

# BEWARE THE LAMB



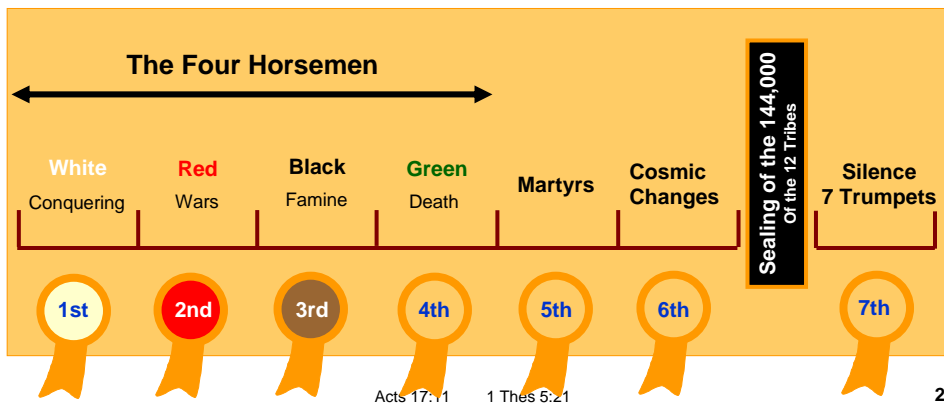
## SEALS 3 and 4 Rev 6:5-8 The Black and The Pale Horses

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Chapters 6 & 7

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A RIDER on a  
BLACK HORSE  
FAMINE



### Seal 3 Famine Rider on a Black horse

*" . . . And I saw a black horse, with its rider holding a pair of balances in his hand" (Revelation 6:5 Living New Testament).*

The third seal when broken reveals a Black Horse with a rider holding a pair of scales.

During the first part of the Tribulation there will be a famine of sorts.

Due to the great destruction over the earth due to the war at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal and its Red Horse and Rider going out

*[6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come and see.  
6:4 And there went out another horse that was Red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.]*

and given that many men everywhere will have been drafted for that war, many fields which remain will go untilled.

Famine will follow just as Christ prophesied.

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In this time of great need the will world turn to a man who came proclaiming a plan for peace.

*"I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (John 5: 43).*

This is the antichrist - who appeared on the scene riding the white horse of Seal 1.

His true character is not long hidden.

When he is given power over the nations, the judgment of God follows quickly.

After the white horse there comes the red, the black and the livid (pale / green) horses.

War is unloosed, famine and 'pestilence' breaks out and death stalks the earth.

The Holy Spirit calls the Antichrist "The Beast" for good reasons:

- He comes out of the abyss (*Rev. 17:8*),
- His character is that of a beast (*Rev 13:2-3*),
- His power, his throne and his authority are from Satan, (*Rev 13:2*),
- Finally, God deals with him as a beast (*Rev 19:19-20*).

At first the world (including Israel) will believe him to be Christ, the Messiah.

In reality he is the counterfeit Christ, the anti-Messiah.

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The events follows the Lord's explanation to the disciples' questions on the Mount of Olives.

The white horse.

*"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:5).*

The red horse.

*"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars . . . for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom . . ." (Matt 24:6, 7)*

There are some (Preterists / Reconstructionists / Kingdom Now folks) who apply this passage to our day and to past events thinking that the events of history and our day fulfill all prophecy.

The wars Christ prophesied will take place occur after the believers are removed from the earth, after the man of sin has been revealed (*2 Thes 2:3*).

I believe his campaigns to enforce his covenant with Israel are described in *Dan 10-12*

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There is a type of biblical narrative – often used in the Old Testament prophesy - where the Holy Spirit leads a prophet to speak to or about some event that is taking place in the world at that moment.

Inspired the writer begins to relate some of what in his day would be current world events.

Then, without a pause, the Holy Spirit carries the writer backward or forward hundreds and thousands of years to the time of the beginning or the time or the end and begins to describe events which have some similarity with those taking place in the prophets day.

Isaiah brings a message of comfort to Jerusalem because of some armistice that has ended a local warfare (*Isa. 40:1, 2*).

The next verse carries us on to John the Baptist comforting the nation because the final peace has been proclaimed.

Ezekiel rebukes the king of Tyre because of pride that lifted him up to the place where he accepted worship from his subjects.

In the middle of the passage we are carried on into the spiritual realm to describe the fall of Lucifer who through pride turned the worship of creation away from God toward himself (*Ezek. 28*).

*Isa 14* provides the same starting point using the king of Babylon and moves both backward to Lucifer's fall and forward to Satan's rebellion and destructon.

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God's Word allows us to trace some of Antichrist's movements after his rise to power.

The second horse, the red horse is permitted to take peace from the earth.

Jesus in *Matt 24* tells us that following the appearance of false-christs come wars and rumors of war.

Daniel describes the anti-christ's first war campaign.

We see two kings pushing against the Antichrist (*Dan. 11:40*)

His army is seen marching forward in the neighborhood of Asia Minor and Syria.

*"He shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (Dan 11:40).*

Coupling these events and circumstances with those described in other scriptures this might be the campaign that re-unites the former Roman Empire – At first a war alliance with a supreme commander – later a single kingdom of 10 parts, 3 of which become reluctant participants which are subsequently 'removed' by anti-christ.

Next he enters Palestine,

*"He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown" (Dan 11:41)*

It is easy to follow the narrative when he comes from Syria into Palestine.

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He will bypass Jordan and Arab lands because the situation in Egypt has become urgent.

He does not have time for a thrust against the Arab people and those lands may now be polluted / contaminated with the war dead

*"These shall escape out of his hand, even Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (vs. 41).*

When he reaches Egypt, he conquers it.

Some of his forces break out into Ethiopia (*Dan 11:42-43*).

But he must break off the Ethiopian attack and regroup

*"Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth [out of Africa] with great fury to destroy, and utterly annihilate many" (Dan 11:44).*

He establishes his headquarters in Jerusalem; perhaps a consequence of the 7 year 'covenant'.

*"Between the seas in the glorious holy mountain" (Dan 11:45).*

This sets the stage for the later events of the seven year period we call the Tribulation...

The conquest of Israel and the re-establishment of the Roman empire are not the end of his defeats and the disasters to fall at the time of the end.

