

Chapter 18

Seal Four - The Pale Horse

“When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it 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.” (Revelation 6:7-8)

Very few people in our nation of plenty have witnessed it up close; we may have seen pictures on TV or in a magazine of little children with swollen stomachs who are starving to death. Their mothers, who have sacrificed all they had in order to give the last bit of nourishment to their children, are now literally skin and bones and have only days if not hours to live. I have not seen this in person and frankly hope I never do. In a world of plenty it is ludicrous to think of someone starving to death. Yet it is happening even now in many parts of the world.

As a result of the reign of the antichrist this will be one of the final results of his evil control over the earth. The unimaginable inflation discussed in the last chapter will culminate in what this passage of scripture outlines: death by war, hunger and the beasts of the earth.

Based on what we have suspected and written in previous chapters and on the verses following after this, the fourth part of the earth I believe will be mostly made up of Christians and those who, even though not committed to Christ, have stubbornly refused to comply with the Antichrist and his terrible mark. Without this mark no one is permitted to make any financial transactions. No buying and no selling. No way to make a living ... no work. The only way to earn an income is to bow to the demands of this world leader.

Those who don't will be hunted and killed by the weaponry of man (the sword). The war of the Antichrist will change and the new terrorists will become those who refuse to comply with his new way of life. He will succeed in conquering all countries on the earth. They will become mere states of his new world order and under the regime of his control and power. The terrorist groups, because of their own demonic influence, will simply fall in line and submit to this new demonic influence. They may even become officers and soldiers in his army. The new enemy is those who claim to believe in God and are washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. Those stragglers who refuse to comply for other reasons will be grouped together with this Christians.

Here's the "kicker:" though we will most likely defend ourselves and our families we will not launch out attacks because of the love of Christ within us. Yet we will be mislabeled, lied about, and accused just as Christians were in the old Roman Empire prior to Constantine. These believers were treated as enemies of the state because they were hated. Tradition teaches that Nero was responsible for setting Rome on fire yet he blamed it on the Christians. The Antichrist will operate in such a way. Anything bad that happens will conveniently become the fault of Christians. In this way he will succeed in making the world hate Christians even more than it

does now. They will be hunted down and executed simply because of their faith. The favorite way of execution by Muslims today is beheading. The Bible tells us in Revelation that many of the saints will be killed by beheading (see Revelation 20:4).

Others, because they cannot provide for themselves will literally starve to death. Think what it will be like when only those who have taken his mark can buy food. Some may try to grow their own but now think of this: Unless they would succeed in completely hiding from the forces of the Antichrist, property owners would not be able to pay their taxes and so would lose their ownership rites. If they have a mortgage they will no longer be able to make their payments and so again they will lose their property. Once gasoline supplies ran out our automobiles would be useless. And exposure walking or riding a bicycle would be extremely dangerous because of those looking for the rebels. For these reasons many Christians will starve to death.

Currently animals are wild because of the curse placed upon the earth when man fell from the grace of God in Eden. Consequently they are somewhat controlled by the devil (but only as God allows). This is why the earth yields weeds, thorns and thistles. It is why wild animals will run from man but will attack when cornered – They have a great fear of man. It is why there are poisonous snakes and other animals that carry poison (like certain spiders, jellyfish and so on). It is the reason meat-eating animals like lions and bears are so ferocious. For a time at least God is going to allow the devil to influence the beasts of the earth to seek and kill man, particularly those in rebellion to the Antichrist.

The appearance of this pale horse (a sort of light, sickening green color) will appear towards the end. It will bring death to one fourth of the earth, particularly in the population of Christian people. This pale horse upon who rides death and hell is the result of the false peace, warring and inflation of the devil and it follows closely on the hooves of the three horses running before it.