

“The Beast Empire”

Part 8

This segment will complete my study of the chapters where we find the reference to the **“Beast”**, and Daniel 7 contains the most occurrences in the book of Daniel. Daniel 7:1-28 is the account of a dream that Daniel the prophet had. This dream is extremely relevant to us today, because it refers to current events, namely, current empires that will face Jesus Christ at Armageddon. Because of its amazing accuracy and significance, we need to understand the meaning of Daniel's dream. Here is what we know. First, Daniel saw “Four Winds” striving on the great sea.

“In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.” -(Daniel 7:1)

(7:1) - Chapter 7 begins a section dealing with the visions God gave Daniel. It is still in Aramaic and parallels chapter 2, with the Aramaic language binding the two parts of Daniel's Book together. It may be called an apocalypse, an unveiling or revealing of mysteries known only to God. It gives us a tremendous revelation of the future in a majestic, vivid, moving revelation.

This vision came to Daniel in a dream during the first year of Belshazzar's reign as king of Babylon in 553 B.C., several years before the events of chapter 4 and fourteen years before chapter 5. (Daniel does not mention Nabonidus, who took the throne of the empire in 556 B.C., since Nabonidus had already turned the throne of Babylon over to Belshazzar and was retired and not living in Babylon.)

This was a time of a highly developed, literate civilization. Daniel had been trained to read the literature of the past and present, so it was not unusual that the first thing he did was write down what he saw in his dream. Note that the words “dream” and “vision” are used interchangeably here as they often are in the Bible. But this was no ordinary dream. It was God-given and inspired by the Holy Spirit. It gave Daniel a vision of present and future events. Daniel wrote down the substance or essence of the dream.

“Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.” -(Daniel 7:2)

(7:2) - Up to this time, Daniel had been a statesman and a witness for the Lord. But now, in addition to writing, he spoke; that is, he became a prophet. (The word “prophet” in Hebrew comes from an old word for “speaker,” thus, a speaker for God.) Though later rabbis put Daniel in the third division of the Hebrew Bible (the Writings) because he was primarily a statesman, but the New Testament recognizes him as a true prophet (Matt. 24:15).

In his vision, Daniel first saw winds from the north, south, east and west rushing out, working against each other—which must have created a tremendous storm on the great sea, that is, on

the Mediterranean. Some interpret the sea as a type of the restless, godless nations of the world (cf. Isaiah. 57:20; Revelation 17:15). The winds may possibly suggest that behind the wars and the sequence of empires on earth is a greater conflict promoted by the one who is called "the prince of the power of the air" -(Ephesians 2:2) and "the god of this world" -(2nd Corinthians 4:4). Satan has organized his forces and has arrayed the powers of darkness against the children of God. But one of the purposes of this vision is to assure us that though Satan may do his worst, though he may bring trouble to people everywhere, yet God is still on the throne. Some day He will bring judgment on those who follow Satan.

Soon after Belshazzar came to power in Babylon, Daniel dreamed a very disturbing dream. He wrote it down and told what he saw. The first thing he saw was "Four Winds" striving on the great sea. These winds correspond to the Four Horsemen of Revelation 6 and Zechariah 6:5. ***"These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth."*** The great sea represents the human masses in the last days. ***"The waters which thou sawest, ...are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues,"*** -(Revelation 17:15).

"And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another." -(Daniel 7:3)

(7:3) - Out of the sea arose four enormous, vigorous wild animals, each different from the other. The Bible often uses animals to represent the character of Gentile nations. Some Bible teachers, including C. Morse Ward, have concluded these animals represent modern nations, that is, end-time nations. They take the lion to be Great Britain; the eagle's wings the United States; the bear, Russia; the panther, Japan and China; and the fourth beast, the European Community. Others, including Dr. George Westlake, suggest that the first three animals symbolize modern nations that will support the final world ruler. But most agree that because this chapter concludes the Aramaic section that began with chapter 2, the animals most likely represent the same nations seen there, but emphasize the specifics of the inner nature of those nations, while chapter 2 has their general political and external effects in mind.

"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it." -(Daniel 7:4)

(7:4) - Considering the revelation of chapter 2, the first wild animal, which looked like a lion, must represent Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian empire. Winged lions were common symbols in Babylonia. Its eagle wings could represent his famed power and glory that he was so proud of. It also may represent the speed by which he conquered and built up his empire. The plucking of the wings fits what happened when he lost his reason and understanding in chapter 4. Standing him on his feet and giving him a man's heart and mind fit his restoration.

While the four great winds blew upon the great sea of humanity, Daniel saw four great beasts coming up from the sea. Grieved and troubled, Daniel asked for "the truth of all this." "These four great beasts are Four Kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the Saints of the MOST HIGH

shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even for ever and ever." This is a very important fact!

The event referred to in that verse is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ with all His saints to the Battle of Armageddon, where He will finally conquer all kings and kingdoms and set up HIS KINGDOM for 1000 years on earth - the "Millennial Kingdom of Christ," as some call it.

"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." -(Daniel 7:5)

(7:5) - The second wild animal looked like a bear. That it was raised up on one side fits Persia's dominance over Media in the Medo-Persian Empire. The three ribs could represent Babylon, Lydia and Egypt, which were all conquered by the Medo-Persians. The command to eat its fill of flesh called for more conquests. There are different views on the identity of the three ribs. One in particular related to removal of three ethnic groups by the Roman Empire but does not impact or affect the larger scope of the "**Beast's**" identity.

