The 4th Seal: Rider on the Pale Green Horse



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Overview of Today's Study

Read the 4 Horsemen passage Rev 6:1-8
 Pick things back up in Seal 4 (v.7-8)
 The 4th Seal – Rider on the Pale Green Horse

Recap – 1st Seal



Remember, we're no longer viewing these 7 Seals/Trumpets/Bowls as limited to the last 7 years of history, but rather beginning with this 1st rider, the 4 horseman have been very active S Fall of Rome – present day

 NOTE: Although we're taking these Seals in sequence, it doesn't mean that the tasks given to the riders must be completed by the previous rider first
 We got to a nugget when we

considered Ezk 21:25-26...

Rider on a WHITE HORSE



Recap – 1st Seal

A This prophecy may very well be pointing to a Great High Priest or someone claiming such pedigree arriving on the scene in Israel during the end times

- This may signal the beginning of the end of the indignation
- Note: No

will be seized with the hand. ²⁵ And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose ^aday has come, in the time of the ¹punishment of the end,' ²⁶ thus says the Lord GoD, 'Remove the turban and take off the ^acrown; this *will* ¹no longer *be* the same. ^bExalt that which is low and abase that which is high. ²⁷ ^aA ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This



Ezk 21

Recap – 2nd Seal

was given authority to take peace from the earth by causing disturbances and conflicts between nations and kingdoms, resulting in new wars, the removal of nations/kingdoms and the rise of other nations/kingdoms ○ This is how it may look like when things play out...

Rider on a RED HORSE

Recap – 2nd Seal

 Peace will be taken from the earth
 Israel will enter into a 7 year covenant but will be betrayed – killed by sword

- At that time many in that land will betray one another killed by sword
- 🛯 The land will be desolate
- And this will be done in the name or authority of Christ

Rider on a RED HORSE Recap – 3rd Seal

- Contrary to popular opinion we learned that this vision does NOT speak to a global famine, but rather Israel being "yoked" in a unification of a holy covenant
- This better explains why 4 commodities (wheat, barley, oil, wine) are mentioned in this vision and why the vision says not to treat unjustly the oil + wine...
- 础 This is because...

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pair of scales(1), yoke(5).

Recap - 3rd Seal

The OT daily Temple duties and sacrifices requires all 4 commodities:

One year old lambs (2x each day; am/pm)

ন্থে Grain offering: fine flour (wheat, barley, oil)

🛯 Drink offering – wine

ন্থে <mark>Olive oil</mark>

BARLEY



WHEAT





WINE

Recap – 3rd Seal

- ☑ I believe this vision of prophesy is speaking of the reinstitution of the Temple sacrifices and observances
- dead works" back in actionJudaism in full effect
- And when we considered Dan 9 (70 Weeks prophecy), Zch 1, Zch 6, and Rev 6 we came to this deduction...

Exodus 29:38 Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.



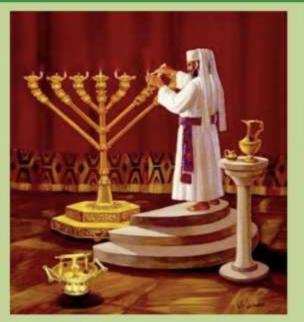
1 Lamb sacrificed in the morning.



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Lighting the Menorah

Exodus 27:20 You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.



