



Third Seal, Black Horse: Famine  
Revelation 6: 5-6

## SCRIPTURE

### Chapter 6

<sup>5</sup> And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, “Come and see.” And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, “A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.”

## COMMENTARY

The third seal is opened, and the third creature calls, "Come!" The third horse comes forth, and is black in color. Its rider carries a pair of balances in his hand. The picture is terrible famine during and following a time of war. War always brings famine.

The balances picture that food is scarce, and wartime rationing is in place. A penny was a day's wages, and a measure was about two pints. The average family will be starving to death.