

Ride with the Devil: Death Reaps the Whirlwind and Hades Harvests the Souls: Torments Stressed by the Influx; Tactics: Broadsword, Famine, Disease, & Wild Animals; Corrected Translation: Rev 6:1-8; Conclusions: the Lord Controls Church Age History by the Doctrinal Status Quo of Believers' Souls, Rev 2:23

D. THE RIDER OF THE ASHEN HORSE

Revelation 6:7 - And when He had broken the fourth seal of the Doomsday Book, I heard the fourth angelic herald say, "Come!"

v. 8 - Then I looked, and behold an ashen horse; [χλωρός ἵππος (*chlōros hippos*)] and the rider, his name was Death; and Hades was marching in step with him. Furthermore, authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with the broadsword and with famine, and with disease, and by wild animals of the earth.

1. The fourth angelic herald orders the Fourth Horseman to ride into John's view with the command, "Come!"
2. The color of this horse is an ashen, yellowish green, i.e., the color of death, and Death is the name of its rider and he also has someone else with him.
3. The King James Version has a nice ring to it, although exegetically it is out of tune:

Revelation 6:8a - I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.

4. First of all, there ain't no Hell. There is Hades and that is the word found here in the Greek: ᾗδης (*haidēs*) which has four compartments:
 - (1) Paradise, presently empty, was the holding tank for Old Testament believers who were transferred from it into heaven following the Lord's ascension.
 - (2) Torments, where souls of all unbelievers in human history reside at physical death regardless of the dispensation.
 - (3) Tartarus, where the fallen angels of Genesis 6 are imprisoned for violating the rules of engagement for the Angelic Conflict.
 - (4) Abyss, the place where criminal demons are isolated until they are released at the midpoint of the Tribulation (Revelation 9), commanded by demon general Abaddon (aka Apollyon). They are special ops for the Dark Side.
5. When the passage says that "Hades followed with him," it refers to the Torments compartment. At this point there are only unbelievers remaining on the earth due to the Rapture of Church Age believers. The massive death toll now underway is sending a steady flow of unbelievers' souls into its cell blocks.
6. The verse states in English that Hades is "following with him," i.e., Death. Since the context of this passage is warfare then Hades, or Torments, is actually marching or riding in step with Death – the Grim Reaper has a saddle pal named Hades.
7. Death and Hades are on a relentless campaign of death which they have been given the authority to inflict in four major ways.

8. Their authority is granted by the Lord, the voice from the midst of the four angelic heralds. This is the directive will of God designed to eliminate from history those who have rejected His unfailing love through the provision of Jesus Christ for eternal salvation. Their removal will play a part in the ultimate survival of many believers as the Tribulation advances through its mounting horrors.
9. The first tactic is to “kill with the sword.” This makes reference to unrestrained deadly conflict: conventional warfare, guerrilla warfare, terrorism, unrestrained crime driven by frantic efforts to obtain food, violence among vigilantes, and various nut jobs.
10. The second tactic is the result of economic disaster and hyperinflation. Famine will ravage the planet. The transportation of food will be interrupted by chaos in the various population centers. People will hijack trucks and trains that carry any sort of foodstuffs. The meager supply will be made worse by the demand required to feed vast armies deployed worldwide.
11. The third tactic is indicated by the word **θάνατος (thanatos)**, normally translated “death,” but in context it refers to the methods by which people will die. Lack of food, nonfunctional sanitation systems, loss of basic hygiene, and exposure to the elements will result in plagues causing terminal illnesses that lead to the death of millions of people; so many that Stalin would call it a minor statistic.
12. The fourth tactic is at first not something you’d expect but, after giving it some thought, it is quite logical. This fourth source of death is **θέριον (therion)**: wild animals. It refers primarily to carnivores and omnivores. Vagrants are vulnerable to the animal kingdom’s unrestrained prowling for flesh and blood.

III. CORRECTED TRANSLATION OF REVELATION 6:1-8:

Revelation 6:1 - Then I watched when the Lamb [**Jesus Christ**] broke open the first of the seven seals. Then I heard the first of the four angelic heralds speaking with a voice of thunder, “Come!”

v. 2 - Then I looked, and behold, a white horse [**λευκός ἵππος (leukos hippos)**], and the rider had a battle bow; and a crown was given to him, in fact, as a conqueror [**Dictator**] he appeared on the scene of history so that he might conquer.

v. 3 - When he had broken the second seal, I heard the second angelic herald saying, “Come!”

