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PETE HEGSETH'S CHRISTIAN MILITARY. THE BLACK HORSE RIDES AGAIN

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the black horse and third seal of Revelation 6 and how its experience is being repeated today.
2. Let us read Revelation 6:5, 6. Who introduced the opening of the third seal? Revelation 6:5

3. Read Revelation 4:6-8. Who are these four beasts? Isaiah 6:2-3; Psalm 148:2

4. **Note:** In Revelation 4:7, each "beast" has a different description. Each description points to a characteristic of Jesus Christ.
 - a) The third beast has the face of a man. What does this represent? Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 2:11; Philippians 2:7 **Answer:** The humanity of Christ's character in revealing Himself to mankind.
5. In Revelation 6:5, a black horse is seen. What is one application of a horse in scripture? Song of Solomon 1:9; Isaiah 63:11-13

6. In which time period was the third seal of Revelation 6:5 opened? **Answer:** The third seal was opened approximately A.D. 313. The second seal, the red horse, was opened during the reign of Emperor Nero of Rome approximately A.D. 64. That time period began the official persecution of the saints. The third seal, the black horse, was opened when persecution temporarily ceased for the saints.
7. Under whose reign did persecution for God's saints temporarily cease and in what year?

"Edict of Milan, proclamation that permanently established religious toleration for Christianity within the Roman Empire. It was the outcome of a political agreement concluded in Mediolanum (modern Milan) between the Roman emperors Constantine I and Licinius in February 313. The proclamation, made for the East by Licinius in June 313, granted all persons freedom to worship whatever deity they pleased, assured Christians of legal rights (including the right to organize churches), and directed the prompt return to Christians of confiscated property. Previous edicts of toleration had been as short-lived as the regimes that sanctioned them, but this time the edict effectively established religious toleration. The extant copies of the decree are those posted by Licinius in the eastern parts of the empire."
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Edict-of-Milan>

8. What historic battle marks the conversion of Constantine to Christianity? What did he do to his soldiers' shields after receiving the vision?

The Battle of the Milvian Bridge

However before the Milvian Bridge battle he and his army saw a cross of light in the sky above the sun with words in Greek that are generally translated into Latin as *In hoc signo vinces* ('In this sign conquer'). **That night Constantine had a dream in which Christ told him he should use the sign of the cross against his enemies. He was so impressed that he had the Christian symbol marked on his soldiers' shields and when the Milvian Bridge battle gave him an overwhelming victory he attributed it to the god of the Christians.**
<https://www.historytoday.com/archive/battle-milvian-bridge>

9. Notice the following current events which show how the experience of the black horse is being repeated. The Department of War wants to make the religious insignia of chaplains more prominent to reflect the Trump administration's emphasis on spirituality.

Chaplains will go by religious insignia, not rank, under new Pentagon guidance

The Pentagon is doing away with rank insignias for military chaplains, requiring them to instead display religious insignia as part of broader changes to the chaplain corps, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced this week.

Chaplains will still retain their ranks, Hegseth said in a video announcement Tuesday, but the change is meant to highlight the importance of the chaplain's role as a religious leader.

<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2026-03-25/chaplain-corps-rank-insignia-hegseth-21176194.html>

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth

We are (still) making the Chaplain Corps Great Again

<https://x.com/SecWar/status/2036504664758169607>

Christian Nationalist congressman Andy Ogles just posted this with the following text:

"This is a battle of good vs evil. We must reaffirm that our nation was built on Christian principles. Join Us"

<https://x.com/ChristnNitemare/status/2036125305178398919>

10. Here is another confirmation that the third seal, the end of persecution temporarily of the Christians, was opened during the reign of Emperor Constantine of Rome. Note that the chapter where this quotation is taken from in the book *The Great Controversy*, is entitled "*An Era of Spiritual Darkness.*" Write down what happened to the church as a result of this nominal conversion.

"Little by little, at first in stealth and silence, and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, "the mystery of iniquity" carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. **Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found their way into the Christian church. The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism. But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings, she laid aside the humble simplicity of Christ and His apostles for the pomp and pride of pagan priests and rulers; and in place of the requirements of God, she substituted human theories and traditions. The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century, caused great rejoicing; and the world, cloaked with a form of righteousness, walked into the church. Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. Her spirit controlled the church. Her doctrines, ceremonies, and superstitions were incorporated into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ.**" {GC 49.2}

11. Let's now learn what the end result will be of compromise and conformity entering the church. The horse brought to view in the third seal is black. What does the color black represent?
- a) Proverbs 7:9-27 **Answer:** Just as it is black at night so blackness points to a dark period in church history due to corruption. Darkness would point to mingling with the false doctrines/teaching and pagan practices of fallen churches.
- b) Lamentations 5:10-16

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12. What did the rider of the black horse have in his hand? Revelation 6:5