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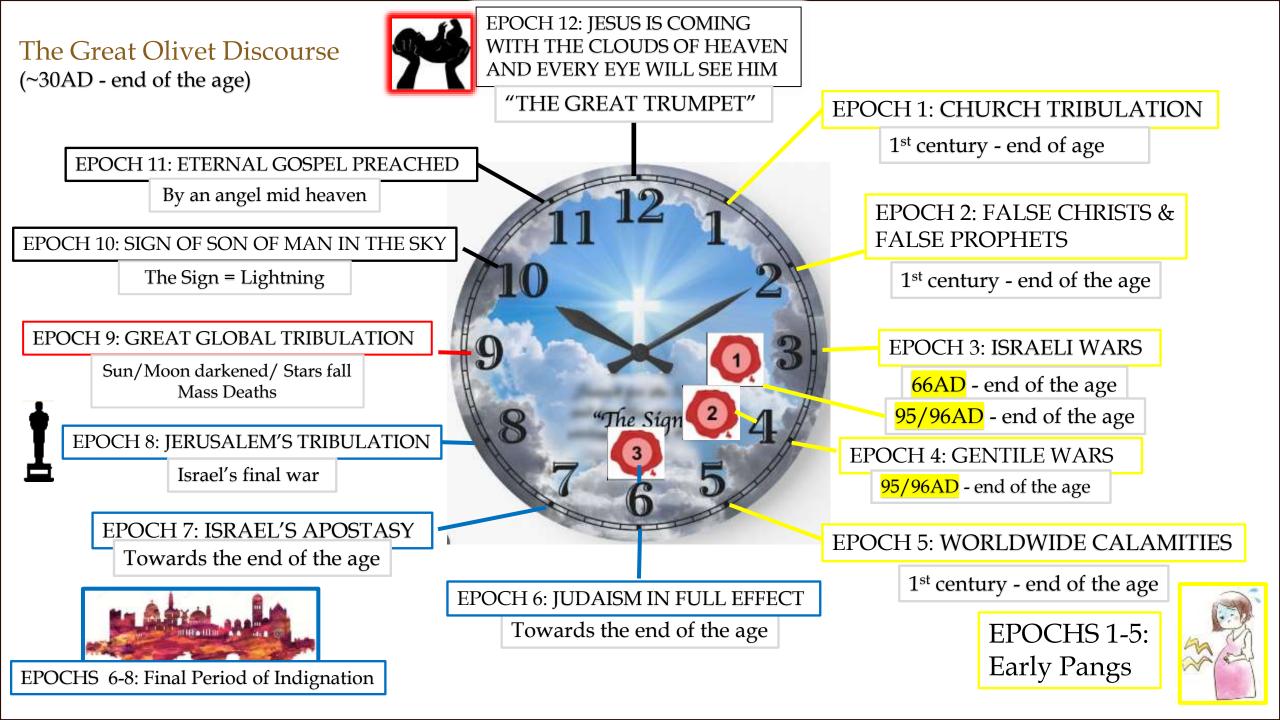
- C This prophecy may very well be pointing to the the ultimate betrayal and harlotry that Israel will commit in the end times
- Such as entering into a holy covenant and becoming yoked with middle eastern nations before they are destroyed

Reverse the 3 Seals fell in our epochs...

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Today's Study

♥ Which brings us to today's study
 ♥ The 4th Seal – Rider on the Pale Green Horse

This is the last of the Four Horsemen of this vision
We're going to stay disciplined and see what we can learn
I think for many of us, me included, we're in for a surprise
Without further ado, let's re-read our passage of the 4 Horsemen v1-8

Revelation 6

Revelation 6:1-8 (NASB)

The First Seal

1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

The Second Seal

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.

Revelation 6

The Third Seal

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."

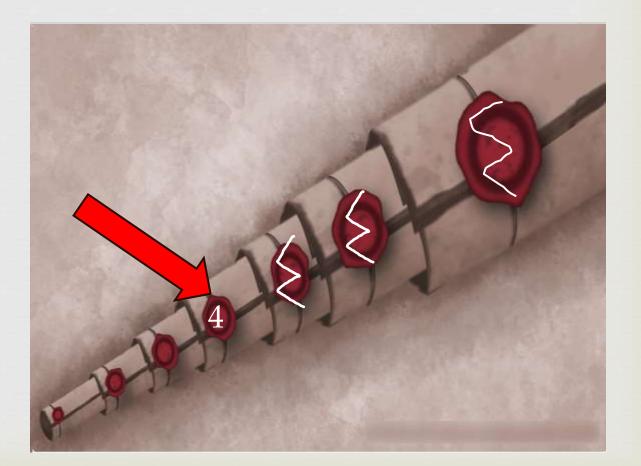
The Fourth Seal

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Rev 6:7 - The 4th Seal

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- ≪ "When the Lamb broke" follows after the breaking of the 3rd Seal– this vision continues to flow in sequence chronologically
- "the Lamb" is the One as if slain and speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ



Rev 6:8 -

Since we're only covering 2 verses today, we'll dissect our last verse in small pieces:
8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; *ashen* is chloros which means green or greenish or yellowish green or pale green
Here's an example of what chloros looks like...