Revelation 6:4 - Then another, a fiery red horse [**πυρρός ἵππος (purros hippos): flame-colored**], appeared on the scene of history; and to the rider, power was given to take peace from the earth, so that they might slaughter each other; in fact, a great sword was given to him.

v. 5 - And when He had broken the third seal, I heard the third angelic herald say, “Come!” Then I looked, and behold a black horse [**μέλας ἵππος (melas hippos)**]; and the rider had a pair of scales in his hand.

v. 6 - Then I heard a voice in the center of the four angelic heralds saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius and three quarts of barley for a denarius; furthermore, do not damage the olive oil and the wine."

v. 7 - And when He had broken the fourth seal of the Doomsday Book, I heard the fourth angelic herald say, "Come!"

v. 8 - Then I looked, and behold an ashen horse: [*χλωρός ἵππος* (*chlōros hippos*)] and the rider, his name was Death; and Hades [**specifically Torments**] was marching in step with him. Furthermore, authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with the broadsword, and with famine, and with disease, and by wild animals of the earth.

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

Obviously, the political and religious corruption during the Tribulation occurs at a level of evil that is beyond our ability to imagine and its impact is worldwide. Nevertheless, the tactics used are common during the Church Age. For two-thousand years, the devil has been keeping a dossier on individuals who have the ability to capture the attention of the masses. Such a personality is usually a narcissist driven by megalomania – self-absorbed with the delusion he is both brilliant and omnipotent, therefore divinely selected to right all wrongs in ways he perceives are righteous. Muhammad would be one good example.

Others include Maximilien Robespierre and his Reign of Terror; Joseph Stalin and his extermination of over twenty-million Russians; Adolf Hitler and his Nazi extermination camps that gassed or roasted six-million Jews; Pol Pot's massacre of over two-million Cambodians; Mao Tse-tung and his betrayal of Chiang Kai-shek; Benito Mussolini and his Fascist dictatorship in Italy; Saddam Hussein and his murderous dictatorship in Iraq, and Kim Jong-il and his "reeducation camps" in North Korea.

What's interesting about this list is that all of them were failures and the only one not dead and gone is Kim Jong-il, the small-fry lunatic whose persona as a dictator is made laughable by his spot-on imitation of Shrek's Lord Farquaad of the Kingdom of Duloc.

But none of these guys is a laughing matter. Each was driven by demonic intensity for power over people and any person who resisted faced a likely appearance before lethal contrivances from the guillotine, to the gas chamber, to the firing squad.

No matter what events transpire in human history, they are the result of the Lord controlling history in one of seven ways:

- (1) Direct: By divine decision from the Supreme Court of Heaven. (Deuteronomy 33:26)
- (2) Indirect through the function of the Laws of Divine Establishment. (Romans 13:1–8)
- (3) Through the hostility of mankind. (Psalm 76:10a)
- (4) Through the law of volitional responsibility. (Hosea 8:7)
- (5) Through the preservation of Israel in light of God's unconditional promises to her. (Genesis 12:2; Deuteronomy 30:3; 2 Samuel 7:16; and Jeremiah 31:31–40)

- (6) Through His preservation of planet earth and the universe. (Colossians 1:16-17)
- (7) Through the five cycles of discipline. (Leviticus 26:3-39)

The things we have observed from Revelation 6:1-8 are certain to occur because they are the subject of prophecy, a look back from the future reporting what does occur.

In the Church Age, historical trends are determined by the inventory of doctrine in the souls of believers, especially, those of the Pivot. Therefore, Jesus Christ controls the history of a client nation by taking daily inventory of the doctrine in each believer's *kardia*.

The Lord made the following statement to believers in the church at Thyatira who were involved in the sexual perversions associated with idolatry. A woman He refers to as Jezebel had led many astray motivating Christ to say:

Revelation 2:23 - "I will execute her followers by means of the sin unto death and so all the churches will know that I am He Who constantly inventories [ἐρευνᾶω (*ereunaō*)] the emotions and the stream of consciousness [καρδία (*kardia*)], and I will impose punishment to each one of you according to your production from the cosmic systems."

The key point is the phrase "constantly inventories," the present active participle of the verb ἐρευνᾶω (*ereunaō*): to investigate, inquire about, search for, explore, examine, i.e., to inventory.

The present tense is retroactive progressive denoting what is begun in the past and continues into the present. Our Lord is constantly pulling a doctrinal inventory of every believer's soul for the purpose of cursing or blessing.

It is doctrinal brain drain that challenges the remaining remnant in America. Believers must resolve to become or remain serious students of the Word of God. We must not allow ourselves to become distracted by current events. The Lord will not be slack in his willingness to impose corrective discipline on any client nation.

The result of elections is, in effect, a poll that reports the content of citizen's souls. When a large number of believers follow a present-day Jezebel, literally or spiritually, they contribute to national reversionism and the Lord controls history by permitting the election of progressive leaders.

When the nation's believers are growing in grace they contribute to national prosperity and the Lord controls history by permitting the election of traditional leaders.

Therefore, the future of every client nation hinges on the inventory of doctrine in the souls of its resident believers. In every election they have either positive or negative impact on their nation's history. They can choose to ride with God, or they can choose to ride with the devil.

V. SUGGESTED READING:

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