

THE REVELATION

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Chapter 6:3-8

1. Seal Two – Come Red Horse (6:3-4)

Rev 6:3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." ⁴ And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

We have made a big deal out of the scenario for the “white horse” of the first broken seal. It began in the hearts of a few men and turned into a movement of mankind intent on changing all the norms of this world as it has operated for six thousand years. It intends to make all humans equal in every aspect of life and to establish a one-world system of peace with absolutely no preparation or tolerance for war. Then, with the combined efforts of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people, who have bought into the “white horse” purpose for the earth, the movement is in full mature blossom, and at some point in the future, the Lamb will break the second seal. All the work of the “white horse” adherents will suddenly be joined by the red horse rider.

When the second living creature said to John, “Come,” he once again had to take his eyes off the glory of heaven and gaze at the earth – the blood-filled earth. We should not be so naive as to think that this “red horse” movement occurs instantaneously. It, too, had to begin in a walk, turn to a trot, and then proceed into a full gallop, but that will take time. Therefore, as the “white horse” movement settles in with all its changes in the way western thinking humans interact and operate on earth, the “red horse” movement was or will be birthed and begin to mature. It will not occur until the seal is broken by the Lamb in Heaven, which will grant permission to engage in its attack on human lives. Notice, John says it is “*a great sword*” meaning *a sword that is nearly impossible to withstand*. It is interesting because the word for “*great sword*” here actually means *a surgical tool*. It is not a sword as we think of swords. It was like a surgical tool used for stabbing, cutting, or probing. John knew it was small in size. John knew it was doing something to the people on earth. John knew it had a great impact on humanity because he saw the results. It was not used in war. We are not told this is a time of war. But we are told it is a time to take “*peace*” from the world. Also, we must remember this is the work of man, not the work of God through nature. Whatever man has developed, it is different from all the other developments of nature. It, too, is the fulfillment of the desire of some section of humanity; it is not the LORD’s desire, although He permits it to occur. It is what man will do to continue to ruin human life on earth.

Where does this “red horse” movement come from? For so long, we had absolutely no idea! We could not even speculate before this today in history. For that matter, we thought the “red” may be a reference to the spilled blood rather than the origin or national banner of the people birthing this red rider. After the white horse rider and his movement have successfully taken control of the world,

this red horse rider will seek to take peace from all the world's people. Because the Revelation foretells even the symbol a country will be known by in the future, more than likely, being the red horse, this threat of man, will come from Red China. However, in the past, we could not discount that it would come from what is called the “Red Zone,” where wars are constant. Those countries are Afghanistan, Burma, Union of Myanmar, Cameroon, Chad, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Cote D’Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Libya, Nigeria, Northern Mariana Islands, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. For that matter, most of the countries listed above would love to attack a Utopian establishment purely for the booty alone. Additionally, most of the countries listed above would lavishly spill the blood of countries engrossed in forced peace. *(This list of countries is considered part of the red zone because of war threats, political unrest, unreliable communications, lack of standardized procedures, bureaucracy and/or ambivalence toward westernized and/or Christianized nations.)*

The “Red Zone” does not make sense in this context because we are not told this is a war. For that reason, we can now turn our eyes to Red China as the originator of this rider. When COVID-19 occurred in 2020, it “*took the peace*” from all the world in one fatal swoop, something that has never happened in the history of the world.

Be that as it may, once the Red Rider is here, he will continue to do his destruction until the LORD returns. (REVELATION 6:4). For all practical purposes, in 2024, it seems that Covid-19 has subsided. Has it? The virus has mutated in a natural way to become less harmful, but it will always be with us like the Spanish Flu of 1918. We still receive flu shots each year to counteract the 1918 flu. Nevertheless, around 400,000 people die each year of the remnant of the Spanish Flu. We really do not know how many have died from the Covid-19, man-made flu, and in reality, it does not matter. In 2024, more and more reports are coming into view dealing with the deaths and health complications not from the Covid-19 virus, but from the medical treatments of that virus. The virus spread naturally, but the treatment was surgical in substance. Medical facilities, such as the Mayo Clinic, John’s Hopkins, and others are now tracing the different serious medical issues back to the treatments. Miscarriages, birth defects, strokes, kidney failure, and many more illnesses are now speculated to be from the treatment of the virus. From the once mass fear in the world of the coming Covid in 2020 AD, times are now turning to the fears in families all across the world as they receive the bad news from their doctors. It is not a war. It is a surgical issue that started it all, and there we have it, “*that men would slay one another,*” not by war, but by a desperate hope to save a loved one. But that saving action actually brought deadly results for those who have died, and those who will be born in the future. It will take longer to see if this Covid-19 debacle is the Red Horse.

2. Seal Three – Come Black Horse (6:5-6)

Rev 6:5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

The “white horse” wanted to change the thinking of the people. The “red horse” wanted to change the health of the people. Now, the “black horse” wants to disrupts the basic needs of the

common people around the world. The important crops in the fields, the supply chain of essential foods, and the provisions to sustain life are disrupted. Here on the Gulf Coast, we have seen the empty shelves at the stores when the hurricanes arrived, and the hustle and bustle of everyday normal life that we take for granted turned into something that looks like a *war zone*. With the breaking of the third seal, the Lamb allowed mankind to begin to starve! For how long? For as long as it takes! For as long as it takes for humans to show their true colors in such times of distress. What does that mean? It means the difference between the *haves and the have nots*! By the way, the LORD is not in a hurry! This “black horse” personifies man’s inability to accomplish the goals of the *A Humanist Manifesto*. It is flawed. Such decrees work only when times are good. But when times are bad, the whole movement falls apart.