Rev 6:8 – chloros

The only other time chloros was used was in Mar 6:39 when Jesus fed the 5k and "commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green [chloros] grass."

If you were to ask what color the grass or plants or greenish herbs were you would say they're chloros (green, greenish, yellowish green, pale green)

Meaning the horse's color was probably more like this...



Rev 6:8 -Greenish Horse





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BROWNIE POINTS: Can you give me another example in Scripture where an angel was explicitly given authority to kill people and take lives?



In 2Sam 24:

- ₢ God was angry with Israel and incited David to take a census
 - Census took about 9 months

- God sent the prophet Gad with a proposition
- - ☑ 7 years of famine
 - 3 months of running from and being pursed by his enemies
 - 3 days of pestilence upon the land

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Real What was this angel striking down the people with? A: pestilence (plague)

∞ 70K men from Israel died from such a plague

I say that to say:

There was a death angel in 2Sam 24
There was a death angel in Rev 6
Are they the same angel? I don't know
But their role and authority were similar

CR Let's continue on, this Death Angel in Rev6 was not alone...



Rev 6:8 – "and Hades was following him"

8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him.

- 🛚 We're all familiar with hades
- When we covered Rev 1, we did a study titled "The Keys of Death and Hades"
- In that study we did a mini-systematic theology study and looked at all of Scripture concerning hades in NT (and sheol in OT) and here was what we learned

"Hades"

Real For the most part we learned that Hades was a place and location:

- 🛯 It's down
- It's a city with gates
- **G** There's agony and flames
- Cost Those there experience torment and are far away from Paradise
- It's fixed and final (no 2nd chance after death; can't sneak or break out)
- It is abandoned souls (the Father left them there)
- It's the abode of fallen angles and unredeemed souls
- It's a temporary holding place (until the lake of fire)
- And what I argued then and am arguing now is Hades is not only a place, but is also an angel

