Key Understanding: The double fourth partitions of Poland. The partitions of Poland, or more definitively, the partitions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, include two separate events that have each historically been termed the “fourth partition of Poland.” Russia and Germany were significantly involved in each. The two (2) Fourth Partitions of Poland are closely related, both historically and prophetically.

The first three partitions of Poland by Prussia, Russia, and Habsburg Austria:

- The First Partition: August 5, 1772
- The Second Partition: January 23, 1793 (Austria did not participate)
- The Third Partition: October 24, 1795

The two separate events that have historically been termed the “Fourth Partition of Poland”:

- The first Fourth Partition: The 1815 Treaty of Vienna division of Napoleon’s Grand Duchy of Warsaw, essentially awarding control of the newly created “Congress Kingdom of Poland” to Russia. (Prussia was awarded a much smaller part. It was called the Grand Duchy of Posen.)
• The second Fourth Partition: The August 23, 1939, Nazi-Soviet Pact (Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact) in which Germany and the Soviets agreed to divide Poland between themselves once more.

Adolf Hitler’s part in the fulfillment of Revelation 6:8 as a Pale Horse Rider given power “over the fourth part of the earth” is significantly fulfilled through the August 23, 1939, fourth partition of Poland through the Nazi-Soviet Pact (pictured), which led to death and hell for millions of Jews.

Revelation 6:8 (KJV) And I looked, and behold A PALE HORSE: and his name that sat on him was DEATH, AND HELL followed with him. And power was given unto them over THE FOURTH PART OF THE EARTH, to kill (i) with sword, and (ii) with hunger, and (iii) with death, and (iv) with the beasts of the earth.