"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it." -(Daniel 7:6)

(7:6) - The third wild animal looked like a leopard or, as the Hebrew probably means, a large, powerful panther. It represents the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great. The four wings of a bird may represent the rapidity of Alexander's conquests. The four heads represent how the empire was divided among his generals after Alexander's death. Greece and Macedonia were taken by Casander; Thrace and most of Asia Minor were taken by Lysimachus; Syria and most of the Middle East were taken by Seleucus; and Egypt was taken by Ptolemy.

The vast majority of all Bible commentaries and teaching studies will tell you that the Four Beasts in Daniel's dream are the same four empires that are mentioned in Nebuchadnezzar's statue: namely, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Most of these commentaries were written decades ago, if not centuries ago, long before modern events began to fulfill these prophecies. As recently as one century ago, it would have been virtually impossible to identify these nations as we can now!

Therefore, the time-frame in which Daniel's Four Beasts appear must be future or refers to the last days immediately before the Second Coming of Jesus, in addition to historical kingdoms past. Daniel dreamed of four great kingdoms that necessarily exist on Earth at the time of the Second Coming of Jesus. Daniel 7:3 notes the "**Four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.**"

We will get into the specific details of the identity of the Four Beasts later. But first, let us consider what the Four Beasts are.

The Four Beasts:

1. A Lion with Eagle's Wings
2. A Bear
3. A Four-headed Leopard with wings of a fowl
4. A Dreadful Beast

Most prophecy teachers will tell you that Daniel's beasts represent the same nations depicted in the great statue of Nebuchadnezzar. They say that the:

1. LION is ancient **BABYLON**
2. BEAR is ancient **MEDO-PERSIA**
3. LEOPARD is ancient **GREECE**
4. DREADFUL BEAST is ancient **ROME**

“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.” –(Daniel 7:7-8)

(7:7-8) - The fourth wild animal represents the Roman Empire and all that followed down the end of the age. It was different in that it was intensely aggressive. The ten horns correspond to the ten toes of the image in chapter 2. They could represent rulers, kingdoms or nations at the end of the age and may be identified with the ten kings who are in league with the Antichrist - (Revelation 17:12). The fact that the little horn uproots three of those horns shows these ten horns are still future.

There are those who disagree with this interpretation and say it cannot possibly be accurate, and argue why: In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, each level of the great statue represented an empire. From one empire to the next, they were successive empires - they followed one another. The Babylonian Empire was conquered by Persia, which was conquered by Alexander the Great and the Grecians, which was conquered by Rome. However, this view fails to recognize one view is historical and one is future prophecy.

In the end of Nebuchadnezzar's imagery, only the Iron and Miry Clay Feet were crushed by a Rock, symbolizing JESUS CHRIST at Armageddon. The earlier empires had already passed from the scene. In Daniel's dream, all four of Daniel's Four Beasts are said to be IN POWER or IN EXISTENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY - when Jesus returns! In reality, there is no conflict when one differentiates between the historical and the future. Confusion comes from a lack of understanding the Hebrew text in the case of Daniel.

At Armageddon, Daniel saw that the other three beasts ***“had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.”*** -(7:12)

It is perfectly clear that the Fourth Beast is a modern kingdom in power when Jesus comes, because the "little horn" on that beast, ***"made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom,"*** –(Daniel 7:21-22)

He will confront existing modern nations at Armageddon. These prophecies absolutely refer to modern day nations. These nations will be stripped of their powers at Armageddon, yet they will continue to exist, ***"their lives were prolonged for a season and time."*** That could NOT be true if the LION is ancient Babylon, or if the BEAR is ancient Persia, or if the LEOPARD is ancient Greece, or if the DREADFUL BEAST is ancient Rome.

Therefore we must identify:

1. A MODERN NATION symbolized by a **LION**
2. A MODERN NATION symbolized by an **EAGLE**
3. A MODERN NATION symbolized by a **BEAR**
4. A MODERN NATION symbolized by a **LEOPARD**
5. A MODERN GLOBAL GOVERNMENT that fits the description of the **DREADFUL BEAST**

We will identify these Four Beasts in modern times. The prophecies can only be true if these nations can be identified at the time of the coming of Jesus Christ for the Battle of Armageddon. I will discuss this at the close of Daniel 7:28.

The little horn with human eyes and a mouth speaking great things is the Antichrist. Older Protestant writers usually considered the little horn to be the papal system of the Roman church. When we consider the pride and blasphemy of many of the popes, when we see how they sanctioned the worship of images and persecuted true saints of God, we can hardly blame many Protestant martyrs for believing they saw in the popes the marks of this little horn. However, the little horn seems to represent an individual, not necessarily a system. I tend to think it will be both an individual as well as a system or kingdom.

Martin Luther identified the little horn with the Turkish Empire that very nearly conquered Europe in the Middle Ages. However, the Muslims do not have the background of history required here, nor do they fit the rest of the description. John Calvin took the little horn to be Julius Caesar. Others see it as the succession of Roman emperors who made themselves gods. Still others identify it as having a double reference to Antiochus Epiphanes and the Antichrist. There is no consensus or uniform view on the issue of the Little Horn.

