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 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 opened the fourth seal, I when he opened the fourth seal, ™I meh.   
 heard the voice of the heard the voice of the fourth living-   
 fourth beast say, Come being saying, Comet. And I tMistinciein   
 ‘and see. ® And I looked, looked, and behold a pale horse: ‘has.   
 and behold a pale horse : and his name that sat on him was.   
 and his name that sat on Death, and Hadés was following   
 him was Death, and Hell) with him. And authority was given   
 followed with him. And unto them over the fourth part of   
 power was given unto them the earth, ° to kill with sword, and o¥es«.x.v   
 over the fourth part of the with famine, and with death, ? and ptev.xxvi.22.   
 earth, to Kill with sword by the beasts of the earth.   
 and with hunger, and with And when he opened the fifth   
 death, and with the beasts   
 of the earth. 9 And when   
 he had opened the fifth   
   
 as regards its intent, the command is pa- he was death personified. In this case   
 rallel with that saying of our Lord in Matt. only of the four js the explanation given.   
 xxiv. 22. It is the mercy of God, temper- It is wrong to understand Pestilence by   
 ing His judgments. And in its general this death: sce below), and Hadés (the   
 interpretation, as the opening of the first impersonation of the place of the departed :   
 seal revealed the certain proceeding on to see ch. i, xx. 14, where as here Death   
 victory of Christ and His church, and the and Hadés go together. Fichhorn aud   
 second, that His coming should be prepared Ebrard understand it of the whole mul-   
 in the world not by peace but by the sword, titude of the departed: but this clearly   
 so now by this third we learn that Famine, is beside the purpose : personification being   
 the pressure of want on men, not sweeping: the prevailing character of these four riders)   
 them away by utter failure of the of was following with him (in his train:   
 subsistence, but keeping them far below the ready to engulf and detain his victims),   
 ordinary standard of comfort, and espe- and there was given to them (Death and   
 cially those who depend on their daily Hadés, considered as joint partners in the   
 labour, will be one of the four judgments baleful work) power over the fourth part   
 by which the way of the Lord’s coming will of the earth (perhaps owing to the four-   
 be opened. This seems to point not 60 fold division of these former seals: not   
 much to death by famine, which belongs to implying thereby that this last rider   
 the next vision, as to agrarian distress divided the carth with the three former,   
 all its dreadful consequences: ripening in but thus specifying his portion as being   
 some cases [see below] into the hunger- one of four. At all events this suggests   
 Aeath, properly the consequence of Famine. itself here as a possible reference of the   
 ‘The above interpretation of the number four: whereas in ch. viii. the   
 third seal is given in the main by Victo- coutinually recurring third part has no   
 rinus—“The black horse signifies fa- such assiguable solution. The expositors   
 mine: for the Lord saith, ‘There shall for the most part pass it over, merely as   
 be famines in places:’” but he allego- ignifying a considerable portion. Our   
 izes the latter part of the vision: “hurt principal English Aistoriea? interpreter,   
 not the oiland the wine,” i.e., \* strike not with whose historical interpretation it will   
 with plagues the spiritual man”), not square, takes refuge in the reading of   
 7, 8.| And when he opened the fourth the vulgate, “over [the] four parts of   
 I heard [the voice of] the fourth the earth.” But the reading cannot, for   
 living-being saying, Come (sce above on a moment be received on such authority ;   
 ver. I). And I saw, and behold a livid nor are we at liberty to arrange the sacre   
 horse (the word, meaning originally and text so as to square with our precon:   
 properly grass-green, when used of flesh systems) to kill with sword and with   
 implies that greenish pallor which we know famine and with death (i.e. here, pesti-   
 as livid: the colour of the corpse in inci- lence: sce below), and by (by, seeing that   
 pient decay, or of the complexion extremely the other three were rather general in-   
 pale through disease), and he that sat dications of the mauner in which, but this   
 upon him his name was Death (i.c. last of the actual agent by whose admiuis-