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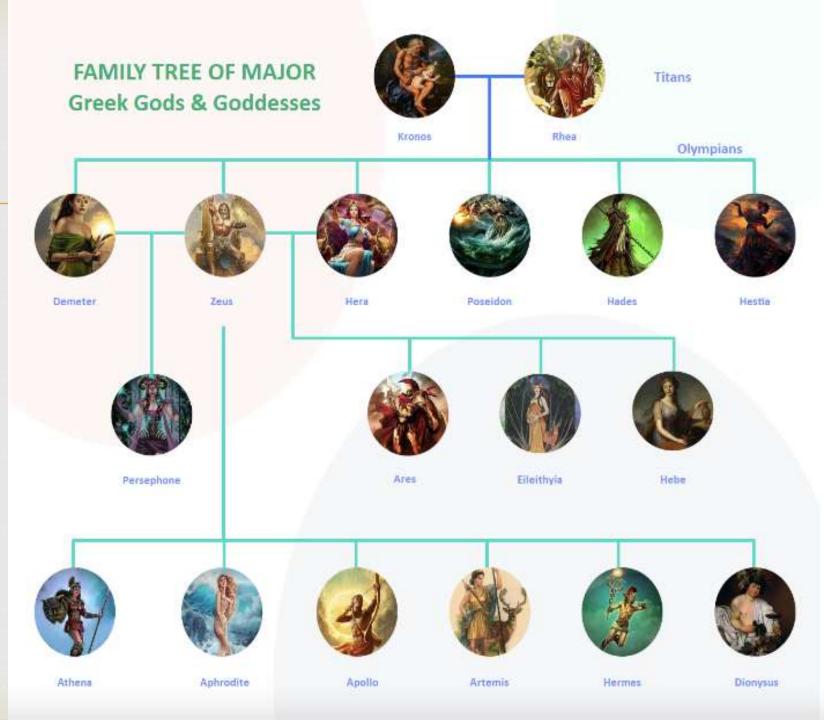
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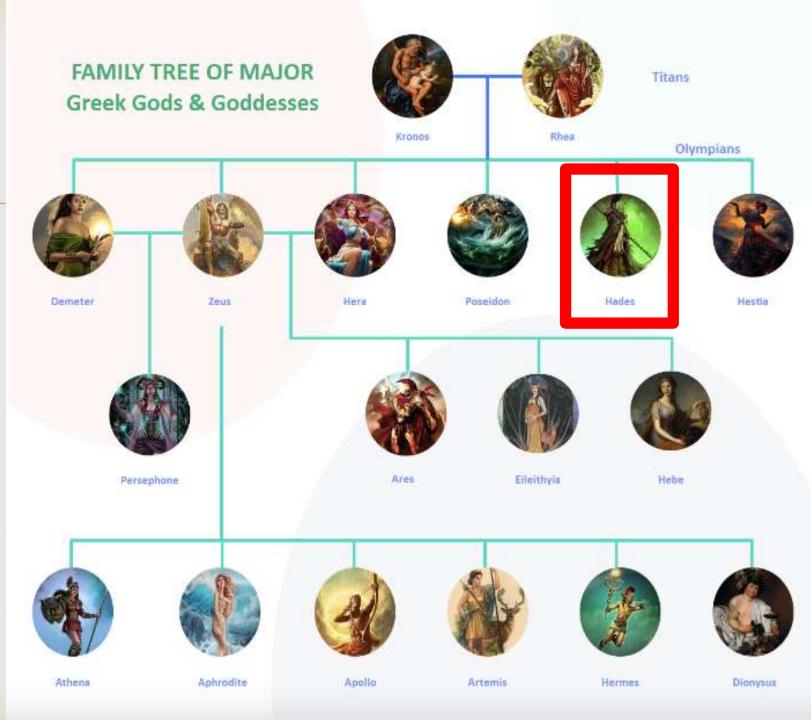
We've all heard of Greek mythology in some shape or fashion, here is a sample of that family tree...

- I don't know the accuracy of this family chart
- And I'm not advocating for Greek Mythology
- C But I will say that there is one particular Greek god who is part of this family tree

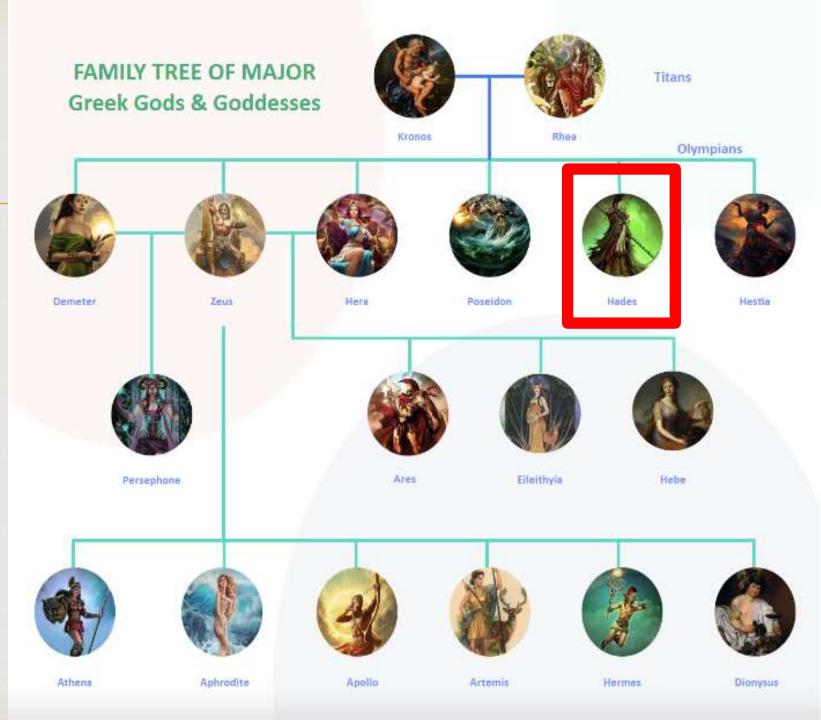


- Where did these legends come from?
- But as a student of Scripture
 we can have a good idea of
 where Greek mythology began
- CR Does anyone want to venture to guess?