The majority of premillennialists take this little horn to be a personal Antichrist. They take the fourth wild animal to be the Roman Empire and the ten horns to be nations that can trace their origin back to the Roman Empire. Germany and Russia, for example, will not be part of these ten nations because they were never part of the Roman Empire.

The little horn will then come up in the midst of the ten and displace, or pluck up, three of the ten. That is, the Antichrist will gain control of three nations by violence. This indicates the ten horns are nations contemporary with each other. Then the rest of the ten will yield to him without a struggle. This seems to mean they will delegate their powers to him and form a federation with him at the head. Thus, the proud, defiant, godless spirit of the world will find its climax in the Antichrist symbolized by the little horn.

Other Scriptures give additional titles to the Antichrist. He is the prince that shall come -(Daniel 9:26), the king of fierce countenance -(Dan. 8:23), the willful king -(Daniel 11:36), the idol shepherd -(Zechariah 11:17), the man of sin -(2nd Thess. 2:3), the son of perdition -(2nd Thess. 2:3), the beast coming out of the sea -(Revelation 13:1). These are some of the many passages that let us know about this terrible person who will be indwelt by Satan himself at the time of the Great Tribulation. Yet he will still be the little horn. His show of pomp and power will be dwarfed into insignificance before the throne of God. The Antichrist's rule cannot prevail.

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire." -(Daniel 7:9)

(7:9) - As Daniel continued looking, he saw thrones set in place (not "cast down") for a royal court. Then one called "the Ancient of days" took his place on his throne. His title here expresses his venerable stately appearance. The white clothing and hair indicate purity (and perhaps truth). His throne flamed with fire, indicating majesty in judgment, and it had wheels that flamed with fire (perhaps the fire was under the wheels, as it was in Ezekiel's visions). He is none other than God the Father, Who is without beginning and without ending. Abraham recognized Him as "the Judge of all the earth" -(Gen.18:25). By taking his place on the throne, He indicates He is ready to pronounce judgment. Around the throne will be other thrones, such as John saw and described in Rev. 4:4, where the Greek word "**thronos**" translated "seats" in the KJV, refers to thrones. See also the prophecies of Jesus and Paul (Matthew 19:28; 1st Corinthians 6:3).

"A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." -(Daniel 7:10)

(7:10) - An ever-flowing river of fire (note the Hebrew participle that indicates continuous action) that issues from before God's throne makes a flaming path into his presence. The multitudes who serve Him and stand before Him are angels. God is the Lord of hosts (of the armies of heaven).

Then the court is called to order, and the books are opened -(cf. Exodus 32:32; Isaiah. 65:6; Daniel 12; Luke 10:20). God has all knowledge, but the books will be opened probably for the benefit of humankind. God keeps records of nations and individuals. When the judgment comes, the evidence will stand written, and no one will be able to refute it.

“I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.” -(Daniel 7:11)

(7:11) - The Antichrist’s words will bring him to judgment. He will be slain and his body destroyed in burning fire. This is a summary statement. More details are given in Revelation 19:11-21 (cf. Zechariah 14:1-4). The Antichrist’s armies will be destroyed and his power brought to an end when Jesus returns in power and glory at the close of the Tribulation. However, the Antichrist himself will not be slain at the time of the overthrow of his power. He will be taken alive, and then both he and his false prophet will be “cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone [sulfur]” -(Revelation 19:20).

“As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.” -(Daniel 7:12)

(7:12) - This verse is a parenthetical statement to let us know that the effects of the previous empires continue. It is parallel to chapter 2, where each empire gives way to the next, but the image stands until it is hit in the feet. When the Antichrist and his forces are overthrown, all human government and earthly rule will cease. The symbolism seems to imply this. Some writers think the language is not all-inclusive here, but the purpose is to prepare for a kingdom that is universal. Certainly, no nation on earth is without corruption in government. They all deserve the judgment of God.

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.” -(Daniel 7:13)

(7:13) - The governments and rule represented by the four wild animals “**came up from the sea**” -(7:2). But now one like a Son of man comes with the clouds of heaven. Just as the four empires are said to be “like” wild animals because of their nature and character, so the One Who comes is “like” a Son of man because He comes as a true Man. But He comes from above, not from below. Jesus identified himself with this Son of Man -(Matthew 26:64). The angels told the wondering disciples after Jesus ascended into heaven, “**This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven**” -(Acts 1:11; cf. Mark 14:62; 16:19; Revelation 1:7). Daniel sees Him taking his place in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

“And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” -(Daniel 7:14)

(7:14) - After God’s wrath falls in judgment on the world and on the Antichrist, a kingdom will be given to the Son of Man that will be truly glorious in a far more wonderful way than any earthly rule has ever been. The most enlightened governments of this world have seen the good that they have done marred by sin, selfishness and greed. Nothing will mar and dim the glory of

Christ's millennial kingdom. Notice too that since the kingdoms that precede it are real, literal kingdoms, so the millennial kingdom will be just as real. Christ's kingdom in the sense of his rule did break into the world in his first coming, and He rules in the Church now, but the Church is not the millennial kingdom. That kingdom is still future. When He comes to establish his kingdom on earth, all peoples will worship and reverence Him.

