington estimated that one out of six elderly people in the United States has an inadequate diet.

In Bible times, a denarius was a

day's wage, and olive oil and wine were not luxuries but were staples, like flour and milk today.

The pale horse represents untimely death. Among the

deadly plagues this horse has brought are the Spanish flu in 1918-1919 that killed so many that piles of bodies were burned rather than buried, and HIV/AIDS. In 2000, the U.S. surgeon general said 52 million people around the world had contracted the disease and 20 million had died.

Revelation 12:7-9 explains why we see so many problems today: "And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled but it did not prevail, neither was a place found for them any longer in heaven. So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth; he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him."

Verse 12 says, "On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing he has a short period of time."

This short period of time began in 1914, a year that many historians recognize as the year that mankind's whole way of life changed, that the atmosphere of life on earth changed.

Many of the prophecies in Revelation have been fulfilled since then, and others are yet to be fulfilled. What is yet to come? Revelation chapters 18 and 19 describe the destruction of false religion, commercial elements and governments,

and chapter 20 begins with Satan and his demons being hurled into the abyss.

Revelation 21:1 says, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea

is no more."

Verse 3 says God will reside with mankind, and verse 4 says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former

things have passed away."

Chapter 22, verse 17 says, "And the spirit and the bride keep on saying, 'Come!' And let anyone hearing say: 'Come!' And let anyone thirsting come; let anyone that wishes take life's water free."

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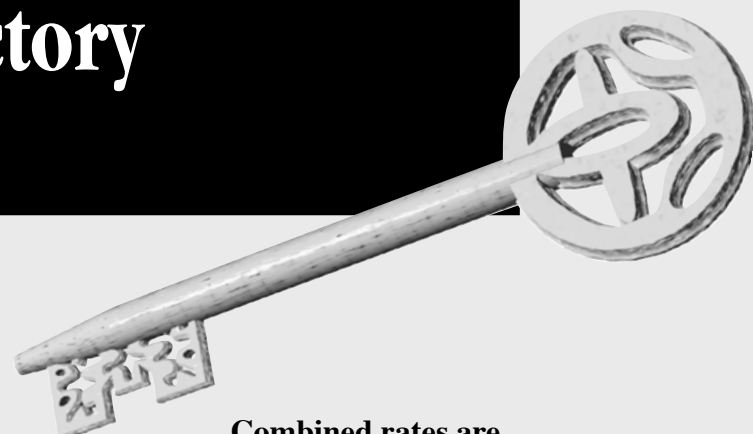
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