



The Four Horsemen
The Pale Green Horse—Part Four
Revelation 6:1-8

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Objective Sentence: You and I should be serious and watchful in our faith because of four judgments of the Apocalypse Horsemen.

Introduction: (Quote Romans 13:11-14; 1 Pet. 4:7; 1 Jn. 3:18) Although he did not achieve his ultimate goal of ruling the world, Hitler’s philosophy is a ***mirror*** reflecting the policies of Antichrist’s government during the Tribulation Period at the end of the age. He will succeed in doing what Hitler could not do—***he will rule the world***. Dan. 7:23 says, “The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. Rev. 13:7-8 says, “The Beast was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

World War II began when Germany invaded Poland (September 1, 1939). Britain and France declared war on Germany two days later. The Germans surrendered April 29, 1945 in Italy. Japan surrendered on September 2, 1945. The number of casualties from WWII is difficult to ascertain but most suggest that some 75 million people died in the war—(20 million military personnel and over 50 million civilians).. The estimated population of the world in 1939 was 2,300,000,000. World War II claimed the lives of 3 ¼ percent of the world’s population in six years. The whole world felt the impact of the devastation of WW II but in comparison to the casualties of World War III, 75 million will be nothing but a drop in the bucket. The seven Seal Judgments will claim the lives of one fourth of the world’s population. Right now there are a little more than seven billion people inhabiting this planet so if one fourth of them perish than approximately one billion seven hundred and fifty million people will die in a little less than two years. The world has never seen this kind of rampage and destruction before. Many of the same policies that Hitler adopted will be practiced by the Great Dictator during World War III at the end of the age.

Read Revelation 6:1-8

- I. Pale Green Horse—the Destroyer** (*Rev. 6:7-9* 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 sword ... famine ... disease...wild animals)
- A.** *Ez. 39:17-21* this is what the ... LORD says: Call all the birds and wild animals. Say to them: Gather together for my great sacrificial feast. Come from far and near to the mountains of Israel, and there eat flesh and drink blood!¹⁸ Eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of princes as though they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls—all fattened animals from Bashan!¹⁹ Gorge yourselves with flesh until you are glutted; drink blood until you are drunk. This is the sacrificial feast I have prepared for you.²⁰ Feast at my banquet table—feast on horses and charioteers, on mighty men and all kinds of valiant warriors, says the Sovereign LORD.²¹ “In this way, I will demonstrate my glory to the nations. Everyone will see the punishment I have inflicted on them and the power of my fist when I strike.)
- 1. Blood Fest**
- a.** *Watchman Nee:* This book of Revelation brings us to the point where God at length sets aside patience and executes judgment. Patience is only called for while judgment lies yet in the future. Once it has begun there is no more need of patience.
Matt. 24:28; Luke 17:34-37; Rev. 19:17.
- b.** *Author Unknown:* A pale or death-green cadaverous horse appears which is more terrible than any that have gone before. Pale denotes a leprous color (Leviticus 13:49; 14:37). There are instances of its use in the classics to denote the deathly expression of the face when overwhelmed with fright or faintness. When applied as here, it can only mean a greenish ghastliness, something like the color of a corpse or putrefying flesh.
- c.** *Ezekiel 14:21* How much more it shall be when I [God] send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the **sword and famine** and **wild beasts** and **pestilence**—to cut off man and beast from it.” During the Great Tribulation Ezekiel’s same four judgments will be prevalent on earth. These times of confusion caused by war, famine, beasts and pestilence will not lead people to repentance; they will harden their hearts and choose to die rather than repent.
- II. Philosophy Of Death** (*Isaiah’s Tribulation chap.24*)
(Is. 24:17-20 Terror and pit and snare await you, people of the earth.¹⁸ Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare. The floodgates of the heavens are opened, the foundations of the earth shake.¹⁹ The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is violently shaken.²⁰ The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again.