His kingdom will also endure throughout the ages of eternity. Though at the end of the Millennium there will be an interlude where God allows Satan to make one last mad attempt to frustrate God's purposes, Satan will not succeed. Christ will still be King of kings and Lord of lords. His everlasting kingdom will continue on into the new heavens and the new earth, and He will deliver up the Kingdom, the rule, to the Father (1st Corinthians 15:24-28). The Kingdom will go on forever, indestructible, supreme, and secure.

Notice how amazingly clear and specific this passage is. Notice how it fits with the New Testament revelation: the name "Son of Man" the coming with clouds -(Acts 1:9, 11), the appointment of the kingdom -(Phil. 2:10; Luke 22:29), the universal character of the kingdom -(Ephesians 2:19; 3:6; Revelation 5:9; 21:24), the endless dominion of the kingdom, never to pass away. What wonderful assurance this is!

"I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶ I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things." -(Daniel 7:15-16)

(7:15-16) - This vision distressed and alarmed Daniel. So he approached one standing there and asked and received the interpretation.

"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." -(Daniel 7:17-18)

(7:17-18) - The four wild animals are four kingdoms or empires that rise (in sequence). But (because of the work of the Son of Man) the saints of the Most High (believers wholly dedicated to God) will receive and possess the kingdom. Their enjoyment of the kingdom will never end.

"Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; ¹⁹ And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows." -(Daniel 7:19-20)

(7:19-20) - In his desire to know the meaning of the fourth wild animal, Daniel added a detail not mentioned in vs. 7. The animal had bronze claws, indicating its strength and ability to hold what it conquered. Bronze or bronze alloy is a reference to the Roman Empire.

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; ²²Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” -(Daniel 7:21-22)

(7:21-22) - Now Daniel added to the description of the little horn that it was waging war against the saints and defeating them. The saints here are probably Jews in the last half of the Tribulation -(cf. Daniel 9:26f; Zechariah. 13:8f; 14:1f; Revelation 12:1-6)

“Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. ²⁴And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.” -(Daniel 7:23-24)

(7:23-24) - The Roman Empire “devoured” the whole of the earth that Daniel knew about (the known world of his day). The ten kingdoms are referred to as ten kings (the words “king” and “kingdom” are used interchangeably in this part of Daniel; cf. Revelation. 17:12 where they rule one hour, i.e., temporarily, with the Antichrist). Keep associated with the term ten kingdoms or ten kings - the ten regions established by the Club of Rome in 1972. Why did they choose to establish ten world regions, why not twelve, or some other number?

“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” -(Daniel 7:25)

(7:25) - The Antichrist will oppose God, speaking against Him and oppressing or harassing his saints. He will try to change the set times or seasons of religious worship as well as God’s laws. He will be allowed to persecute the saints for three and one-half years -(cf. Revelation 12:4).

“But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.” -(Daniel 7:26)

(7:26) - When the court of the Ancient of Days sits, the Antichrist’s power will be destroyed.

“And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.” -(Daniel 7:27)

(7:27) - All the power and authority of the kingdoms, empires and nations under the whole heaven, that is, of the entire earth, will be handed over to God's saints. The kingdom will be his kingdom forever, and all rulers, all who are ruling with Jesus, will worship and obey God.

"Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart." -(Daniel 7:28)

(7:28) - The vision so overwhelmed and distressed Daniel that he turned pale as from shock. Though he wrote down the essence of the vision, he did not publicize it but kept it to himself. Obviously, he still did not understand it fully.

At this point we will go back and look at the identity of Daniel's Four Beasts. The identity of these Four Beasts requires our looking at history and particularly modern day history to the current time.

Daniel's FIRST Beast - A Lion with Eagle's Wings

Daniel 7:4 states: ***"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it."***

Lion - Eagle Wings



Again, the sixty-four thousand dollar question is this: "Where is a modern empire symbolized by a lion?" Here is the answer: Great Britain. Now there have been many nations that have utilized the lion as a symbol. But in modern times, the lion is most clearly associated with Great Britain - the largest empire in modern times. In recent memory, it could be said that "the sun never sets on the British Empire." The British Lion is universally recognized. It has appeared on the Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom since King James VI of Scotland ascended to the English throne in 1603 A.D. It also appears on several national emblems and flags. Another British symbol, lady "Britannia," is depicted riding the back of a lion. The lion symbol is depicted behind Britannia on the British fifty pence coin and a lion is shown crowned on the back of the British ten pence coin. A lion is also used as a symbol on the non-ceremonial flag of the British Army.



What about the eagle's wings that were plucked?



from the British Crown - King George III.

Again, there are few symbols more easily recognizable in the world today than the American Eagle. But how can the American Eagle be associated - connected with - the British Lion? That is an easy answer. The United States of America was originally a colonial territory of Great Britain. But it was plucked up from the British Empire when the citizens of the thirteen original American colonies wrote and signed The Declaration of Independence in 1776, declaring their independence and breaking away

Herein is a most amazing fulfillment of ancient Bible prophecies. Two-Thousand Five-Hundred Years Ago, the prophet Daniel envisioned the Declaration of Independence, which any educated person knows is one of the most important documents ever written in the history of mankind. It was the founding document of what is arguably the greatest nation that ever existed! And Daniel saw it!

After the wings of the eagle were plucked from the British Lion, ***"it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it,"*** -Daniel 7:4. After 1776, and the rise of the United States of America, Britain became the largest empire in history.