🛯 Hint: Gen 6



- Gen 6 (the Nephilim) is a logical origin point
 Half breed angels/man
- And these ideologies may have very well survived the Flood morphed over ancient times and eventually phased out



Rev 6:8 – "and Hades was following him"

Back to my CASE IN POINT:

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Rev 6:8 – "authority was given them"

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Rev 6:8 – "fourth of the earth/land"

Interpretive Challenges:

- Or this can mean locally over a fourth of the land (country)
- ☑ I'm inclined in one direction, but before I say which one I'd like to clarify what this passage does NOT mean
- Rather the emphasis is they have authority to kill within one fourth of the earth or land

Rev 6:8 – "to kill with sword"

- Real angels with authority over a fourth of the earth or land have as part of that authority is "to kill with sword"
- With Israel at the center of our end times theology, I can't help but read this authority as over a fourth of the land in the Middle East, the land of Israel
- Reaning I don't see Alaska being killed in a war by swords or even the U.S.

Rev 6:8 – "to kill with sword"

- № I'm inclined to read this prophecy as these angels being given authority over a fourth of the land, a fourth of the population in the Middle East, the people and land of Israel in focus
- Reven today, in the Hamas/Israeli war, we are hearing and seeing of reports of hostile takeover of civilians and hostages who are being killed with you guessed it swords!

Rev 6:8 – "to kill with sword"

- Casualties in any wars involving Israel were as a direct result of this authority given to both of these angels

- 础 We all know what famine means hunger, lack of food
- - Was it because there wasn't rain resulting in a shortage of food in the land
 - **Was it because there was some contamination to the food supply**
 - **Was it because the food supply was withheld**

Days of Noah

Luke 17:26-30 (Jesus foretold His disciples of the end times)

26 And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

Real How long did it take Noah to build the ark?

Days of Noah

Here is a chart from AnswersInGenesis.org I didn't fact check this because the preciseness of the dates aren't important to the point I'm trying to make

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- What I'd like to point out is that it is estimated to have taken 55-75 years for Noah to make the ark
- Meaning civilization in Noah's day were eating and drinking, given in marriage, etc. for more than half a century before the flood overtook them!

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DEDUCTION:

- ↔ With that authority they will KILL BY SWORD in that part of the world
- ↔ With that authority they will KILL BY STARVATION in that part of the world
 - How they are starved I don't know, but I don't believe it's because of a global famine (remember "they were eating and drinking")
 - It could be that those in authority may either cut off food supply in that part of the world or may take them captive and let them die in hunger (limos) starvation

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With "pestilence" is thanatos which means death (same name as the angel)
This can be rendered these angels were given authority to kill "with death"
A couple of possibilities of how this could get accomplished...

Rev 6:8 – to kill "with death"

Pestilence (i.e. plague, sickness, disease) – i.e. bubonic plague, COVID

As I surveyed uses of thanatos in the NT and I was drawn to 2Cor...

"ministry of death"

2 Corinthians 3:7-8 (Paul makes a contrast between the Old Covenant vs. New Covenant)

7 But if the ministry of death [thanatos], in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

- ₩ Why I was drawn to this passage was because of what our Lord said concerning Jerusalem's tribulation:

Matthew 24:20-21

20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or **on a Sabbath**. 21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

Rev 6:8 – to kill "with death"

CONJECTURE:

- Although to kill "with death" could mean to kill with pestilence, such as, a plague or disease
- Given we are grounded in the OT, in particular Daniel's 70 Week vision, I'm inclined to say that this Death angel was given authority to kill according to the Torah or religious law at a time when the Sabbath is in full observance and effect and failure to observe results in a religious death sentence

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Deuteronomy 7:22-23 (God promises to de-possess the Canaanites from Canaan) 22 The LORD your God will clear away these nations [Canaanites] before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, for **the wild beasts** would grow too numerous for you. 23 But the LORD your God will deliver them before you, and will throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed. **co** "the wild beasts" in this passage = the Canaanites

God called them "wild beasts"

R Not convinced? Ezekiel hammers this home...