The Lord spoke a word of comfort directed to those who will have seen the true nature of Antichrist and whose hearts have turned in repentance toward the true Christ

*"See that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matt. 24:6).*

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Russia leading her forces and those of the German nations; Persia – Iran/Iraq turning from other influences, fall into line with the great northern confederacy; the united Arab peoples join with them; republics turning to kingdoms. They invade Israel.

Western Europe, in dismay at the growing power of the coalition, finally comes together as the Revived Roman Empire under the single rule of the Antichrist.

God has already removed His restrainer from the world. Chaos results and for a time it appears God is permitting Satan to have his way.

God is omniscient. He knows how Satan's forces will move and has written it down in outline in His Word.

Anti-christ responds to the coalition's invasion and invades the Middle East to 'defend', recover and restore order and establish his rule over the area but this is after God's intervention on Israel's behalf necessitated by the Northern-Eastern coalitions invasion of Israel.

Anti-christ marches in an through the Holy Land, sets up his 'head quarter' and is forced to redirect his forces and thus halts his southern campaign into the north African lands.

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## THE BLACK HORSE OF FAMINE

*Revelation 6:5-6*

*"When he had opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say: 'Come!' And, behold, there came a black horse, and he who sat upon it had the beam of a balance in his hand. And I heard, as it were, a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying: 'A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius. But you must not injure the oil and the wine.'"*

The black horse and its rider represent famine

- Very severe
- Causes great hardship

*Barley*



The three main crops of Israel were the 'corn' – grain crops, the wine and the oil  
These are always mentioned when the crops of the land are being described (*Deut.7:13; Deut. 11:14; Deut. 28:51; Hos.2:8,22*).

There is wheat – but at a price most can't afford  
There is Barley; the poor man's grain  
Note: The wine and the oil are not affected.

*Wheat*



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## WEIGH IT OUT CAREFULLY – DON'T SPILL ANY...

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The rider has a cross-beam balance in his hand.

In the Old Testament the phrase to "eat bread by weight" indicated rationing; a time of great scarcity.

"And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time shalt thou eat it. Thou shalt drink also water by measure ... behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care" (Ezek. 4:10, 11, 16).

"When I have broken the staff of your bread . . . in one oven, and they shall deliver you bread again by weight; and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied" (Lev. 26:26).

Rations must be measured; weighed out careful. They were very costly because they were so scarce – in part due to the ravages caused by the wars...

The world is now near anarchy, broken by violence and trouble and in great famine and shortage. Compared with what will yet come, these times are good.



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John hears a voice out of the midst of the four living beings speak.

This must be God speaking.

The voice sets limits on the work of the black horseman and what he can impact on the earth.

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## WINES AND OILS BUT NO GRAINS

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Instruction is given not to hurt the oil and wine.

The oil described is most likely olive oil.

It could be that petroleum oil is being referred to but this is unlikely as it was largely unknown during John's day and the other commodities mentioned are clearly foodstuffs.

The olive and the grape vine are much more deep rooted than the grains;

The olive and grape plants would survive a drought or land scourge due to wars while the shallow rooted grains would not.

When Jacob had to send down to Egypt for corn in the days of the famine in the time of Joseph, he was still able to send with his sons a gift of "the choice fruits of the land" (*Gen.43:11*).

Oil and wine were and are luxuries, indulgences of the rich. They will be abundantly available.

Demand for luxury items usually falls off during times of hardship and shortage.

Here we have a situation where wine and oil are plentiful but grain supplies are extremely limited and expensive.

Luxuries are plentiful but necessities are scarce.

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## Drought begins – Rev 6 ??? Drought ends – Rev 11 !!!

In Revelation 11 when the "Two Witnesses" are referred to, they are spoken of as if they are already on the scene and have been for some time. John relates their entire 'ministry' and time on scene in a few verses compiled in Chapter 11. They appeared some time earlier, the end of their 'ministry' coming at or near the mid-point of the Tribulation period – when antichrist desecrates the newly built Temple; the Abomination that causes Desolation that Jesus referred to...

Rev. 11:3-13

*[3] And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. [4] These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. [5] And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. [6] **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.** [7] And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. [8] And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. [9] And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. [10] And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. [11] And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. [12] And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. [13] And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

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# Famine

A primary goal – a basic need of mankind = to have a secure supply of food.

To have abundant food production you must have:

- A stable society,
- A stable economic system and
- Favorable weather conditions.

Where weather causes famine, having a stable political and economic system increases the capability of dealing with the problem than in societies wracked with strife and upheaval.

**NOTE: Many 20<sup>th</sup> century famines have been caused deliberately or by economic systems crippled by corrupt or dictatorial governments.**

Most famines today are **not** caused by nature or by the inability of a people to produce or gather food, but rather by the policies of governments looking out for their own self interests and who make it impossible for their own people to cope with nature, gather or produce food.

One of the earliest examples of deliberately induced famine was the famine imposed by Josef Stalin on the Ukraine in order to force the population there into compliance.

Armies throughout history laid siege to cities and nations to starve them into compliance.

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## Famine: Crisis spots today

A recent report: the "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, a list of Countries Needing Emergency Assistance Rises to 38"...(February, 1998), <http://fao.org/NEWS/GLOBAL/GW9813-e.html>) lists countries facing severe food shortages.

Most of these critical food shortages are on the African continent especially:

The Sudan,  
Burundi,  
the Democratic Republic of Congo,  
Ethiopia,  
Kenya,  
Uganda,  
Somalia, and  
Tanzania.

Other affected areas include:

islands in the Indonesian archipelago,  
North Korea,  
Taiwan,  
Vietnam,  
Mongolia,  
Iraq,  
Georgia,  
Bosnia-Herzegovina, and  
the smaller countries of Central America.

We can add to these lists, the hunger and food shortages in developing countries like:

**India**  
**China**

And even developed nations like:

USA  
Russia

Worldwide inflation coupled with a global shortage of food will have a quick and devastating impact worldwide.

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## Famine: Man-made

Today, if a country experiences an adverse weather event – drought, flood, etc. -, it is able to receive or purchase food from other countries where harvests are still abundant.

But, if a government wants to hide its weak condition - like North Korea – or if it wants to wipe out rebel factions within its population – like in Sudan – then it won't permit available relief measures to reach its population and millions of people starve.

Regardless of the cause, it is always the impoverished who experience the greatest shortage.