A. **Hitler had a dream of ruling the world, not only with the gun but also with the mind. Astonishingly he saw himself as a philosopher. The Fuhrer, meaning leader or guide, was a unique name he took for himself in his function as chairman of the Nazi Party. He stressed the superiority of the Aryan race. He believed they had a destiny as the “Master Race” to rule the rest of the world.**

1. **Theory of Evolution** (*Matt. 24:22-23* *If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.*)

- a. **2 Thess. 2:9-11** The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, ¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie.
- b. **William Jennings Bryan:** All the ills from which America (the world) suffers can be traced to the teaching of evolution.
- c. Hitler embraced Darwin’s evolutionary theory which focuses on the survival of the fittest, an ideology known as the process of natural selection. The Fuhrer believed that the engine of history was war, and that conflict helped the strong to survive and rise to the top—the weak would be killed. He believed Germany should create a new empire in a major war, believing that his superior German race would defeat the lesser races in a necessary and glorious war. The belief is that the "fit" as opposed to "unfit" will survive.
- d. **H. S. Lipson; Professor of Physics; University of Manchester UK):** Evolution became, in a sense, a scientific religion; almost all scientists have accepted it, and many are prepared to bend their observations to fit with it.
- e. **Fascism:** Hitler embraced fascism a form of radical authoritarian nationalism originating in Italy under Benito Mussolini in World War I. He believed that his destiny was to become a strong god like figure who everyone would worship and obey. He would unite the people and lead them. As leader he would always be right His world consisted of loyal peasants in a rural idyllic (an extremely happy, peaceful, relaxed, tranquil world) led by an upper class of warriors wholly subservient, loyal and totally committed to obeying any and all commands he gave. A middle class of party members, devoted blind followers and a vast majority with no power at all, just loyalty. There was to be a fourth class: slaves composed of ‘inferior’ ethnicities. Most older divisions, like religion, would be erased. Fascism views political violence, war, and imperialism as a means to achieve national rejuvenation, and it asserts that stronger nations have the right, and indeed an imperative, to expand their territory by displacing weaker nations.

III. **Atrocities Under the Cover of War** (*Pro. 14:12* *There is a way that seems right to a man but its end is the way of death.*)

- a. **Pastor Dan:** When God is removed from our consciousness and evolution is embraced, the idea that we are a mistake of the dirt; we came from nothing and

are going nowhere, the natural result is everyone does what is right in their own eyes.

- b. *Sterilization:*** *Hitler enacted a policy in January of 1934 which sanctioned* and altogether an estimated 300,000 to 400,000 people were sterilized under the law. Forced sterilization of the feebleminded, schizophrenia and epileptics was the forerunner of the systematic killing of the mentally ill and handicapped. Several thousand people died as a result of the operations, women disproportionately because of the greater risks of tubal ligation.
- c. *Euthanasia:*** In 1935 Hitler stated privately that "in the event of war, he would take up the question of euthanasia and enforce it" because "such a problem would be more easily solved" during wartime. War would provide a cover for killing ... war diminished the value of human life. In October 1939, Hitler himself initiated a decree which empowered physicians to grant a "mercy death" to "patients considered incurable according to the best available human judgment of their state of health." In all, between 200,000 and 250,000 mentally and physically handicapped persons were murdered from 1939 to 1945. The intent of the so called "euthanasia" program, however, was not to relieve the suffering of the chronically ill. The Nazis ... aim was to exterminate the mentally ill and the handicapped, thus "cleansing" the "Aryan" race of persons considered genetically defective and a financial burden to society.
- d. *Anti-Semitism:*** Hitler kept his anti-Semitism concealed to some extent as he took power... it was his belief that the Jews were barely human—unfit, weak and simply meant to perish in the natural selection process. This ideology set the stage for him to execute them en masse.
- e. (Rev. 18:2-3, 9, 11-12)** *Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great ... a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.* ⁹ *“When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her ... because no one buys their cargoes anymore— human beings sold as slaves.*
- f. *Slavery and forced labor:*** The use of forced labor in Nazi Germany and throughout German-occupied Europe during World War II took place on an unprecedented scale. It was a vital part of the German economic exploitation of conquered territories. It also contributed to the mass extermination of populations in German-occupied Europe. The Nazis operated several categories of labor camps for different categories of inmates. Prisoners in the camps were worked to death on short rations and in bad conditions, or killed if they became unable to work. The Germans abducted approximately 12 million people from almost twenty European countries At its peak the forced laborers comprised 20% of the German work force. Counting deaths and turnover, about 15 million men and women were forced laborers at one point or another during the war.

