THE FOUR HORSEMEN

THE PALE GREEN HORSE — REV. 6:7-8

NOW THE FINAL HORSE RIDES OUT—The Pale Green Horse- WHOLESALE DEATH---A word about HADES in the Greek—SHEOL in the Hebrew—

- John saw two personages: DEATH riding a pale horse and HADES (the realm of the dead) following him.
- Christ has the keys of DEATH and HADES REV. 1:18 and both will one day be cast into hell REV. 20:14
- For unbelievers DEATH claims the BODY while HADES claims the SOUL of the dead (Rev. 20:13). ---Physical and Spiritual
2. KNOW JESUS—NO FEAR

John saw these enemies going forth to claim their prey, armed with weapons of the sword, hunger, pestilence (death), and wild beasts

- In ancient times, hunger, pestilence, and the ravages of beasts would be expected to accompany war (see JER. 15:2; 24:10; EZEK. 14:21)

- Suffering people from the days of the Roman Empire to the most recent wars in our time can easily recognize the fear of these four dreaded horsemen—riding out.

BUT NOT WE WHO HAVE TRUSTED IN CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD—THE STING OF DEATH IS GONE—

1 COR. 15: 50-57
3. THE TRIBULATION WILL BE ROTTEN

In the Greek Septuagint translation of the Bible, the word used for pale in VERSE 8 is “chloros,” meaning pale green like the color of plant chlorophyll.

- This horse is the color of spoiled meat and rotting flesh.
- His rider and the creature following him are personified by Death and Hades.
  - Sadly, this horse and rider will go forth to harvest the souls of unbelievers to fuel the fires of hell.
4. A HORIZBLE PROGRESSION

NOTICE THE PROGRESSION IN SEVERITY OF THE HORSEMEN:

- The rider on the **WHITE HORSE** will not really be physically armed—He will have a bow but no arrows.
- The rider on the **RED HORSE** will carry a single large sword.
- The rider on the **BLACK HORSE** will have two weapons—economic collapse and famine.
- This final rider on the **PALE HORSE** will have four weapons: a sword—famine—plagues—wild animals.

**AS THE TRIBULATION UNFOLDS---JUST AS IS ALREADY HAPPENING IN THE WORLD TO A MINOR DEGREE,**
**THINGS WILL GET WORSE AND WORSE, NOT BETTER. FULLFILING THE WARNING OF ROMANS 1:18-25**
5. SAY WHAT?

WHAT is this passage really SAYING?

- It is not God’s intent that any should perish, but when people defiantly refuse God’s plan, the consequence of this disobedience is death.

- God has and is-- being very patient with mankind

  2 PETER 3:8-9

Mankind will finally get what it has asked for---in its thousands of years of rebellion against God
6. THE TRIBULATION IS NO JOKE

PEOPLE WITHOUT CHRIST MOCK BOTH GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WHEN THEY CALL THE TRIBULATION A MYTH!

Notice: Four forms of death take place in this verse.

• The “SWORD” represents not the military but murder; this is individual assault. People will take law into their own hands. This is a lawless society.

• **FAMINE** takes many people in death.

• The phrase “WITH DEATH” likely refers to endemic plagues. Diseases like HIV/AIDS—SARS—bird flu will cover the earth. These plagues will wipe out entire populations.

• Finally, because the infrastructures of society that protect people will crumble, **WILD BEASTS** will attack the population.
7. EZEKIEL AND JESUS SAID IT FIRST

EZEKIEL SAID IT—This represents all four of God’s judgments as mentioned in—EZEKIEL 14:12-23

JESUS SAID IT TOO -Judgement is on its way--LUKE 17:26-30

MAN WILL HAVE IT COMING FOR SURE—SO BE WARNED!

‘A fourth part of the earth’—This stresses that, while considerable license is given, 1.5 billion would die if it happened today----there are still reins upon the pale horse.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GRACE AND MERCY—EVEN IN JUDGEMENT AND WRATH