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13. What do the pair of balances represent?

a) Hosea 12:7, 8

b) Isaiah 46:5-7 **Answer:** Idolatry and the worshipping of idols

c) Amos 8:5-6 **Answer:** Setting up a false Sabbath

14. According to history, during the third seal and period of the black horse, what did the church leaders allow Emperor Constantine to set up in the church?
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"In the early part of the fourth century the emperor Constantine issued a decree making Sunday a public festival throughout the Roman Empire. The day of the sun was revered by his pagan subjects and was honored by Christians; it was the emperor's policy to unite the conflicting interests of heathenism and Christianity. He was urged to do this by the bishops of the church, who, inspired by ambition and thirst for power, perceived that if the same day was observed by both Christians and heathen, it would promote the nominal acceptance of Christianity by pagans and thus advance the power and glory of the church. But while many God-fearing Christians were gradually led to regard Sunday as possessing a degree of sacredness, they still held the true Sabbath as the holy of the Lord and observed it in obedience to the fourth commandment." {GC 53.1}

"The archdeceiver had not completed his work. He was resolved to gather the Christian world under his banner and to exercise his power through his vicegerent, the proud pontiff who claimed to be the representative of Christ. Through half-converted pagans, ambitious prelates, and world-loving churchmen he accomplished his purpose. Vast councils were held from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. **In nearly every council the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted. Thus the pagan festival came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed.**" {GC 53.2}

15. In which year did Constantine enforce by Sunday rest and worship by law?

Sunday

The Roman emperor [Constantine I](#) (died 337), a convert to Christianity, introduced the first civil legislation concerning Sunday in 321, when he decreed that all work should cease on that day, except that farmers could work if necessary. That law, aimed at providing time for [worship](#), was followed later in the same century and in subsequent centuries by further restrictions on Sunday activities.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Sunday-day-of-week>

16. In these last days, what is the controversy over in the mark of the beast crisis? Revelation 13:15; Revelation 14:9

17. Notice what Christian Nationalists such as **Pastor Doug Wilson** (one of Pete Hegseth's pastors) and **William Wolfe** (former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and at the Department of State) are saying about enforcing Sunday as a day for the family, rest, and worship in America.

Extended CNN interview: Inside Doug Wilson's crusade for Christian domination in the age of Trump

[YouTube.com/watch?v=qFelO0ZjdF8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFelO0ZjdF8)

William Wolfe Admits Christian Nationalists 'Are Going To Impose [Our Morality] Upon You'

[YouTube.com/watch?v=cB5FbsITJtQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB5FbsITJtQ)

18. Besides the rider of the black horse, who is the primary person with a pair of balances in His hand? What warnings should we learn from the lives of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar? Daniel 5:20-27

19. What did the voice from the midst of the four beasts say? Whose voice is it? Revelation 6:6; Revelation 5:6

20. What is one of the primary uses of wheat in the Bible? 1 Chronicles 21:22, 23

21. Why was the penny attached to the wheat, the meat offering? **Answer:** Just as ALL the meat offering was given, so we are to daily give our all to Jesus and not to the devil.

22. **Note:** How was the literal flour to be obtained, in order to offer it to God? It required much work and effort to obtain wheat grains and to grind them into fine flour. The process would include growing, harvesting, threshing, grinding and sifting. For us, this means that our characters must go through a similar process just like the wheat in order to become fine flour or to become perfected. This is symbolic of our desires, our works, and our ministry for God.

23. How much was a penny worth in the Bible? Matthew 20:2

24. Whose image and superscription was on the penny during Jesus' earthly ministry? What is one application of this for us today? Matthew 22:17-21 and the statement below.

As the coin bears the image and superscription of the reigning power, so man at his creation bore the image and superscription of God; and though now marred and dim through the influence of sin, the traces of this inscription remain upon every soul. **God desires to recover that soul and to retrace upon it His own image in righteousness and holiness.** {COL 194.3}

25. What was barley a symbol of? What was it used for? John 6:9-13

26. **Note:** What is the meaning of three measures of barley for a penny? **Answer:** We must receive the three angels' messages (Revelation 14:6-12) daily and give it to the world. We must not allow Caesar or the devil to hinder our work or to distract us.

27. **Note:** Jesus says "and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine," Revelation 6:6. This means to preserve, keep, and guard the experience that is connected with the oil and the wine.

28. What were the wine and the oil used for in the earthly sanctuary? Genesis 35:14

29. What did the drink offering represent? Isaiah 49:26; Genesis 49:11; Leviticus 17:11; 1 Samuel 16:13

30. What should be the primary motivation for us to pour out a drink offering to Jesus, to pour out our lives to Him? To answer, read the story of the Good Samaritan and write your thoughts. Luke 10:30-35