The instruction to the 3<sup>rd</sup> horseman of Revelation 6 indicates that it is not just a famine but also an economic condition that impacts the world.

A man's daily wages are so small, he can barely support himself much less his family.

The horrible inflation caused by economic conditions together with famine strike the earth when the Black horse and rider are sent out.

Worldwide monetary collapse and inflation will set the stage for further subsequent events detailed in Revelation.

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## YOU WANT HOW MUCH ... !?!

Revelation 6:5-6



"When he had opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say: 'Come!' And, behold, there came a black horse, and he who sat upon it had the beam of a balance in his hand. And I heard, as it were, a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying: 'A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius. But you must not injure the oil and the wine.'"

A measure of wheat or three measures of barley was to cost a **denarius**.

Scripture (KJV) translates it as 'penny' –

A denarius was about the size of a dime.



It is consistently defined in the ancient world as a **working man's wage for a day**.

The measure used was a "**choenix**," = 1 ½ to 2 pints; just less than a quart.

As early as Homer it was the amount of wage given to a workman for a full day's work (Odyssey XIX:XXVIII).

Herodotus also gives this as the measure of wheat consumed by each soldier in the army of Xerxes (VIII:CLXXXVII).

Normally, one denarius bought from 8-16 measures of wheat corn and 24-48 measures of barley. At the time of Rev 6:5-6, it only buys 1/8<sup>th</sup> that amount. Grain is 8 times more expensive than normal.

A man's whole day's wages would be needed to buy enough wheat corn to feed himself for a day, leaving nothing for any other necessities and nothing with which to feed his wife and family.

Barley was the poor man's grain. If he bought the inferior grain barley, he may receive enough grain to feed his family but he would still have nothing left to buy anything else.

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## THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT WILL PAY...

Revelation 6:5-6

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In the time of Nero a famine left the luxury of the rich untouched but destroyed the food staples.

There was a ship that arrived in Italy from Alexandria. The starving peoples thought it was a corn ship.

They rioted when they discovered that the cargo was not corn but a special kind of sand from the Nile Delta to spread upon the ground of the arena for a gladiatorial show.

From the 'midst of the four living creatures' there comes the voice telling the rider he is permitted to destroy the food staples - making grains scarce - and yet forbidding him to interfere with the supplies of wine and oil. Even the prices of the grains is given.

This is a picture of famine set alongside luxury.

Some will have more than enough while others starve with too little.

Nature has always been able to produce more than enough to feed the earth's residents.

Throughout history there have been many who used food as a weapon to serve their own purposes and motives.

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## The poor are getting poorer; the rich still have their luxuries.

Barnhouse relates:

*Just after World War I, I spent a few days in Vienna at the time when misery was very great. The British commissioner had just reported in the London Times that it was not uncommon to see the streets of the capital blocked by funerals of which three out of four were children. There was a shortage of coal and the police had ordered everyone off the streets by nine o'clock. The city was filled with wealthy refugees from Russia and other countries. Walking along the boulevard one afternoon as the crowds were coming out of the opera which began early to conform with the curfew regulations, I saw men with bare feet in the snow, their skeletons covered with rags, their ribs seen through the holes in the cloths with which they attempted to cover their bodies. From time to time there was blood on the snow from their feet. Out of the opera came men escorting women with fortunes in jewels upon them. Never have I seen more wonderful displays in any of the capitals of the earth. The beggars blocked the way to the fine limousines that came for the rich. I saw the men striking the beggars with their canes to clear the way for the women. Poor girls not clad in the gaudy finery of prostitutes, but with poor clothing and in wooden shoes, clattered about clutching at the passerby and offering to sell themselves for a coin which at that moment could be purchased for one-five hundredth part of a dollar. Mark well, there was no famine in Vienna. There was scarcity in the midst of plenty, but there was no hurt to the luxuries.*

One of the characteristics of our day is scarcity in the midst of plenty.

This social stigma will be magnified when the Antichrist begins his reign.

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## A spiritual interpretation of these symbols ???

There are other verses in the Bible where bread and oil and wine are mentioned together.

*"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart" (Ps. 104:14, 15).*

In addition to the physical famine could the passage carry the double meaning of a famine for the bread of God,

In these times where it will be extremely difficult if not impossible for the Bible to be circulated, where every precious copy will be protected as it was in the days of great 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> century persecutions,

Could this also carry a symbolic meaning:

that the believing, converted people will still have the wine of gladness and the oil, the anointing of the Spirit of God?

The indwelling Holy Spirit will have left the earth with the Church at the rapture.

He will still be here as He was in Old Testament times, pouring Himself out on those who believe, making glad their hearts in the midst of spiritual lack and physical oppression.

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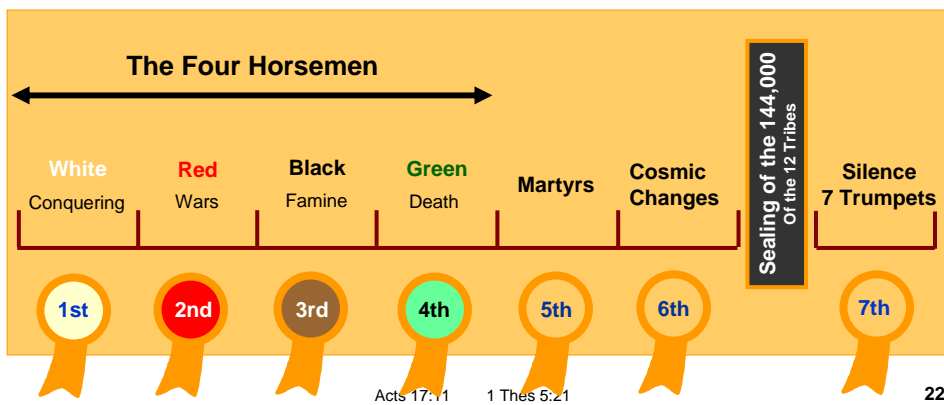
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## #4: The Seven-Sealed Scroll

Chapters 6 & 7

*6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, Come and see.*

*6:8 And I looked, and behold a Green 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.*



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A RIDER on a  
PALE HORSE  
DEATH



Seal 4 Rider on a Pale (Chloros:Green)  
horse

Rev. 6:7-8 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And 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. (KJV)

Rev. 6:7-8 And when the fourth seal was broken ... I saw a pale horse, and its rider's name was Death. And there followed after him another horse whose rider's name was Hell. They were given control of one-fourth of the earth, to kill with war and famine and disease and wild animals (Living New Testament).