Ezekiel 5:16-17 (concerning the judgment against Jerusalem)

16 When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread. 17 Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the LORD, have spoken.'"

- Real Famine + Wild Beasts + Sword
- ♥ Who are the "wild beasts" in this passage? Clue: these wild beasts will bring about "bloodshed" and kill with "sword"

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Rev 6:8 - to kill "with wild beasts"

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Revelation 6:7-8

7 When the [Lord Jesus] broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." 8 I looked, and behold, [a pale green] horse; and [the angel] who sat on it had the [authority over] Death; and [the angel over] Hades was following [the Death angel]. Authority was given to [the Death and Hades angels] over a fourth of the [land in the Middle East, including Israel], to kill [among the fourth of the population] with sword [slaying] and with [starvation] and with [religious persecution resulting in death to those who refuse to obey the Law] and [to be killed] by the [Gentile nations living in and around Jerusalem].

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- The Death and Hades angel were given authority over the Middle East!
- Rere's a list of M.E. countries by Chat:

1.Bahrain	10. Oman
2.Cyprus	11. Palestine
3.Egypt	12. Qatar
4.Iran	13. Saudi Arabia
5.Iraq	14. Syria
6.Israel	15. Turkey
7.Jordan	16. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
8.Kuwait	17. Yemen
9.Lebanon	



- - 🛯 Killing Israel by sword
 - ☑ Causing Israel to starve
 - Inciting a Holy war against themReligious death penalty
- ᢙ This will be done by "wild beasts" (Gentile nations) in and around Jerusalem killing many Israelites and other innocent civilians



↔ What color did that horse look like?



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- This is in line with the vision in this prophecy! Egypt is in scope! _____
- This Death angel has authority over this part of the world to bring about what was written and determined in God's Word!



