

## **AN INTERVIEW WITH THE RIDER ON THE PALE HORSE**

*And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, Rev. 6:8.*

When the tribulation begins we find four horsemen. The first rides a white horse. The second rides a red horse. The third rides a black horse, and the fourth rides a pale horse. I want to interview the rider on the pale horse this morning. We can see from the text that this is a very dangerous person. So I walk up to the pale horse and ask for a few moments of his time, and he agrees. I begin my interview. You are one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse, and the subject of much debate. You play an important role in Revelation and end time events.

### **MAY I BEGIN BY ASKING YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF**

- I am Sir Death
- I am the most feared and respected people ever to live
- Even Satan admires me
- I am more than a presence; I am a person
- I ride the pale horse because I am a soldier
- If you will notice carefully, I am the first three riders incarnate
- I am everything Christ is not. I am his greatest enemy. I ride in Revelation against Him

### **WHEN WERE YOU BORN**

- I was born in Eden, the Garden of God
- And I've been alive ever since
- You can read of me in every book of the Bible, etc.
- When Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge I was born
- I was born a king and I have reigned supreme ever since
- Nobody has ever been able to overthrow my government. No one has been able to assassinate me, in fact, nobody has dared to try
- Not even Satan himself would dare rebel against me
- I have claimed the lives of every single person who has ever lived
- And everyday I claim the lives of 153,000 people
- I am the greatest power in the world, no man can defeat me
- I have brought untold misery to the world

### **IF YOU COULD SAY ONE THING TO THE WORLD, WHAT WOULD IT BE**

- You will notice from the text that I have great power
- I am the greatest power in the world, not Satan. He might be prince of Darkness, but I am darkness. Only Christ outranks me in power
- In fact, I have power not only over the body, but also over the soul. Even hell follows after me
- I am the most feared prince, not Satan
- I fear no man. No army can stand against me. Even Satan bows before me.
- I have power that even Satan covets. I am omnipresent. I have met people around the world at the same time
- Satan will be destroyed before me. The anti christ and the false prophet will be destroyed before me
- In fact, I destroy them

- I am the great enemy of Christ, not Satan. Satan was defeated long before me
- Not many people fear Satan, in fact few even believe in him, but everybody believes in me
- Even in the tribulation I will have power over ¼ of the world to kill. Not even Satan has ever wielded such power
- I delight in famine and disease. I am the author of war. The funeral dirge is music to my ear. The grave is hollowed ground to me
- I created the Hitler's and Napoleons as my instruments of death
- I am indestructible. Tell me, how do you destroy death?

### **WHAT IS THE SECRET TO YOUR POWER**

- The secret to my great power is sin. The sting of death [is] sin the Scriptures say
- King David understood my power when he said, there is but a step between me and death
- There is not one place on earth forbidden to me
- I meet them in the hospital and I meet them in war. I meet people on the highway and in their homes, at work, and even at church.
- No man can hide from me. I will find them all. You can't hide behind youth, medicine, or even religion. You can't even hide behind the cross of Christ. I will find you.
- I even meet them in the womb. One baby is aborted every 24 seconds
- I am no respecter of persons. I meet them old and young, rich and poor, bond and free, healthy and sickly
- It is true I will be destroyed. But 1 Cor 15 says that I am the last enemy to be destroyed
- I have the greatest power in the world. No man escapes my grip. Not even the greatest prophets

### **WHAT IS IT THAT SURPRISES YOU MOST ABOUT PEOPLE**

- That they live as though they will never die
- I am surprised that they are surprised when the doctor says you have cancer
- I am surprised that they think they will never grow old
- I'm surprised that they don't even consider how short 3 score and ten really is
- I am surprised that Christians fear me, but lost people do not
- I am surprised that they think that they will never be one of the 652,486 who will die this year of a heart attack; or the one of 553,888 who will die of cancer; or the one of 150,074 who will die of stroke; or one of the 143,000 who will die in a car accident this year
- And I am surprised that they tempt me, then they are surprised when they meet me
- I am surprised that they are so careless and reckless their lives
- I am surprised that they drink and drive. I am even surprised at how they drive
- I am surprised that they take drugs like it was food rather than poison
- I am surprised that so many take their own lives, it is the third leading cause of death among young people
- I can't believe they love me and I hate them
- But true to the Bible It says, All that hate wisdom love death
- I hate them and they love me.
- I am loved by millions like the man in Mark 5 who made his dwelling among the tombs
- They sing about me, and glorify me in their music. TV is full of death

- People try desperately to communicate with the dead
- And I am surprised that they are not prepared to meet me

### **HOW DO PEOPLE DIE**

- Most die unsaved. These people fight and struggle
- Some die unprepared, like Lot
- Few are ready to die, very few accept me at my coming