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Rev. 6:7-8 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And I looked, and behold a pale [*chloros*] horse: and his name that sat on him was Death [*thantos*], and Hell [*hades*] 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.

- The horse is described as being 'pale' in color.
  - In the Greek, "chloros" means pale; livid
  - It is used to describe the of a face blanched with terror.
  - Or to describe one who is sea sick
  - In Leviticus, the color of leprosy.
  - In many places it means a 'ghastly green'
  - We get our words chlorine and chlorophyl from this root.
  - The same word used to describe grass
  - Mark 6:39 / Rev 8:7 / Rev 9:4
- The passage uses the Greek word "thanatos", death in a double sense.
  - Gk: thanatos = death from any and all causes
  - Some translations incorrectly translate it as meaning 'pestilence'.
  - Pestilence is gk: loimos.

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*Rev 6:7-8 And, when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, 'Come!' And I saw, and, behold, there came a pale horse, and the name of him who sat upon it was Death, and Hades followed with him; and they were given power over a fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with famine, and with [death] pestilence, and by the wild beasts of the earth." [Barclay]*

The devil is the one who has had the power of death (Heb. 2:14).

*Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

Jesus has stripped him of this authority by this time and so what Death does now is done by the command of Christ.

*Rev. 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Keep in mind that all four horsemen ride at the command of the One who opens the seals; the Lord Jesus the Christ

No movement or action of Satan is being taken except with the knowledge of and by the will of God.

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The rider of this horse is named - He is 'Death'.

- Death: The passage uses the Greek word "thanatos", death in a double sense.  
**Literally: Physical and Spiritual**

Gk: thanatos = death from any and all causes

Some translations incorrectly translate it as meaning 'pestilence'.

Pestilence is gk: loimos.

Hades follows with him gathering up the victims, which are mowed down by the sword, the sickle of death.

- Death claims the body; Hades claims the soul.

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

## G86: ᾅδης hadēs

### In Classic Greek:

- 1) Hades or Pluto, the god of the lower regions
- 2) Orcus, the nether world, the realm of the dead

### In Biblical Greek:

- 3) The infernal regions, the underworld, a dark dismal place in the very depths of the earth

OT: Sheol - The common 'holding location' of disembodied human spirits

**Part of Speech:** noun proper locative **Idiomatically:** a geocentric concept

Later this word came to be synonymous with the grave, death, and/or hell

But it is not...

See **Luke 16:19-31**

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## Luke 16:19-31

- The rich man in Hades was fully conscious
  - remembered, spoke, felt pain, expressed desires
- His eternal destiny was irrevocably fixed
- He knew what he was experiencing was fair and just
- He knew what his brother needed to avoid his fate:

**To repent !!!**

**He was NOT in Hell - yet ! - Only in Hades / Sheol. Hell is now empty !!**

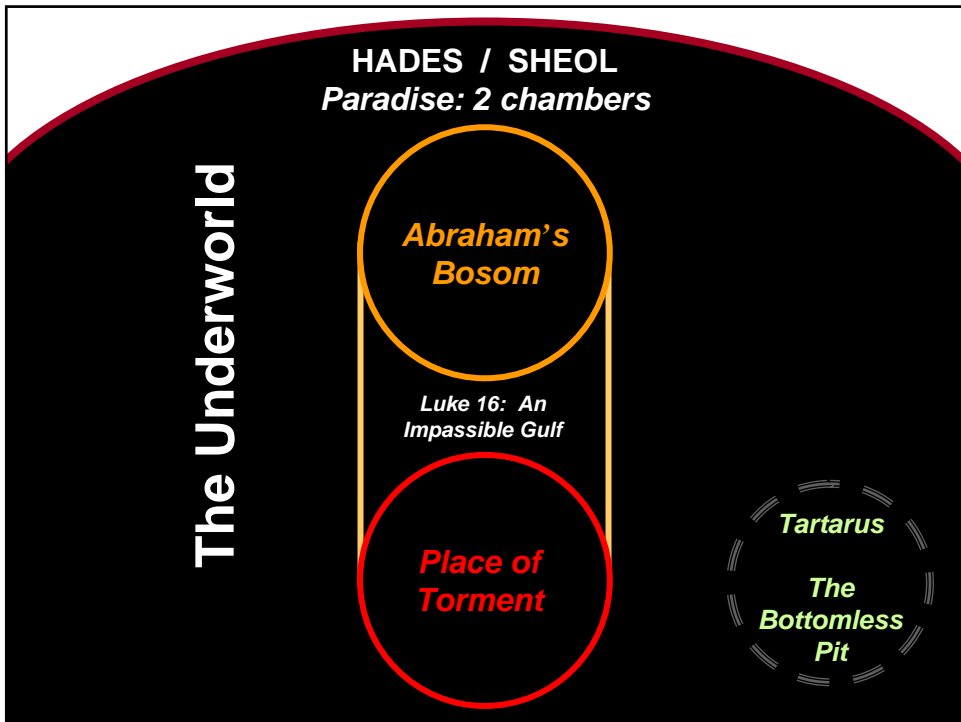
*(Eph 4:8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*

Jesus emptied the 'Bosom of Abraham' when He rose from the dead and ascended.

*(2Co 5:8) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

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## What's the .... ??? !!!

Hell: 3 Greek words, each referring to a different place, all of which are translated by the one word hell, causing considerable confusion.

**Geenna → Gehenna Hell** – Eternal Lake of Fire...

Gehenna refers to the final abode of the wicked dead, called The Lake of Fire in The Revelation (20:14,15). This is what most of us think about when the word Hell is used. It is found in Mt 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15,33; Mk 9:43,45,47; Lk 12:5; Jas 3:6.

**Haides → Hades Sheol** in the OT Temporary

Hades refers to the abode of all the dead before the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus. It is comprised of 2 'chambers':

One part was and is reserved for the wicked dead and is usually just called haides (Lk 16:23),

It is now still the temporary abode of the wicked dead until the Great White Throne judgment occurs,

The other was for the righteous dead and was called Abraham's bosom (Lk 16:22), paradise (Lk 23:43), and in some references, haides (Ac 2:27,31)

Jesus emptied this location at His Resurrection and now the righteous dead go at once to be with the Lord (Php 1:23; 2 Co 5:8).