Daniel's SECOND Beast - A Bear with Three Ribs In Its Mouth

Daniel 7:5 tells us: ***"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh."***



Wikipedia says that "the Russian Bear is a national personification for Russia, used in cartoons and articles at least since the 19th century, and relating alike to Tsarist Russia, the Soviet Union and the present post-Soviet Russia." It is used by Westerners, especially Britain and the US, often with the connotation that Russia is "big, brutal and clumsy." Now, Russians themselves have taken up with the bear image. A bear named "Misha" was

Russia's mascot at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. A bear is the symbol of the United Russia Party, which is a major force in Russian politics. Coincidentally, the name of the President elected in 2008, Medvedev, is a form of a word meaning "bear."



So there is no doubt whatsoever. The bear, in modern times is universally known as Russia. But here is another important clue that Russia is indeed the bear.

The bear raised itself up on one side and had three ribs in its mouth. This event was one of the most important events in twentieth-century history. It was the meeting of the world's three most powerful nations at the Yalta Conference – on the southern-most side of Russia. Joseph Stalin, Czar of Russia, met with Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Britain, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States. Interestingly, all three were high-degree Freemasons. This fact is pertinent to the Antichrist or Beast System as it evolves or unfolds in history.

The Yalta Conference of 1945 – was held at the close of WWII. Here is what the prophecy said: **"...it raised up itself on one side, ...and THEY SAID thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh,"** -Daniel 7:5. In order to bring World War 2 to a close, these three superpowers failed to liberate the nations that the Soviets had recently annexed in war. As a result, most of the Eastern Bloc countries became part of the Soviet Socialist Republics - eastern Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Albania and East Germany. This is when Germany was divided – the deadly wound that would not heal.

If taking control of six nations at one time isn't **"devouring much flesh,"** I cannot imagine anything close to what would be. But it was actually worse than that. The Russian Bear devoured far more than Eastern Europe, because Russia birthed a Socialist World Government that day.

FDR had either been unbelievably naive about Stalin's evil intentions, and did not believe Stalin would be so aggressive or he was part of the plan. Roosevelt's assistant, Alger Hiss, drafted the Charter for the United Nations. The impetus for the United Nations was born that day. The official logo of the U.N. was patterned after the Russian logo. The evidence suggests Roosevelt, a Democrat, was more of a Socialist and part of a grand Masonic plan to create a global Socialist order.



But in the following months, Alger Hiss was accused and convicted of being a Communist Russian spy. The plan and Charter for the United Nations was created by an agent for Joseph Stalin! In stark reality, the United Nations is a Socialist Global Government!

The Communists not only devoured Eastern Europe after Yalta. They effectively devoured the world, when they created the United Nations! Time will soon tell just what a Socialist tyranny is rising to power at the U.N.!

If you look at it close enough, you will conclude for yourself that the United Nations is a Socialist entity. It was created by Communists, and today is predominantly Socialist from top to bottom. Socialism devoured the world with the birth of the UNITED NATIONS.

Daniel's THIRD Beast –

A Four-headed Leopard With Wings of a Fowl

With the birth of the Holy Roman Empire, another prophetic picture began to take shape: the four-headed leopard with wings of a fowl -(Daniel 7:6). No other country in history has been more prominently identified with a leopard than Germany. In the past century, the German Leopard tanks played major roles in World War II. As a college history major, in all my thousands of hours of Bible research, I have never seen any other nation that is more accurately associated with the Leopard than Germany.



French Rooster

Amazingly, the symbol of France is a fowl—the Rooster. From postage stamps to gold coins, the French Rooster is universally recognized. The Holy Roman Empire can be recognized as a leopard with wings of a fowl – Germany and France, both being powerfully manipulated from Rome.



A Leopard-Fowl depicts the four successive Reichs - the Four Heads of Europe (The German/French Motherland).

These include:

1. Holy Roman Empire
2. German Empire
3. Hitler's Third Reich
4. European Union = the Four Reichs

At the beginning (in 800 AD), Charlemagne was a strong Germanic leader. From there, he conducted empire building over Europe. One of his leading accomplishments was the unification of France. Historians say that the Holy Roman Empire was the incubator for both modern Germany and modern France. The Franco-German Alliance is at the heart of the European Union to this day.

From Germany, Charlemagne birthed the empire. The prophecy said that the leopard had great dominion. Eventually, (from the 16th Century forward), the empire was called the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation.

'Newsweek' magazine, April 9, 1984 issue said, "Since the time of Charlemagne, the area that is now Germany has been the pivot of European history. In the past 120 years, the Germans have dominated Europe; intellectually and militarily."

“Reich” is the German word for kingdom. In all the history of the Holy Roman Empire, its parliament was known as the Reichstag. “Reich” meaning “empire” and “-stag” meaning “assembly”. The modern nation of Germany evolved from Charlemagne’s Reichstag. As far back as 919 A.D., the Reichstag elected the first King of the Germans, and in 1871 became the parliament of the German Empire.

The Four Reichs (4 heads) became the embodiment of the four-headed leopard. Germany has indeed had four heads – four Reichs, or kingdoms.

First Reich:

1. The First Reich. 800 to 1806 - This was the time of the Holy Roman Empire beginning with Charlemagne. Most of its emperors were actually crowned by a pope.

