



# 7 Scrolls and 4 Horsemen: Judgement and Redemption



Reconciling  
Revelation &  
Jesus of the  
Gospels.

Is it Love vs  
Judgement?







Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, 'Come!' I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.



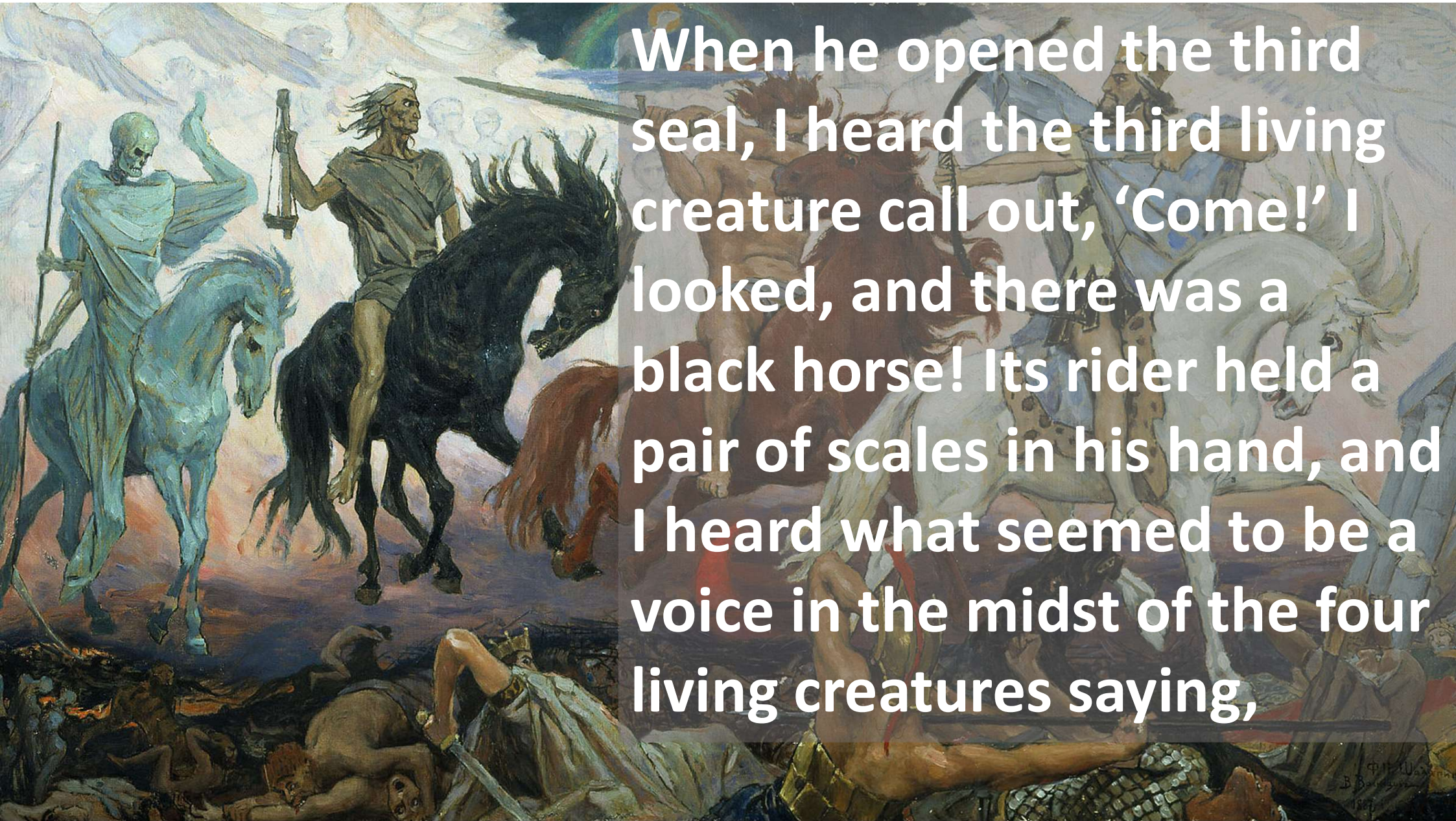


When he  
opened the  
second seal, I  
heard the  
second living  
creature call  
out, 'Come!'  
And out came  
another horse,  
bright red;