**Tartaroo → Tartarus Pit** in the OT The Temporary Demonic prison; The Depths...

Tartarus is the word in 2 Pe 2:4 translated by the phrase "cast down to hell." The fallen angels were sent to their temporary prison house, Tartarus, until the Great White Throne judgment.

Make a study of these places where the word "hell" occurs, in the light of the distinctive Greek word found in each place, and see how much better you understand these passages.

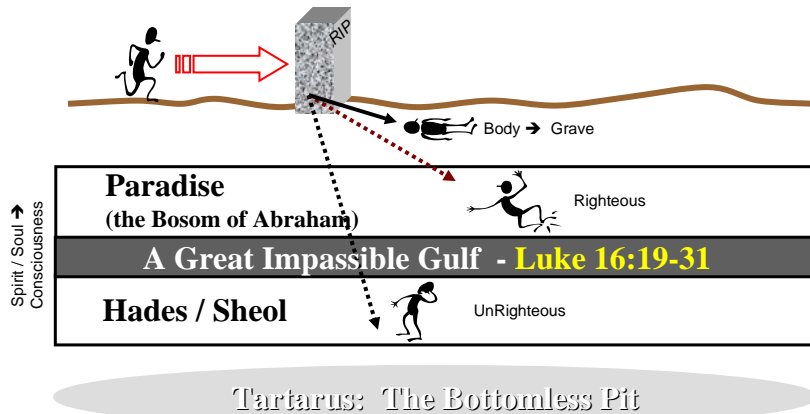
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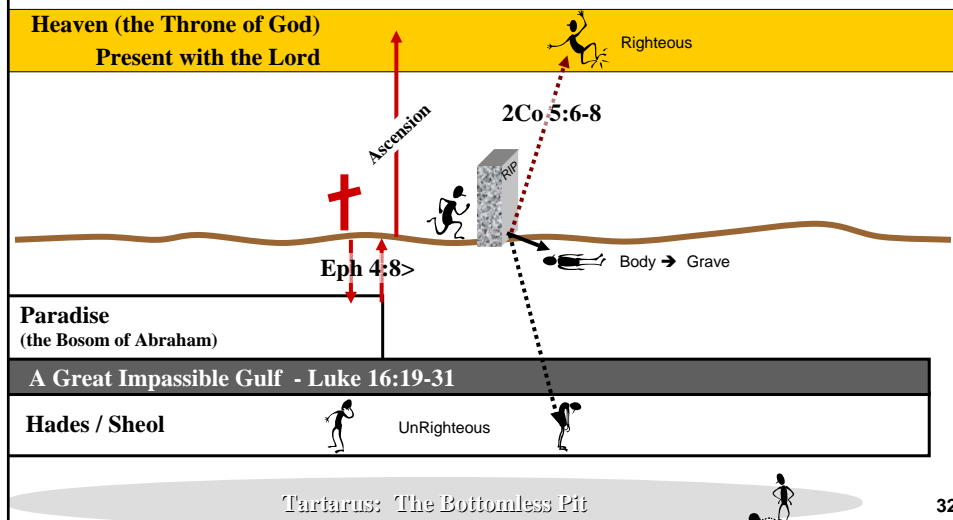
## Heaven (the Throne of God)

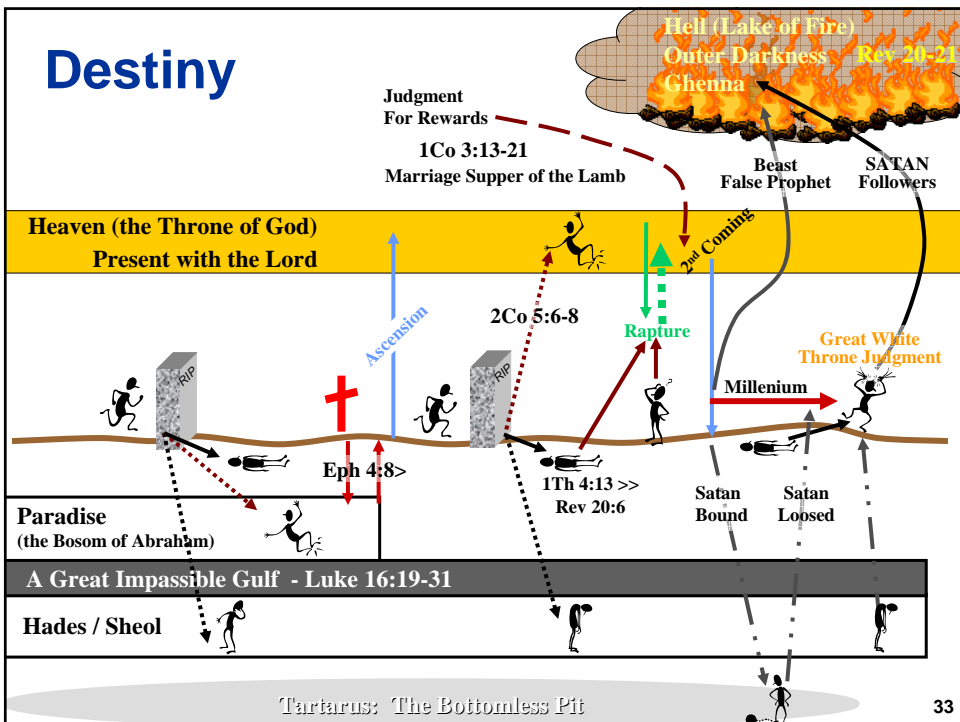
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# Since Jesus Death and Resurrection





## שואל Sheol H7585

Not the “grave”. Grave is H6913: KEVER, QEBER Isa 14:19  
G3418/G3419: MNEEMA

The grave is the destination of our bodies.

In the LXX (Septuagint: the first Greek translation of the OT in use in Jesus day), Sheol is never translated MNEEMA (Grave) but always HADES.

Sheol is the location of departed souls; The conscious abode of the dead. In Old Testament times it referenced the abode of both the righteous and unrighteous dead.