Second Reich

2. The Second Reich. 1870 to 1919 - Began under the diplomatic statesmanship of Otto Von Bismarck, “The Iron Chancellor.” From the unification of Germany following the Franco-Prussian War to the German defeat in the First World War. Bismarck attempted to stop Catholic political control of Germany, but failed. The Reichstag (Parliament) was established.

Third Reich

3. The Third Reich. 1933-1945 - Adolph Hitler’s Germany followed a brief interim called the Weimar Republic. Nazi Germany was defeated in WWII and divided into East and West Germany. Journalists of that era called it a “deadly wound.” The DEADLY WOUND referred to the DIVIDED GERMANY. The nation was literally divided into two countries: East Germany and West Germany, to prevent it from again rising to such dreaded power.

But the Deadly Wound was "Healed". President Ronald Reagan stood in the Brandenburg Gate in 1989 and in front of a watching world challenged Mikhail Gorbachev to *"TEAR THIS WALL DOWN!"*

The Deadly Wound was "Healed", and the two countries were reunited into one Germany, when Mikhail Gorbachev ordered the Berlin Wall torn down in 1989. THAT is one interpretation of the "deadly wound that was "healed" in the prophecy of Revelation 13:3. The other interpretation was the Lateran Treaty of 1929, granting the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican city-state sovereignty.

With the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany, President George H.W. Bush declared in March, 1991, *"Now, we can see a New World coming into view. A world in which there is the very real prospect of a New World Order."*

That declaration fulfilled the prophecy that said, **"...the whole world wondered after the Beast."** Germany's reunification (correspondent with the fall of the Soviet Union) inspired all globalists to take a giant leap toward World Government. (While it appeared hard-core Communism had fallen in both instances, Socialism actually was rapidly rising throughout the entire global mindset.) From that time, the role of the United Nations in international affairs took a giant leap forward.

Fourth Reich

4. The Fourth Reich. (1951 to present) – Germany (leopard) and France (fowl) sponsored the European Coal and Steel Community, which evolved into the present day European Union. The Euro is now the common currency, and Germany is still the dominating nation in the EU.

The European Union – Is it Babel Resurrected?

The ancient prophecy is fulfilled. Great Dominion was given to the Leopard. **"I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, ...the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it."** –(Daniel 7:6)

"And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, ...and the dragon (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority," –(Revelation 13:2)

The world will soon be dominated by the Fourth Reich: the European Union. Its population is larger than the United States'. Its currency is outperforming the American dollar on a regular basis. The oil producers of the world are talking about switching from dollars to euros. American politicians are beginning to realize what is happening. Rockwell Schnabel, former U.S. Ambassador to the E.U. wrote a book entitled, *'The Next Superpower.'* In it, he stated that an **"...EU bent on establishing itself as an alternative geopolitical "pole" to the U.S. could undermine stability around the globe."**

Not coincidentally, on June 3rd, 2000, U.S. President Bill Clinton received the 50th Annual International Charlemagne Prize, which is given to the person who does the most to further the cause of European unity. World leaders know that the future of the globe lies in European politics. Many at the time of the award thought William Jefferson Clinton to be the Antichrist.

The European Union is likely to fulfill many other Bible prophecies before the Second Coming, including the introduction of the Antichrist and the Mark of the Beast, with the complete participation of the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. The Bible prophesies that the center of world power will swing back to Europe. As close as we might be to the Rapture of the Church, there will be seven years until Armageddon and much can happen in this short time. I have a list of a minimum of 55 events prophesied and yet to occur during the period known as Daniel's 70th Week, or week of seven years.

Daniel's Dreadful Fourth Beast - It is considered "The Last Superpower"

Bible prophecies paint a very gloomy picture about the state of the world beginning with the Rapture of the Church up to immediately before Jesus Christ returns to establish His millennial kingdom. Here is a biblical, albeit alarming, description of what to expect as these last days come to an end.

Daniel 7 contains a description of the world under rule of the dreadful beast government. The Little Horn (Antichrist) rises in verse 8, the dreadful fourth beast of end-time world government rises up. Take notice of what it does:

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." -(Daniel 7:7)

Can we agree to the following description of the New World Order?

1. New World Order is DREADFUL and TERRIBLE
2. New World Order is EXCEEDINGLY STRONG
3. New World Order has GREAT IRON TEETH (Socialism)
4. New World Order DEVOURS and BREAKS IN PIECES
5. New World Order STAMPS the RESIDUE with its FEET

According to Daniel, this "New World Order" will be dreadful, terrible, strong, iron-like, and devouring. It will break in pieces and stamp the residue of everything that does not comply with its agenda (including churches and Christians).

The Apostle Paul's prophecy states in 2 Timothy 3:1, ***"This know also, that in the last days Perilous Times shall come."***

"Perilous" in Greek is "***chalepos***" an adjective defined as "Hard, difficult; fierce, violent; perilous, dangerous."

