



John's Vision of the Horses

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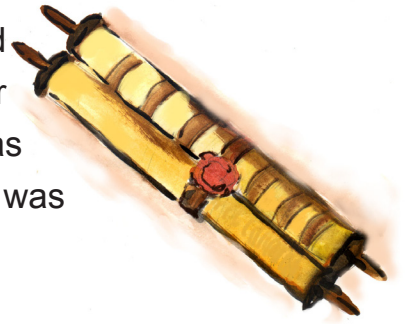
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John was one of the Lord's disciples. The Lord let John see wonderful things that were taking place in the spiritual world.

The Lord told John to write down what He was shown in heaven.



John saw the Lord sitting on a throne. In the Lord's hand was a scroll, an old kind of book. It was a long sheet of paper rolled up on two sticks. The scroll had writing in it, and it was sealed with seven seals that kept it tightly closed. Nobody was able to open it to see what it said.



A Lamb came, and He was able to open the scroll.

When the Lamb broke open the first seal, a white horse appeared, with a rider on it. This was a good horse. The rider had a bow and a crown, and he went to fight for good and true things.



When the second seal was broken, a fiery red horse appeared, with a rider on it. This was not a good horse. The rider was given a great sword, and he went off to take away peace and happiness from the earth.



When the third seal was broken, a black horse appeared, with a rider on it. He was worse than the red horse. In his hand he held a scale for weighing things, and he called out saying that the good and true things from the Lord were not worth much. That was not true.

When the fourth seal was broken, a pale horse appeared, with a rider on it. This was the worst of all. He was to hurt many people.

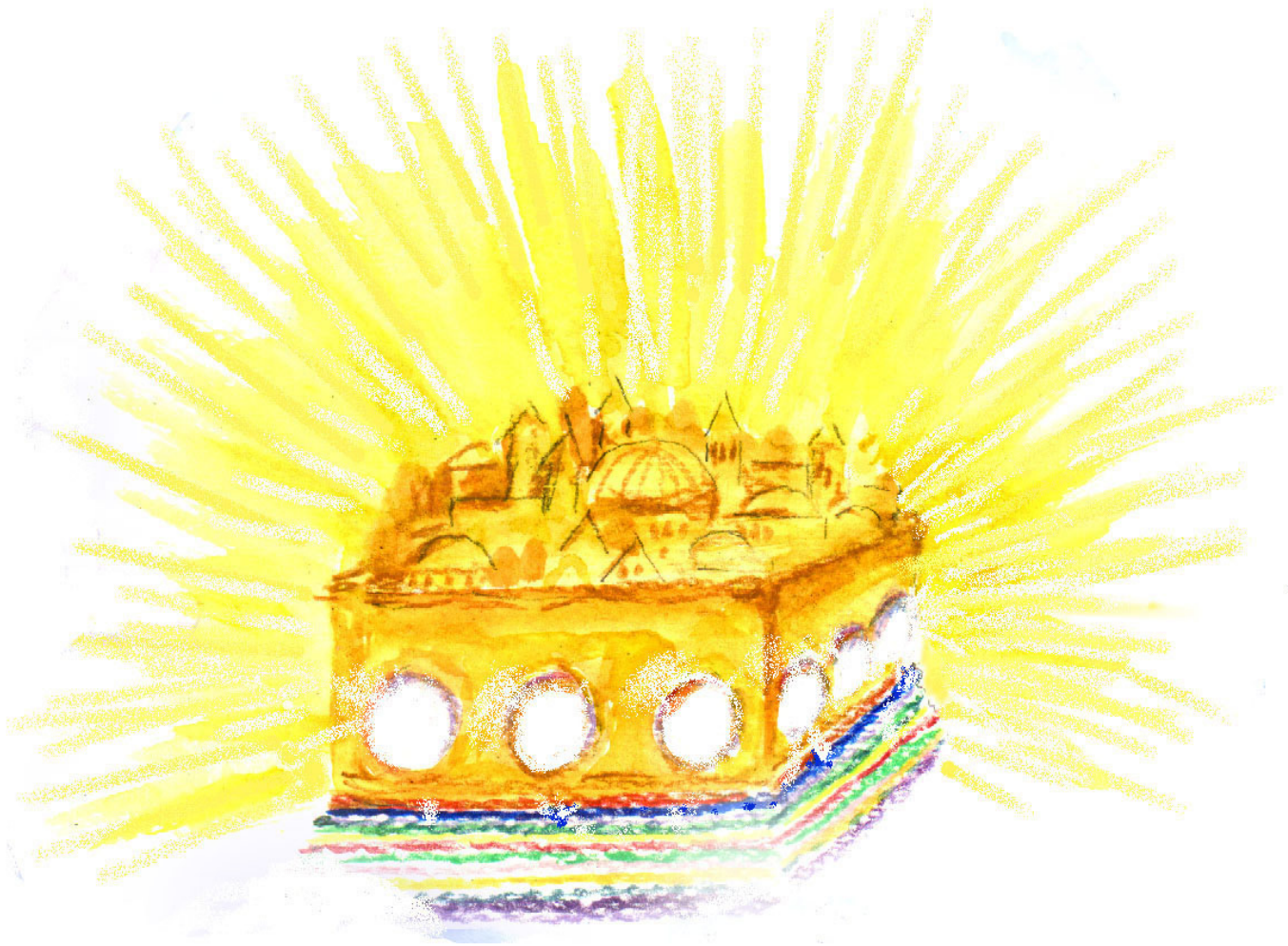
The Lord was winning the wars against the evil people who wanted to attack Him. He easily defeated them, and they were sent back to hell where they belonged. Now everyone could be able to understand the truth that is written in the Word.



Then John saw a white horse again. This time its rider was the Lord Himself. “His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns” (Revelation 19:12). He wore a white robe with blood on it because He had been fighting for the good and true things. Out of His mouth went a sharp sword. (Do you remember that the Lord had a sword coming out of His mouth in the very first project you did this year?) On the top part of His leg was written a special name. It said, “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16).



When the Lord came on the white horse, **He was preparing for the beautiful city, the New Jerusalem to come to earth.** Some day everyone will live with the Lord in that happy city.





Three of the horses in this story might seem scary, but they teach us important things. The Lord is strong and good like the white horse and its rider. He is always there to protect us, and when things go wrong in the world He is fighting to make them right again. We can ask for the Lord's help, and He will help us to fight the evil spirits and make them go back to hell.

The Lord wants us to know these things. This is why He let John see into heaven and told him to write them down in the book of Revelation.