Sheol is “under the earth”, “underworld”, “lower parts of the earth”

Graves were in Sepulchres – above the earth or in caves

Ps 63:9; Isa 14:9; Ezek 26:20; Ezek 31:14, 16, 18; Ezek 32:28,24

Sheol is never connected to burial as is Kever

Ge 23:4, 6, 9, 19, 20 Ge 49:30-31 etc

You can purchase, own or sell a grave site; not Sheol Ge 23:4-20

Bodies are unconscious and decay in Kever – the grave;

Those in Sheol are conscious

Isa 14:4-7; Is 44:23; Ezek 31:16; Ezek 32:21; Luk 16:19>>

Kever can be plural – many graves;

Sheol – the abode of the dead - is never used in the plural

## Sheol in Hebrew translates to Hades in Greek G86 ᾍδης

In Classical Greek:

Hades or Pluto was the god of the lower regions,  
Orcus, the nether world, the realm of the dead

In Biblical Greek:

Hades was the word used to translate the Hebrew word - Sheol – which was the infernal region, a dark, dismal place in the depths of the earth, the common receptacle – holding place of disembodied spirits

Idiomatically it is a geocentric location

It was used by the translators often in error to refer to Hell, Ghenna and/or Tartarus

*You must carefully study the translated passage in context to determine the proper idea when you come across the words Sheol and/or Hades*

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## Gehenna G1069 γέεννα

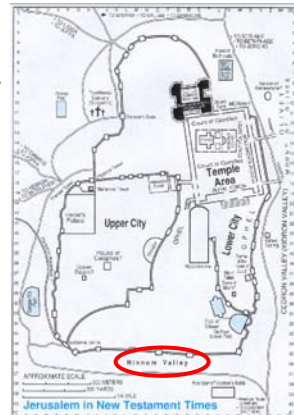
Originally the Valley of Hinnon (Hinnom), south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were dumped and burned. As in any large compost pile, it burned spontaneously and never went out as more and more refuse was added to the pile. It is this comparison; a place of un-extinguished burning and fire that became synonymous with Hell.

The 'Lake of Fire' or 'Gehenna' is the ultimate destiny of the unsaved now temporarily held in Hades / Sheol

Topologically, Gehenna is at the opposite end of creation than Hades.

Hades is mentioned as being under the earth

The Lake of Fire – or Hell as we associate it – is in the 'Outer Darkness' *Matt 8:12; Matt 22:13; Matt 25:30*



Note: Phrases like "Fire and Brimstone", "Lake of fire", etc are metaphors – descriptors of something we cannot comprehend used to help associate them with something familiar.

Hell – eternal darkness, punishment, suffering, burning, etc will be far greater than any weak example we come up with or use to describe it. It is the ultimate, eternal, permanent alienation and separation from God existing outside the boundaries of time and space that we struggle to understand even though we currently live within those boundaries.

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## A Physical and A Spiritual Explanation

**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.**

**Matthew 24:** Jesus warned of all these calamities that literally will befall the earth as the horses and riders are sent out. These impacts were included in His list of endtime events;

false christs,  
wars, rumors of wars to be followed by  
famines and pestilence and earthquakes in divers places.

Modern weapons of mass destruction, biological, and chemical warfare make it possible in our day and age.

One-fourth of the earth's population could be destroyed in a very brief time.

- Rotting bodies of the war dead,
- Wreckage of the infrastructure, buildings, shelter,
- Lack of food, clean water and sewage disposal,
- Failure of transport systems to deliver aid – food, finances, medical help, etc.

In a very few months one-fourth part of the earth's population could be gone....

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**Mat 24:4 > And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.**

**Mat 24:5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.    ←Seal 1: White Horse: FALSE PEACE

**Mat 24:6** And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.    ←Seal 2: Red Horse: WAR

**Mat 24:7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.    ←Seal 3: Black Horse: FAMINE

**Mat 24:8** All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.    ←Seal 4: Pale Horse: DISEASE / DEATH

**Mat 24:9** Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.    ←Seal 5: MARTYRS

**Mat 24:10** And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

**Mat 24:11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

**Mat 24:12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

**Mat 24:13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

**Mat 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.    ← WORK OF THE 2 WITNESSES AND THE 144,000 SEALED ONES OF ISRAEL

Seal 6:  
A GREAT EARTHQUAKE,  
SUN BLACKENED,  
MOON AS BLOOD

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Mat 24:4 > And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand) ←Midpoint of the 70<sup>th</sup> Seven

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ←Last half of the 70<sup>th</sup> Seven

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Mat 24:4 > And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. ←False Claim to be God; Demands Worship

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. ←Great Signs and Miracles; The Image that seems to be alive

Mat 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Mat 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ←Second Coming: Ends the Great Tribulation Completes the 70<sup>th</sup> seven

Mat 24:28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## 1/4 of what ...the Earth...

Remember this is not yet the final end but is simply God's warning of what was to come in greater measure if men do not repent.

Only a fourth part of the earth is involved in the death and disaster that comes on the earth with this horseman.

As terrible a time as this is, it is not the worst that will come.

The effect of this rider's attack is death to many upon the earth.

Either:

1/4 of the whole earth is killed or

1/4 of the earth's area is affected by these judgments.

If a death count is intended, over 1.5 billion people will have died during just the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 7 year tribulation period.

**Rev. 6:7-8** And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And 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.

There is also a *Spiritual, Symbolic* point to the descriptions of the character and actions of the fourth rider.

The devil, who is the power of death is also called "a liar and the father of it" (*John 8:44*) His desire to kill is also seen in this verse.

*John 8:44* Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. *Cf: Gen 2:8-17 / 3:1-7*

Here Death goes forth to kill with his sword.

*Ephes. 6:17* And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

The horseman's 'sword'; the weapon of Satan (not the same Greek word).

It is a counterfeit representing the spiritual lie as opposed to the truth of God.

**God's truth makes alive: Satan's lie kills.**

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**Symbolically:** "the wild beasts of the earth" may refer to the world's governments.

If so, the propagation of the lie will be done officially.

Governments will conspire to support Satan's thrust.

The governments, "the wild beasts of the earth," will follow the lead of the rider of the deathlike horse.

And the lie will spread with it  
Spiritual famine and death.

<u>Daniel 7</u>		
<b>Babylon</b>	606 – 539 BC	<b>Winged Lion</b>
<b>Persia</b>	539 – 322 BC	<b>Bear on its side</b>
<b>Greece</b>	322 BC – 68 BC	<b>Leopard</b>
<b>Rome I</b>	68 BC - ??? AD	<b>Terrible Beast</b>
<b>Anti-christ</b>	?? - ??+7 AD	<b>Scarlet Beast</b>
<b>Rome II</b>		7 heads, 10 horns, etc.

