The First Seal: The White Rider

And I bore witness, when the child broke the first seal, there was no thunder from heaven. The thunder came from Earth.

It sounded like applause in the halls of power like cheering in boardrooms when the price of commodities rose and the value of life fell.

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And then I saw it: a white horse. But this was no savior. This was an illusion.

The rider wore a crown — but it was not divine.

It was made by human hands to feign legitimacy, to be used in slogans, by men who gain from selling fear.

In his hand: a bow. But no arrows. Because the threat of power was enough to bend nations.

He went out not to liberate but to conquer perception —

to make war look noble. to make empire look divine.

And I understood this was not merely the beginning of the end. This was how the lie always goes: Dress the destroyer in white. Call it noble. Claim that violence is necessary. Call it protecting freedom. Blame it on God.

The Second Seal: The Red Rider

And I bore witness, when the child broke the second seal, the voice that once cried "holy" now cried out in warning.

Not from the throne. From below. From the ground that had soaked up too much blood.

And another horse came, red as fury, red as fire, red as spilled life.

Its rider was not carrying justice. He was given a sword. Not to protect. But to take peace from the Earth.

To turn brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor, nation against nation.

They called it strength. Said it was justified, Pretended it was defense. Swore it was necessary. But it was none of those things —

It was war for profit, war for control, war to add jewels to the White Rider's crown.

And I saw that he did not kill alone.

He had help.

Laws. Legalities. Policies.

All created by men, hiding behind flags held too distant to feel the heat.

And I heard the <u>cries</u> from the rubble from the children buried under ceilings brought down by missiles. And the mothers screaming names that would never answer again. The sword was not forged on that day. It was only unleashed.