"It's Getting Dark Out There" – Revelation Part 12 Revelation 6:1-17

First Seal – *White horse, rider armed with bow, sent to Conquer* (1-2)

Second Seal – Red horse, rider armed with sword, symbolizing War (3-4)

Third Seal – Black horse, rider holding scales, symbolizing Famine (5-6)

Fourth Seal – Pale horse, rider Death, given power over ¼ of earth (7-8)

Each horseman depicts a progression of strife, the consequence of sin.

The Response: Repentance

Fifth Seal – Cry of the Martyrs – The conversion of the nations involves the suffering of God's people as witnesses to the truth. (9-11)

The Response: Pray for the Persecuted

Sixth Seal – Cataclysmic Judgement – The Lord will judge those who oppose him (12-17)

The Response: <u>Proclamation of the Gospel</u>

As a whole, the chapter depicts the Transience of this world.

The Response: Spend your life on that which Lasts Forever

The purpose of Revelation is not to promote <u>speculation</u> about the <u>future</u> but to compel <u>action</u> in the <u>present</u>.

Confidence in the justice and mercy of God enables bold faithfulness.