Sweden has a universal healthcare system as well as a universal employment payment system. All painters in the country are paid the same salary. The same is the case for all trades of employment. All doctors make the same money. All lawyers are paid the same, no more and no less. For instance, painters must paint so many gallons monthly to receive their salaries. It takes weeks for a painter to paint a house because there is no incentive to complete the job quickly and go to the next house. If you work too fast, you do not get paid more; in fact, if you work too slowly, you do not get paid less. The doctor’s offices are near the entrances to the subway system. If you need a doctor, you go stand in line at the office. No appointments at all. Once the doctor has seen his quota for the day, the line is closed. Many doctors work only an hour or so per day. When they have seen their quota, they close. They do not get paid for seeing more patients. By law, a doctor must give you a prescription; however, the medicine does not have to be one that works for your needs or symptoms; they just have to give you a drug when they see you. If they give you a prescription to enter the hospital, you must go stand in line until a bed is available. If a bed is not available, you must return home and try again the next day. Often, Swedish citizens hold an American visa in case they need treatment that is better than what they can get in their own country, which is often. Such is an example of a single-pay healthcare system that has bought into the humanist agenda. Everything in Sweden is expensive. Additionally, an employer sends the entire wage and tax burden to the government, and the government pays the employee. Taxes are about 75% on everyone. What looks so good to the humanist is so restrictive to the humans. With all that said, Sweden is a country poised to be attacked by a blood-thirsty nation, and once the supplies are cut off, the wheat bread and the barley bread will be extremely expensive.

But as is the case in all societies, some special people live by a different standard. The rules do not apply to them. Everyone may be starving but their plates are graced with the finest of wines and the best of the oils. The whole system is broken; it is not fair, but that is the way it is among humans. Such are the consequences of man’s attempt to level the playing field for all, rid itself of God, and forbid war. That leads to the consequence of ruthless, blood-thirsty men to see these nations as feeble and an opportunity to attack, which normally will end in a time of famine when the common, everyday needs are in short supply, and the expensive luxuries that the common people never could afford are always available. As for the great disparity, *those who have (the few) are rarely worried about those who have not (the multitude)*. As this “black horse” takes its first step, it, or its nation will have some well-known element of black involved.

3. Seal Four – Come Ashen Horse (6:7-8)

Rev 6:7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creatures saying, "Come." ⁸ I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

With starvation and famine in the homes, the Lamb breaks the fourth seal giving permission for the “ashen horse” to make its ride. “Ashen” means *pale green*, and the horse’s name is “Death.” And “Death” had the right given to him by the Lamb to kill 25% of the humans on the earth. How many people would that be if this seal was broken today? As of January 1, 2024, the population of the earth is estimated to be 7.6 billion people; therefore, if this seal was broken today, this movement across humanity of “death” would have the “authority” to kill 1.9 billion people through war (a sword), famine (starvation), pestilence (disease), and wild beasts. It seems inconceivable that in this age in which we live, wild beasts would still be used to kill people. We have so many more effective weapons, and so do most nations. However, John ties “pestilence” with “wild beasts.” These wild beasts do not have to be large animals to kill. For instance, rats have killed more people throughout history than any other animal in existence. Rats carry “pestilence.” Remember the bubonic plague? Rats commonly carry as many as 35 diseases, all at one time, that are fatal to humans. “Death!”

But we must not forget the word “Hades” is here too. It follows “Death.” The mention of “Hades” tells us much about the spiritual lives of those who will die. They are lost souls without the LORD. How do we know that? Throughout the Old Testament *Sheol* (Old Testament Hebrew name) or *Hades* (New Testament Greek name for the same place as *Sheol*) contained two compartments. One was called *Abraham’s Bosom*, or *Paradise* or *the place of peaceful rest*. The second was called *the place of torment*. Between the two compartments, there was a great gulf, which did not allow anyone from one side to cross to the other, although they could see and communicate across the barrier. All the righteous saints proceeded to *the place of peaceful rest* at death, and all the unrighteous arrived at *the place of torment* at death (Luke 16:19-31). Upon His death, Jesus descended into Hades, the place of peaceful rest, to be with all the righteous saints of all the previous ages. There, Jesus spoke across the great gulf to those who had refused to accept His coming as the Messiah to be a fact. Upon His resurrection, Jesus emptied all the righteous saints, taking them from *the place of peaceful rest*, back to the streets of Jerusalem and from there on to heaven (Matthew 27:52). That occurred in April 30 AD. Those Old Testament Saints, which included Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and the penitent thief on the cross, received their glorified bodies and rose from the grave to join the LORD in heaven. Every believer who died after that resurrection has gone immediately to heaven to be with Jesus, not to *the place of peaceful rest*. However, every non-believer since that day has continued to go to the same holding compartment in Hades, called *torment*. It is still being filled to this day, and its glutinous mouth will become larger with the arrival of all unredeemed souls until their resurrection, called the *resurrection of the dead*, at the beginning of the *Great White Throne Judgment*. The consequence of this movement was the death of 25% of the population on the earth. When this “*pale horse*” rides, it will have some well-known green element about it.