

Revelation 6:1, 2

1. First seal

“And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.” Revelation 6:1, 2

➤ Understanding the meaning

A. And I saw, and behold a white

- Isaiah 1:18
Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- Matt 17:2;
And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and **his raiment was white as the light**.
- Revelation 19:8
And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and white**: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
- Revelation 19:14
And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in **fine linen, white and clean**.

B. horse

- Pro 21:31
The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.

C. he that sat on him

- Revelation 19:11
And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- Revelation 19:13
And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

D. a bow

- Genesis 49:24
But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob;
(from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)
- Revelation 1:16
And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword:
- Revelation 19:15
And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations:

“The words of the apostles were as sharp arrows of the Almighty, convicting men of their terrible guilt in rejecting and crucifying the Lord of glory.” AA 45

E. a crown

- Revelation 2:10
be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
- Revelation 14:14
And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown,
- Revelation 19:12

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

- 2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

F. conquering, and to conquer

- Colossians 1:23

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and **which was preached to every creature which is under heaven**; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

➤ The conquering process of Gospel commission

“He(Jesus) knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the battle with evil, and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave triumphantly over His followers.” AA 21.0,

“His truth, armed with the power of the Spirit, would go forth conquering and to conquer.” AA 23.1

“If the church will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance with the world, there is before her the dawn of a bright and glorious day... Truth, passing by those who despise and reject it, will triumph.” AA 601.1

➤ When the covenant (the first love) was kept, they (Church) were experiencing the victory.

- A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34

➤ How the early church made white?

- And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14
- Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: Genesis 49:11

“As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief. As they called to remembrance the words that Christ had spoken to them before His death they understood more fully their meaning.... Like a procession, scene after scene of His wonderful life passed before them. As they meditated upon His pure, holy life they felt that no toil would be too hard, no sacrifice too great, **if only they could bear witness** in their lives to the loveliness of Christ's character. Oh, if they could but have the past three years to live over, they thought, how differently they would act! If they could only see the Master again, how earnestly they would strive to show Him how deeply they loved Him, and how sincerely they sorrowed for having ever grieved Him by a word or an act of unbelief! But they were comforted by the thought that they were forgiven. And they determined that, so far as possible, they would atone for their unbelief **by bravely confessing Him before the world.**”AA 36

➤ They were together with Him

- Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

- And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:6

➤ Clean and White

- And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. Matthew 17:8

“Of the disciples after the transfiguration of Christ it is written that at the close of that wonderful scene “they saw no man, save *Jesus only*.” Matthew 17:8. “*Jesus only*”—in these words is contained the secret of the life and power that marked the history of the early church. When the disciples first heard the words of Christ, they felt their need of Him. They sought, they found, they followed Him. They were with Him in the temple, at the table, on the mountainside, in the field. They were as pupils with a teacher, daily receiving from Him lessons of eternal truth.” AA 64.3

➤ When they left from the first love

- Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Revelation 2:4

“But after a time the zeal of the believers began to wane, and their love for God and for one another grew less. Coldness crept into the church. Some forgot the wonderful manner in which they had received the truth. One by one the old standard-bearers fell at their post. Some of the younger workers, who might have shared the burdens of these pioneers, and thus have been prepared for wise leadership, had become weary of oft-repeated truths. In their desire for something novel and startling they attempted to introduce new phases of doctrine, more pleasing to many minds, but not in harmony with the fundamental principles of the gospel. In their self-confidence and spiritual blindness they failed to discern that these sophistries would cause many to question the experiences of the past, and would thus lead to confusion and unbelief.” AA 580.1

“As these false doctrines were urged, differences sprang up, and the eyes of many were turned from beholding Jesus as the Author and Finisher of their faith. The discussion of unimportant points of doctrine, and the contemplation of pleasing fables of man's invention, occupied time that should have been spent in proclaiming the gospel. The masses that might have been convicted and converted by a faithful presentation of the truth were left unwarned. Piety was rapidly waning, and Satan seemed about to gain the ascendancy over those who claimed to be followers of Christ.” AA 580.