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Clearly there is a 'Great Lie'; a real deception carried out during the Tribulation and during Anti-Christ's brief time in power that will deceive many.

*2 Thes. 2:9-11*

*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and **lying** wonders, [10] And with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11] And for this cause God shall **send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**:*

Greek → "that they should believe **the** lie" as though some specific lie were in view.

There have been lies before,

but this is the 'big one'.

Satan's time is short and he's pulling out all the weapons and deceptions he can.



## Literal Famine, Pestilence and Death Together with Spiritual Famine, Pestilence and Death

**Symbolically:** Spiritual hunger → Where there is no feeding on the Word of God the spiritual famine is always deep.

*Amo 8:11-12 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.*

**Symbolically:** Spiritual death follows spiritual hunger.

The lie spreads like a pestilence carrying its awful toll of victims to Hades which follows, holding them until they shall be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14).

*Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

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## 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.

If there is a Spiritual symbolism to this – it does not take away from the fact that literal events and earthly impacts are being described....

The Old Testament more than once speaks of "the four sore judgments."

**Ezekiel 14:21** *For thus saith the Lord God; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem,*

**the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?**

**Leviticus 26:21-26** *And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. [22] I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. [23] And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; [24] Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.*

*[25] And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.*

*[26] And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.*

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## Not the end but the promised beginning...

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*Jer 15:2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the Lord; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.*

*Jer 24:10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.*

Romans 1 declares that God will “give them over” to their own evil passions.

- If we demand lies, He will permit to send the “powerful delusion” of the Antichrist himself. (2 Thess 2).
- If we seek to kill and destroy, we will inherit anarchy and mob rule.
- If we live by greed and avarice, He will give us economic upheaval and inflation.
- If we seek power and control, he will give us murder, intrigue, and slavery.

These four judgments just the “Beginnings of Birthpangs.” (Cf. Isa 13:6-13; Zeph 1:14-18; 1 Thess 5:1-3.) The ‘Great Tribulation’ has yet to begin.

*Jer. 30:7: Alas! for that day [is] great, so that none [is] like it: it [is] even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.*

There are two responses to the opening of the seals: one in heaven and the other on earth.

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## BEASTS OF THE EARTH

Today nearly all of the animals that present a danger to man are either extinct or are nearly extinct and are on the endangered species list.

The term is used to refer to a poisonous serpent in **Acts 28:4-5**

Here ‘Beast’ is the greek word:

**therion / theerion** = a wild animal, wild beast, beast; symbolically a wild, beastly man

It is not the same greek word:

**zoa / zoon** = living being as is used to describe the 4 living beings around God's throne.

Therion is used 38 times in Revelation.

It almost always is used as a **symbol** for an ungodly, powerful, evil leader.

- Could Beasts of the earth have a double meaning symbolizing the endtime era political and military dictators who persecute and execute those suspected of being in opposition to them and their plans?

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In its literal meaning,

How big does a beast have to be to be a beast ?

Remember, the most dangerous beasts are microscopic.

*NT:2342 theerion, theeriou,*

*(diminutive of theer; hence, a little beast, little animal;*

*Plato (428-348 B.C.), Theact., p. 171 e.; used of bees, Theocritus (280 B.C.), 19, 6; but in usage it had almost always the force of its primitive; the later diminutive is theeridion (compare Epictetus (100 A.D.) diss. 2, 9, 6)); (from Homer (900 B.C.?) down); the Septuagint (LXX) for chayaaah and `ebed, an animal; a wild animal, wild beast, beast:*

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## Flu (Type A shown)

### Influenza

Better known as “the flu”, this upper-respiratory virus comes in several types. Types A and B viruses cause epidemics almost every winter, while Type C infections cause only mild respiratory illness.

**Discovered:** Descriptions of flu symptoms have been around as early as 412 B.C. But the lineage of today’s human influenza A virus likely isn’t more than 100 years old.

**The Risk:** Usually spreads through the air by coughing, sneezing or talking. The flu can cause severe illness or death, especially for people over 65 years old or with chronic health problems. Infections occur world-wide.

**The Toll:** Influenza infects as much as 20% of the U.S. population each year, causing 36,000 deaths and 114,000 hospitalizations. By some estimates , an influenza epidemic can cost the U.S. economy up to \$167 billion in lost worker production.

**Advances:** Since the genetic composition of influenza can mutate, vaccines must be updated annually.



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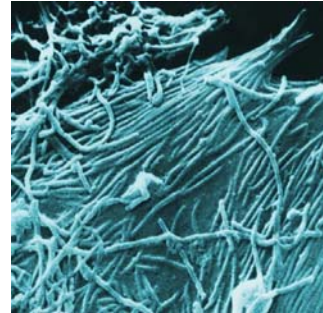
Symptoms of Ebola, a deadly hemorrhagic, include fever and muscle pain, but quickly progress to vomiting, internal and external bleeding, and failure of vital organs. There are four identified strains, three of which have infected humans.

**Discovered:** Scientists identified Ebola in 1977, a year after the first outbreak near a river in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**The Risk:** Ebola is transmitted through contact with the infected animals and spread through contact with infected bodily fluid. The exact origin, locations and natural habitat of Ebola are unknown. Researchers believe the virus is native to the African continent.

**The Toll:** As of December 2000 there were about 1,500 cases and 1,000 deaths since the first outbreak – the overwhelming majority in Africa. A recent outbreak in January 2001, in the Congo, killed 114 of 128 people infected.

**Advances:** There is no specific treatment or vaccine for Ebola.



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## West Nile

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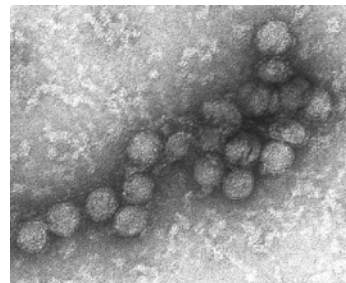
West Nile virus can cause an infection resulting in encephalitis. A potentially fatal swelling of the brain and spinal cord.

**Discovered:** The virus was first isolated in the 1930s in the West Nile District of Uganda. In 1999, West Nile was discovered for the first time in the Western Hemisphere.