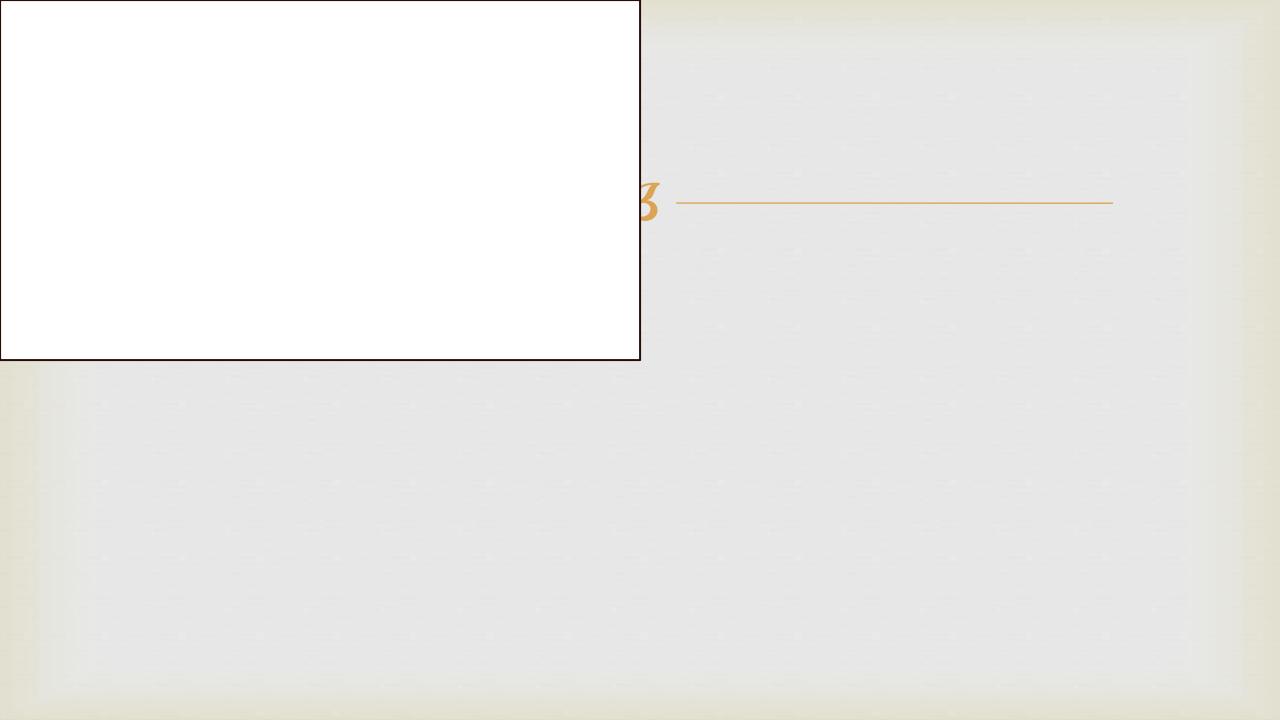
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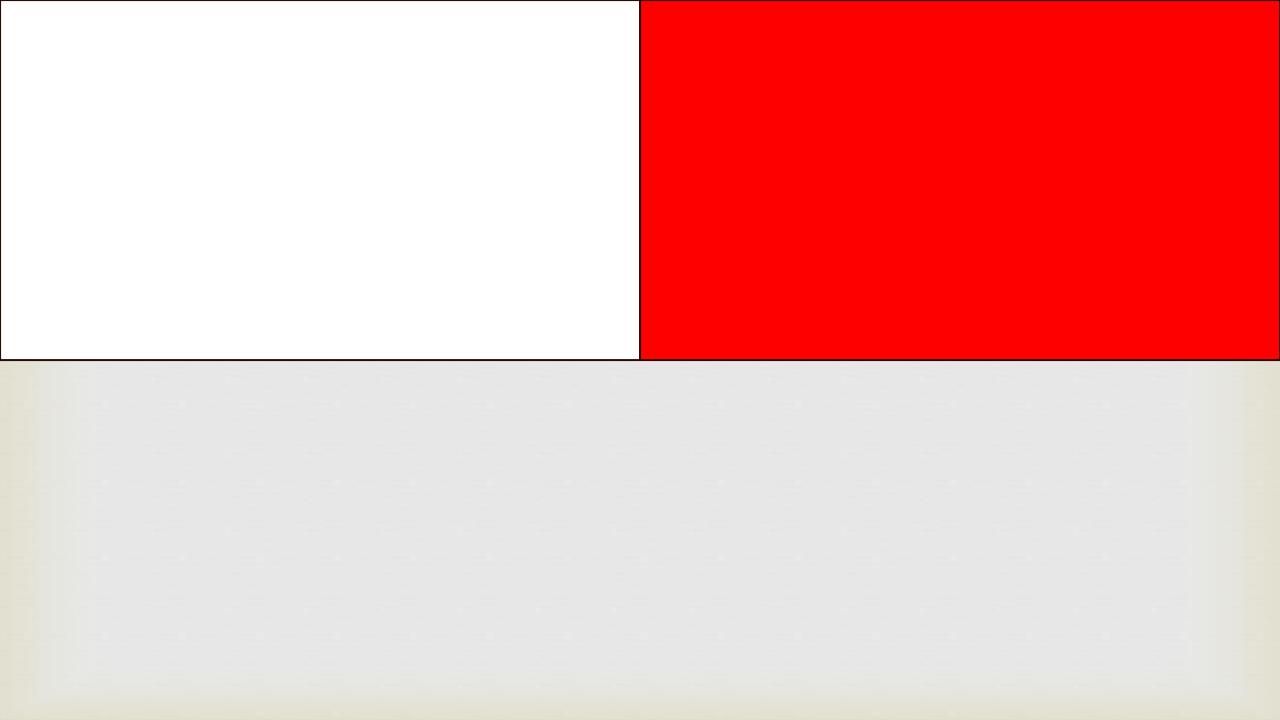
Heading into this study I had a global macro view
Now having concluded our study of the 4 Horsemen – I've changed course
I now am looking at the 4 Horsemen – not globally or with a macro view, but locally with a micro view
Middle East in focus