Jesus Christ himself said in Matthew 24:6-9, ***"And ye shall hear of WARS and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be FAMINES, and PESTILENCES, and EARTHQUAKES, in divers places. All these are the BEGINNING OF SORROWS."*** (Take note: The New World Order is going to pour sorrows on us all.) ***THEN shall they deliver you up to be AFFLICTED, and shall KILL YOU: and YE SHALL BE HATED of all nations for MY NAME'S SAKE.***

Some people argue that these verses refer to the sufferings of the early church! But it does not. They are reserved for the End Times in spades! Look at Revelation 6:11 at the souls of the early church martyrs waiting for the last days saints to die like they did. ***"White robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."***

Where will this persecution come from? Look at the U.N. Logo. Bible prophecies foretell a government of world-wide proportions for the time of the end - one that will have power over all people - ***"small and great, rich and poor, free and bond"*** -(Revelation 13)

Only a World Government has power over "small and great, rich and poor, free and bond." This will be a global government with power to make and enforce political, military and economic sovereignty over all nations and people. That is exactly what is developing within the United Nations. As I stressed in the first two segments of this series, the United Nations has evolved steadily toward a government of nations since 1945 - a kind of international federalism. The League of Nations, the earlier precursor to the U.N. was created as a result of World War I. It would have sooner been what the UN is today except for unfavorable world opinion in its day.

Public opinion in the first half of the twentieth century was quite adversarial to the notion of an international parliament that might somehow infringe upon the sovereignty of independent nations. The US Congress ultimately said "no" to the League of Nations.

That climate has irreversibly changed during the intervening years from 1930 to 1945. Prior to World War I, the United States had never been involved in an international war, and did not want to be. But within a few short years, American not only reversed that policy, but emerged as a major force in policing international conflicts.

As modern day historical research has shown, Great Britain connived to bring the U.S. into World War II. The attack used to coerce the U.S. into World War II was an attack on the U.S. naval and air bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. But what was hidden from the American people in 1941 is now known; President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew the exact location of the Japanese task force at all times prior to and just before the attack. The President kept this information from the Naval and Army commandants based in Pearl Harbor. Admiral Kimmel and General Short were made fall guys for the debacle. Why you ask? It was done intentionally to change public opinion to support the war. As proof of this, the newer aircraft carriers based at Pearl Harbor were dispatched south and west to Wake Island so they would be away from the planned Japanese attack coming from the north and west. Older World War 1 Battleships were intentionally left to be the targets of the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. The U.S. had broken the Japanese codes months before the intended attack. Recall, previously that I noted all the major participants at Yalta, were members of the Freemason Lodge. Freemasons at the highest ranks are subservient to the Jesuit controllers of the Vatican!

By the end of the Second World War, the United States and the USSR emerged as the only two "superpowers." Lesser nations gradually polarized and aligned themselves with one or the other.

"East" versus "West" sentiments created an ever-widening gap that increasingly threatened world peace. Western Capitalism contended with Eastern Communism and vice versa. All of this was manipulated and orchestrated by the Jesuit-controlled Vatican through its Freemasonic organization.

The Cold War between the "free" world and the Communist world escalated. The world lived in dread of what seemed to be an inevitable showdown between these two opposing forces, especially the possibilities of a nuclear showdown and the resulting holocaust. In America, nuclear fallout shelters were thought to be a necessity of the day. "Duck-and-Cover" exercises were practiced routinely in schools and factories.

The war of words heated up. President Ronald Reagan referred to the USSR as the "evil empire," while Eastern voices denounced the USA as "the Great Satan."

But suddenly, the "evil empire," the USSR appeared to have forfeited the game. Reagan stood in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin and dared Mikhail Gorbachev to *"Tear down this wall!"* Gorbachev did tear down the wall, and East and West Germany reunited. Then, a sudden coup, and the Socialist superpower, the USSR, suddenly collapsed. For that unexpected feat, Gorbachev won a Nobel Peace Prize. Truth be known, President Reagan orchestrated a financial collapse of the Russian currency, using a special ambassador by the name of Leo Wanta to destroy the Russian ruble. The full story of the Soviet financial collapse was documented by Christopher Story, a pen name for Christopher Edward Harle Story in his book *'The New Underworld Order'*. This book is likely the most important book on the Bush criminal dynasty to come along side of Webster Tarplay's *'The Unauthorized Biography of George H. W. Bush'*. President George H.W. Bush stole \$34-trillion dollars from the United States of America, property of the Trustee Leo Wanta, an appointed ambassador of President Ronald Reagan. Christopher Story was assassinated July 14, 2010.

That left the United States as the sole superpower. George H.W. Bush insisted that the United States should no longer exercise unilateral force as a superpower. He insisted that the United States should default to the "New World Order." In reality, Bush was throwing US sovereignty out the window, and welcoming the world government to take control of the United States.

So who is this New World Order? It is an unbelievable alliance of many of America's adversaries in a unified international body, meeting in General Assembly in New York as the United Nations. From the beginning, America has been called upon to voluntarily cooperate with the efforts of the United Nations, even though many of its objectives run contrary to the best interests of the United States. The Jesuit-controlled Vatican operates out of Georgetown University, located just outside the view of the U.S. Capitol some five miles away.

But "voluntary compliance" of all participating nations with the decisions of the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council, and a variety of other agencies in the UN infrastructure seemed at times, innocuous, and in the best interest of global stability.

Our "voluntary compliance" was put to the maximum test during the days of the Gulf War Crisis. The American military establishment was asked to surrender itself to international commanders, with US troops serving in UN uniforms and under a UN flag.

