

REVELATION CHAPTER 6

PART 2



***BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH,
AND THEY THAT HEAR
THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY....***

REV 6: 7-8

KJV ⁷And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

⁸And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

REV 6:7-8

NLT ⁷ When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, “Come!” ⁸ I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.

REV 6: 7-8

AMP ⁷When the Lamb broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, Come!

⁸So I looked, and behold, an ashy pale horse (black and blue as if made so by bruising), and its rider's name was Death, and Hades (the realm of the dead) followed him closely. And they were given authority and power over a fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and with wild beasts of the earth.



The Fourth Seal –

A Pale Horse –

**This horse represents
death.**

When the fourth seal is opened, the fourth creature that is around the throne tells John to go and see. John sees a sickly pale green horse. (*The Greek word chwrov - chloros is used and it is more likely to be translated as green than pale*). The rider on him brought death and Hades follows with him. The passage implies that when this rider rides there will be hell on earth and that possibly this rider has some control over the underworld. The passage says that power was given to kill with weapons, lack of food, death (plague) and with savage animals of the earth. God uses the four judgments of sword, famine, wild beasts and pestilence to indicate He is allowing divine judgment to come.

In 2Sa 24:13 *So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.*

Some think the death from the beasts will be pestilences that cross over from animals to man. The passage also indicates that these events will occur on one fourth of the earth's land surface. Disease often accompanies war but here germ warfare is probably also involved. These events may be describing a world war along with civil war that takes place between neo-Christian western nations and Islamic nations that becomes so bad the survivors will be looking for a leader that proposes absolute control of the world through world government and an all inclusive world religion.

Hades As we go through the book of Revelation, we are constantly being informed of the location of those who died. Here for example we are told, the dead enter Hell or Hades. In the fifth seal we see the dead in Heaven. In chapter 14, those who receive the mark are warned about the *lake of fire*, in 15 we see those who die after rejecting the mark in Heaven. Many will die and enter an eternity apart from God as a result of these events. Here the dead are being swept into Hades or Hell.

Fourth of the earth The Greek word for Earth here is *gh' Ge* which means the livable or arable earth. This verse informs us about the magnitude of the events taking place in the early part of the tribulation period. Today the earth's population is estimated at 6.3 billion, imagine $\frac{1}{4}$ of the population of the earth dying, the number would be well over 1.5 billion people.

John says the rider who sat on this horse "was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth." One quarter of the earth's population, well over a billion people, will die as a result of WWIII. I believe that this has to do with wars, such as the one in Israel now, famine and drought worldwide, and death from hundreds of other things. An example is the plant in Russia, Chernobyl, which exploded. "Chernobyl" means wormwood. The Bible says a third of water will become wormwood, Rev. 8:11. I really believe this happens later in the scenario. That Hades follows Death shows that those slain are unbelievers, for upon death believers do not go to Hades but straight to the Savior's side.

This "pale" here, means a sickly color, a sickly green color, as if sick to the death. "Death, and Hell" are grouped, meaning a termination of earthly dwelling. Death is inevitable for every one of us. Death of the body, that is. Hell does await some, but heaven awaits Christians. Hell is sometimes a word used for the grave. In that particular instance, Hell would follow death, because our bodies lie in the grave until resurrection day. Death and real hell is reserved for the lost. I really believe this is a time in the end that is spoken of as a time when men's hearts will fail them for fear of things that are coming upon the earth, Luke 21:26. We have the capability to knock the earth off of its axis with the nuclear bombs. Fear is rampant, not only here in the U.S., but around the world. All it would take is for one crazy man to push the wrong button and total destruction would occur.

The tribulation period will not be mild in any way. Horror scenes portrayed in the movies cannot begin to describe the events to take place in this period. For this reason, Jesus warned this is period unlike any in the history of the world and never to be repeated again. (Matthew 24;21-22, Daniel 12;1, Jer. 30;7)

The fourth horse and its rider collect the results of the Red and Black horses. War brings death, causing famine resulting in more death. Another result from war and famine, the animals also turn on man. During this period, beasts of the earth see man as another food source. Animals will no longer have the inner fear of mankind.

The entire world will be in chaos. Death, disease and perversion along with fear will grip the hearts of those that are on earth. People will think it can't get worse, and yet it will. We must be prepared in our own lives to face whatever is coming. We must listen to the Spirit of God and move when He says move and stop when He says stop. All those in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, and some of us may be put to death, but we know that in the end, we have victory!!

In Summary of the four horsemen:

- 1. The white horse depicts that the antichrist is given power, and he goes forth to conquer.**
- 2. The red horse was given power to take peace from the earth, and was given a great sword to do that with.**
- 3. The black horse caused judgment to come on the food, where it will cost a days' wages to purchase a meal. In spite of that the oil and the wine are not to be touched, which can represent the Holy Spirit. We will be not touched if we are filled with God's Spirit during this time.**
- 4. The pale horse represents death. And Hades. This represents the power that follows conquering, loss of peace, and judgment on the food and economy. Death follows the first three horses.**

**The four horsemen
are ready to ride.**

**Are you dressed in your
Heavenly Armor?**

Are you filled with the Spirit?

Are your ears listening?