**The Risk:** West Nile is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes that feed on infected birds. U.S. cases began on the East Coast and spread west. Concentrations of wild-bird deaths suggest West Nile infection in an area.

**The Toll:** Since August 2002, there have been 4,161 reported cases and 277 deaths worldwide and 277 deaths world-wide. In September 2002, four people contracted the virus through the transplant of donated organs..

**Advances:** There is no specific treatment for West Nile. Communities rely on national groups and health organizations to spread news and information on how to control mosquito populations, and how and where to report dead birds that may have been killed by the virus.



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## 'Mad Cow' - CJD

### 'Mad Cow'

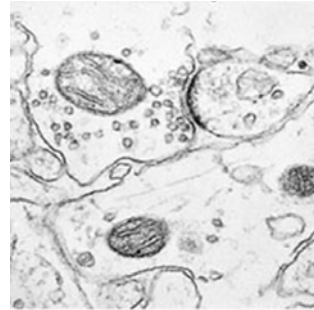
What generally has been called Mad Cow disease by the public actually is a new form of Creutzfeld-Jakobs, a rare and fatal brain-wasting disease. It is characterized by sponge-like lesions on the brain, as well as psychiatric symptoms.

**Discovered:** In 1996, Britain revealed 10 young people had contracted the new variant form of CJD.

**The Risk:** Scientists believe people become infected by eating cattle suffering from bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The current risk for infection is small. In the 1990's, the European Union banned imports of beef from Britain.

**The Toll:** Initial predictions were that up to 100,000 people would die within decades. Since the disease emerged, there have been 130 cases (thru Y2000), almost all in Europe.

**Advances:** There is no known treatment for variant CJD, which is fatal. There are public health measures now to prevent infected meat from entering the food chain.



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## AIDS - HIV

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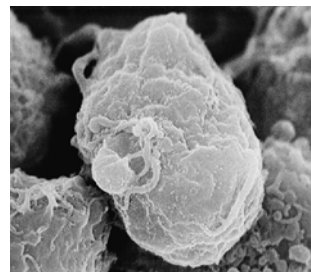
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome attacks white blood cells and lowers the body's immune response, thus leaving the patients unable to fend off opportunistic diseases. It is the biggest global epidemic since Black Death during the Dark Ages.

**Discovered:** Cases in the late 1970s in New York and Los Angeles generally were recorded as rare types of pneumonia and cancer. By 1983, scientists isolated the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

**The Risk:** AIDS is spread world-wide. Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia have a combined 87% of existing cases.

**The Toll:** Nearly 25 million people have died since the epidemic began, according to one estimate. Last year alone, the death toll totaled 3.1 million, while five million new cases of HIV were recorded. About 4 million people were infected with HIV at the end of 2002.

**Advances:** Once considered a death sentence, AIDS is now treatable with protease inhibitors as part of a strict and costly arsenal of anti-HIV pills. Despite encouraging signs, a vaccine is still far off.



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# SARS

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Scientists increasingly are convinced SARS is a previously unrecognized strain of coronavirus, a family of highly contagious pathogens that cause the common cold and other upper respiratory infections.

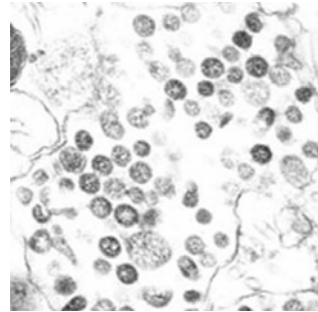
**Discovered:** The origin of the disease is unclear. An outbreak in China began in November 2002, constituting the earliest known cases. A doctor from China's Guangdong province transmitted SARS to seven people in Hong Kong in late February. Those people in turn carried the disease to Vietnam, Canada and Singapore.

**The Risk:** The disease is transmitted through close contact with infected people, and experts are concerned SARS may be airborne. Travelers to, or resident of, Asia – hardest hit by the disease – are at greatest risk.

**The Toll:** SARS has killed around 375 people and has infected more than 6,080 worldwide.

**Advances:** Suggested treatment resembles what would be given to someone suffering from a serious case of pneumonia. Scientists have mapped out the virus's gene sequence, developing DNA-based diagnostic tests, but a vaccine could be years away.

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**Avian Influenza Situation Update**

A growing number of people in Jakarta, Indonesia are suspected to have avian flu infections. Currently, about 10 people are hospitalized with suspected cases. International disease experts are in the area to analyze the situation. They will also help investigate the deaths of two children who died earlier this month with flu-like symptoms.

Jakarta's Ragunan Zoo closed on September 19 due to an outbreak of avian influenza A/H5N1 among its birds. Some of the suspected human cases have occurred in people who may work at the zoo or who have recently visited it.

The information available about this outbreak indicates that the avian influenza virus has not yet acquired the ability to be easily passed from human-to-human. The travel advisory for Indonesia remains the same and is available at the bottom of this alert.

International SOS is monitoring the situation closely and will report any significant changes.

**THE NATION**  
**Skin Cancers Triple Among Those Under 40**  
Scientists cite tanning, thinning ozone

**West Nile virus emerges in Oklahoma**  
Birmingham mosquitoes test positive for virus  
precautions.  
By Delores Patterson / The Detroit News

**NEW YORK TO START PESTICIDE PERMITS**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (Xinhua) — New York state is expected to start pesticide permits in the latest effort to protect the state's environment.

**Mass deaths in Russia, Kazakhs say virus deadly**  
By Raouhan Nurshayeva and Maria Golebiewska  
MOSCOW (Reuters) — The number of bird deaths in a Russian town the epidemic jumped sharply on Wednesday, and neighboring Kazakhs claimed a total virus toll.

**Water-Related Diseases**  
**Disorders**  
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**Rev 9:1-12** **Note: No mention of or indication of size or number here either...**

- 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
- 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
- 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. **KJV**

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A RIDER on a  
PALE HORSE  
DEATH



**Seal 4 Rider on a Pale (Chloros:Green) horse**

**Rev. 6:7-8** And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And 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. (KJV)

**Rev. 6:7-8** And when the fourth seal was broken ... I saw a pale horse, and its rider's name was Death. And there followed after him another horse whose rider's name was Hell. They were given control of one-fourth of the earth, to kill with war and famine and disease and wild animals (Living New Testament).

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