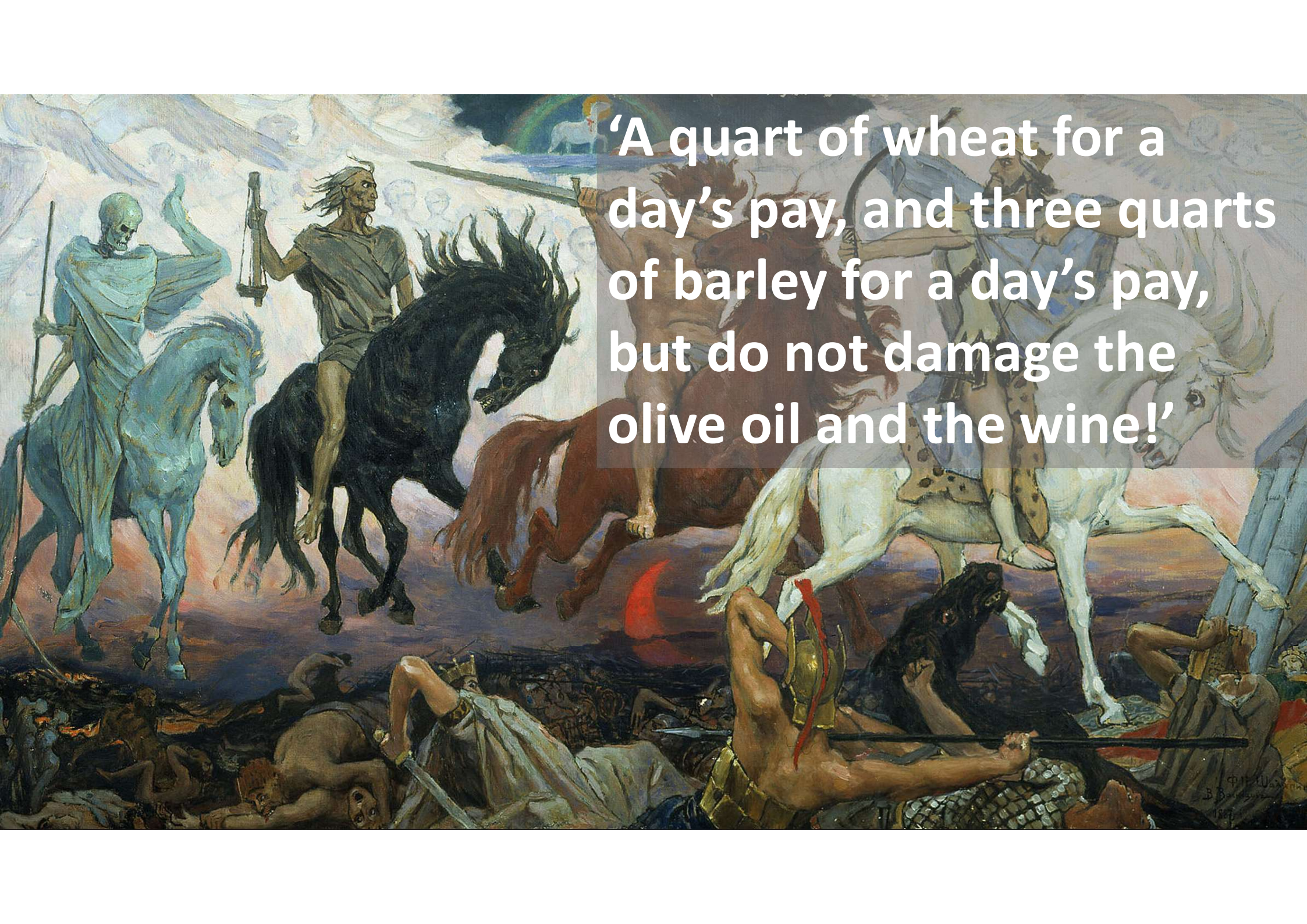
its rider was  
permitted to  
take peace from  
the earth, so  
that people  
would slaughter  
one another;  
and he was  
given a great  
sword.





When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, 'Come!' I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying,