IV. Suicide (Luke 21:23-26) *For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.* ²⁴ *And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all*

nations. ²⁶ *men's hearts will fail them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

a. **World Health Organization:** (WHO) estimates that each year approximately one million people die from suicide, which represents a global mortality rate of 16 people per 100,000 or one death every 40 seconds. It is predicted that by 2020 the rate of death will increase to one every 20 seconds. In the last 45 years suicide rates have increased by 60% worldwide. Suicide is now among the three leading causes of death among those aged 15-44 (male and female). Suicide attempts are up to 20 times more frequent than completed suicides. Mental health disorders (particularly depression and substance abuse) are associated with more than 90% of all cases of suicide. Nearly 30% of all suicides worldwide occur in India and China. Suicides globally by age are as follows: 55% are aged between 15 to 44 years and 45% are aged 45 years and over. *Youth suicide is increasing at the greatest rate.* Overall, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death for all US Americans, and is the third leading cause of death for young people 15-24 years. Although suicide is a serious problem among the young and adults, death rates continue to be highest among older adults ages 65 years and over. Males are four times more likely to die from suicide than are females. However, females are more likely to attempt suicide than are males.

V. **The Wild Kingdom** (*Rev. 6:8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth*).

a. **Pastor Dan:** Drought, natural disasters, tsunamis, war and famine will affect the food supply of humans and wild animals on planet earth. Humans will be plagued with various diseases and so will domestic and wild animals. Food supplies will be diminished. Wild animals in search of food will venture into our cities and towns for food and in many cases humans will be the only food source available to them. Since the death rate will exceed our ability to properly dispose of bodies wild animals, whose food supply has been destroyed, will begin to feast on the bodies of dead humans. Once they get a taste for human blood they will go insane and begin to prey on the living.

b. **Pastor Dan: Age Old Earth: Francis Bacon—Age will not be defied.** Natural disasters are happening more often, and are having an even more dramatic impact on the world in terms of both their human and economic costs. According to the United Nation's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, some 75 percent of the world's population live in areas that have been affected at least once by either an earthquake, a tropical cyclone, flooding, or drought between 1980 and 2000. The followers of Christ wondered how long the world was going to last. Jesus' disciples came to Him with a question, "What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?" He mentioned several things but three that relate to natural disasters, "There will be earthquakes, famines, and pestilences [contagious diseases of pandemic proportions] in various places." One explanation for the increase of calamity in the 21st century has to do with the aging process this planet is going through. Unfortunately, age sneaks up on us unexpectedly, and

there is no escaping the fact that we are all growing one year older every 365 days (Laura Cummins). Aging is an on-going process that begins at birth and continues for as long as we live. It involves both the positive component of development and the negative component of decline (merck.com). Paul declared, “The creation will be delivered from the bondage of decay ... for we know that the whole creation groans and labors....” Old age is the verdict of life (Amelia Barr). The earth is dying; we are dying daily. We are fading away – moment by moment. But there is hope!

Closing and Invitation: What army, what leader, what organization, what nation or league of nations will be strong enough to stop the Man of Lawlessness from conquering the whole world? The short answer is none and no one. The Last Great Dictator will regard Democracy as the great Satan which has divided the world and been responsible for war, poverty and evil. Antichrist’s war will be against what he will esteem as two destructive pagan religions—Judiasm and Christianity. He will be a genius when it comes to military and political strategies. His cohort, the false prophet, will be the greatest religious figure to evolve in the history of mankind apart from Jesus Christ. The Bible declares in **2 Thess. 2:9-11**, “The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie,¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and be saved.¹¹ For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie¹² and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.”

Evolution with its natural selection and survival of the fittest ideals will be the rationale behind the policies enacted by antichrist and justify the horrendous loss of life that will result from the wars that he fights during the tribulation.. The population of the world has tripled in 70 years since World War II (2.3 billion to 7 + billion). It may be that the Antichrist will promote the idea that a purging on earth is necessary and that the sacrifice of those who perish during those dark days will provide the only hope for future generation to exist.