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**Scales
and
Balances**

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Scales and Balances.

- **Leviticus 26:26:** When I break your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in a single oven and shall dole out your bread again by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.
- **Revelation 6:5-6:** When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales (a pair of balances in KJV) in his hand. ⁶ And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

The statement, "the rider of the black horse had a pair of scales in his hand," implies that food and water had to be rationed and measured out by weight in, order to distribute it fairly, because of the great scarcity of it. When there is abundance of food and water there is no need to weigh and measure what is drunk, eaten or given out, but when there is a famine, it must be so.

In times of great scarcity, famines and during wars it was normal to use scales to measure out the food and water supply by weight, to give everyone an equal share. Likewise, food being weighed out by weight, signify food is so enormously lacking, no one is satisfied by the portion they are given.

- **Job 31:6:** Job prayed, "Let me be weighed in a just balance, and let God know my integrity!"

Here the scales signify the eyes of God perceiving Job's heart and determining what is good and what is bad.

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- **Proverbs 16:11:** A just balance and scales are the LORD's; all the weights in the bag are his work.

Here the scales symbolise the truth, God is in control of all things.

- **Ezekiel 4:16:** Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, behold, I will break the supply of bread in Jerusalem. They shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and they shall drink water by measure and in dismay.

Here the use of balances signifies that the food and water supply is so scarce it had to be carefully weighed out to supply enough food to support a person for a day. By extension this carries the idea, all that is needed for the survival of human life was extremely scarce.

- **Hosea 12:7:** A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, he loves to oppress.

Here false scales signify deceit, lies, deception, and the oppression those who love riches use to increase their wealth and materialistic empire.

SNAPSHOT: when scales are used in the context of:

- **Faithfulness:** they signify, honesty, justice, fairness, and truth.
 - **Unfaithfulness:** they signify, deception, cheating, dishonesty and lies.
 - **Food:** they signify, scarcity, shortage and lack.
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