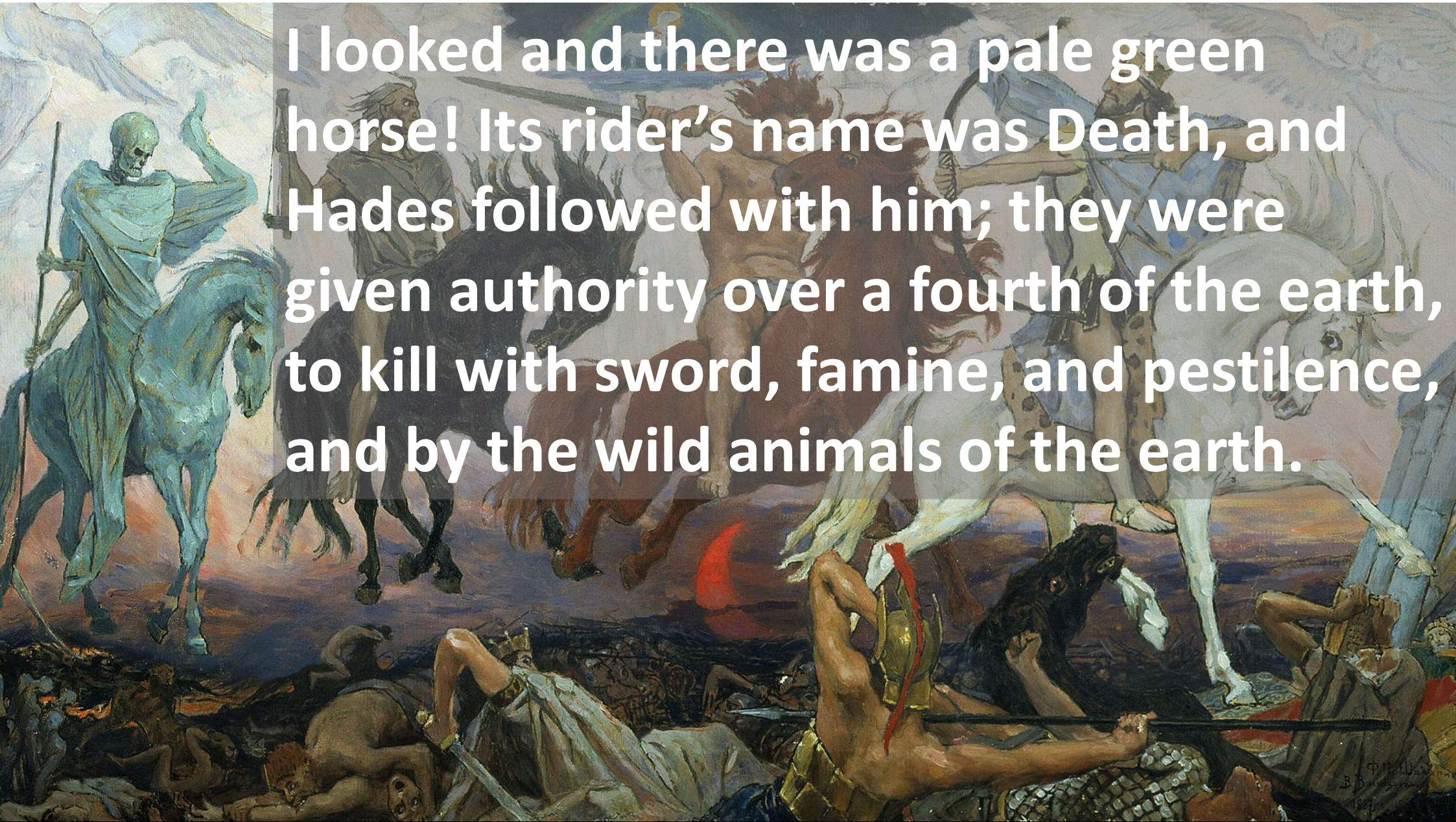




‘A quart of wheat for a day’s pay, and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!’



I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth.







The 4  
Horsemen are  
Abroad Today!





But are not  
the 4  
Horsemen the  
results of  
human  
action?





The wrath of  
God is God  
giving over  
humans to the  
consequences  
of human sin.





When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God and for the testimony they had given; they cried out with a loud voice,





‘Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge and avenge our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?’





They were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number would be complete both of their fellow-servants and of their brothers and sisters, who were soon to be killed as they themselves had been killed. (6:10-11)





‘a little longer ...’

Divine patience with  
human sin so that more  
may have time to repent





The rest of humankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands or give up worshipping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood,





which cannot see or hear  
or walk. And they did not  
repent of their murders  
or their sorceries or their  
fornication or their thefts.  
(9:20-21)





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The two witnesses who are martyred for their faith.

Their suffering and resurrection brings others to faith



Let anyone who has an ear  
listen:

If you are to be taken  
captive, into captivity you  
go; if you kill with the  
sword, with the sword  
you must be killed. Here  
is a call for the endurance  
and faith of the saints.  
(13:9-10)





The mission of Christ and His Church is suffering love for the sake of the world.



But ....  
There is an end and  
divine justice must be  
upheld ...





The nations raged,  
but your wrath has come,  
and the time for judging the  
dead, for rewarding your  
servants, the prophets and  
saints and all who fear your  
name, both small and great,  
and for *destroying those  
who destroy the earth.*  
(11:18)



Revelation shows a picture of a world where the consequences of human sin are set free and destroy human life.

In this world, Christ and his followers are called to suffer sin to show God's love that they may repent.





But ... the picture is also an encouragement for those who suffer and die as a result of human sin and a warning to those who perpetrate it –  
'a little longer ...' is not forever  
God will bring justice ...