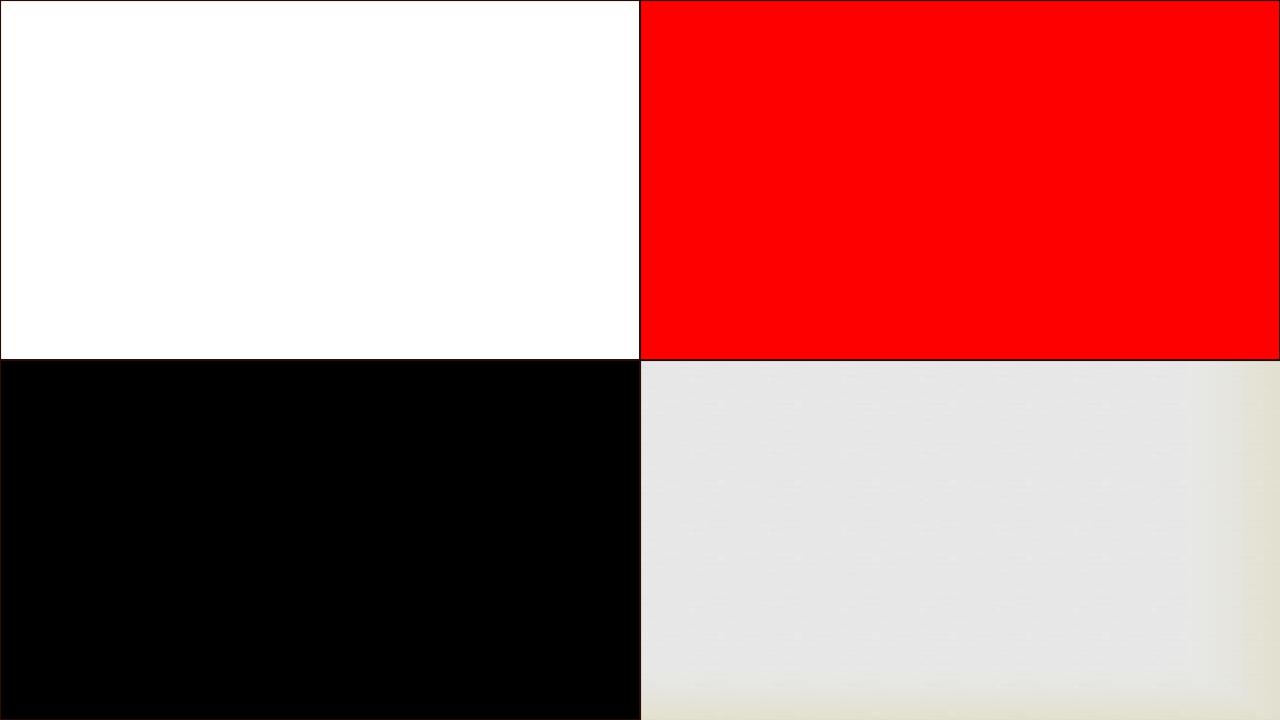
Israel in focus

Not only that, what was a takeaway at least for me?

↔ What were the color of the 4 horses again?











Closing Comments

- The Palestinian state and neighboring nations could very well be the "wild beasts of the earth" spoken of in this prophecy feel fairly certain of that!
 With who in the center of it all? That's right the land and people of Israel!
 God is not done punishing Israel for their sin and rebellion, and when He's done God will certainly use these nations to bring about His judgment upon them!
- A Much can be repeated and said, but we'll end it there

Closing Comments

Rext up: the 5th Seal...

- R It wouldn't surprise me one bit if I get corrected yet again heading into that study
- Real But I will approach it the same we've been doing for 2+ years now

№ I'll come to that vision with a clean slate, exercise good disciplines and see where that takes us...

AMEN. AMEN.