Since that time, troops from many nations have politely cooperated with military chiefs of "foreign" nations, and in many cases, traded their respective uniforms and insignias for UN uniforms and UN insignias. Each and every case stands as an example of nations abdicating their sovereignty to a world government which has now become the world's last superpower.

Once-reluctant nations now gladly surrender to the United Nations oversight.

Under the UN Helmet, the United Nations emerged from the Gulf War with dramatically-increased abilities to exercise command over "volunteer" troops from many nations. Enthusiastic supporters from around the world began to verbalize the "need" for a permanent volunteer U.N. forces – a U.N. Army.

Note, however, that history shows that enforced volunteerism is, all too often, a prelude to involuntary conscription. Globalist non-governmental organizations such as the Bilderberg Group, the Council of Foreign Relations, the Tri-Lateral Commission, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, do the bidding of their Vatican-placed agents. Papal envoys and key representatives lead the "steering" committees of these globalist organizations, but with information about who it is that pulls the strings from behind the Vatican curtain.

"Why," they argued, "should the UN be placed in the cumbersome position of having to repeat its call for international assistance each and every time a crisis developed?"

Why not establish a permanent UN military presence that could stand ready at any time for UN leaders to call into action without having to "bother" the individual nations? After all, at any given time, there are dozens of troublesome hot spots around the globe where "peacekeeping" forces are needed! The "Empire of the City" is made up of the Vatican, London, and Washington, D.C. This name is also the title of a like book describing this global power structure of control.

Since 1948, the U.N. has completed operations in dozens of countries, and is presently engaged in dozens of countries with "peacekeeping" personnel.

In all U.N. peacekeeping operations around the world, there are now tens of thousands of "U.N. troops" inside at least 71 nations at this writing. Think about it! Tens of thousands of troops under U.N. command!

If you cherish the old-fashioned idea that nations should be sovereign, this should be particularly troublesome to you. Many of these U.N. operations are initiated without the invitation of the countries involved! There was a day when such an act would have been called an invasion! This plainly speaks of governance of sovereigns, or world government.

Among globalists there is an argument that there is a difference between governance and government. The textbook definition of governance is:

- 1) The act, process, or power of governing; government, or
- 2) The state of being governed

It is ominous that the UN refers to itself with terms such as "Global Governance."

Governance Is "Global Governance"! In other words, it is World Government? One can easily see beyond the game of semantics here.

A 1995 international conference in Melbourne, Australia was held on the subject, "The United Nations - Between Sovereignty and Global Governance."

The Commission for World Governance addressed the "Imperative for Reform." Their call was for *"a system of governance at the global level which offers humanity the chance of a more peaceful and prosperous future than the years which have just passed. A renewed United Nations should be at the centre of any such system."* An argument was made for *"preventing and settling what once internal conflicts."*

It becomes apparent that this "Global Governance" (synonymous with World Government) intends to aggressively assert itself into the internal affairs of any sovereign nation that it perceives to be in need of changes.

That may sound fair enough if you think that it applies to intervening in a small nation that is in conflict. But you may be horrified to find that the United Nations may soon be empowered to declare military and political intervention on United States soil! In fact, it could happen in any nation on Earth. That is the power of the "Dreadful Beast."

Who Pays for UNPDD-25 - Bill Clinton's "end-run" around National Sovereignty! President Bill Clinton initiated the controversial PDD-25 (Presidential Directive Decision #25) in May of 1994, in which he forwarded the "Command and Operational Control" clauses, simplifying and further legitimizing the handing over of American military forces to United Nations authorities in US approved peacekeeping operations.

Critics are concerned that American troops may find themselves forced to fire on their own troops in an international theater, or perhaps even on American soil! That is NOT an unimaginable scenario. Thousands of U.N. military vehicles are on U.S. soil painted in U.N. white paint with black markings. These military-type vehicles are stored at inactive military installations in Florida and elsewhere. I have seen photographs on the Internet showing hundreds of such U.N. military vehicles sitting on former U.S. Airforce bases. These photographs were taken from the air above such so-called "closed" bases.

Measures such as PDD-25 are of the precise nature referred to in the Council on Foreign Relations journal when former deputy assistant secretary of state Richard Gardener wrote,

"...an end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, is likely to get us to world order faster than the old fashioned assault."

Michael New, a soldier in the US Army, was court-martialed in 1996 for refusing to follow an unlawful order to deploy to Macedonia; refusing the President's order to wear the UN uniform; refusing to serve under a foreign UN commander; and refusing to be required to carry only the UN identification card. He received a bad conduct discharge and faced mountains of appeals litigation in both military and civil courts.

"Not Your Friend", his case notifies Americans everywhere that the U.S. Constitution does not protect them from the arbitrary rule of force by the United Nations. Mike New's Action Fund, his legal defense effort, published this interesting logo: "If you love your country, the UN is NOT your friend!"

The "New World Order" figures into God's strategy. During the Obama administration, the Jesuits in the U.S. have been one of the key organizations seeking to displace the 2nd Amendment rights of citizen gun ownership. They use every venue to conduct their psyops for manipulating public opinion to lobby on behalf of the anti-gun movement in the U.S.

While there are many voices raised in opposition to these Big Brother tactics and agendas, the Biblical perspective suggests that we have little reason to organize resistance. In the plan of God, these events are utterly inevitable. Nothing can stop them from happening. In the end of this age, we are destined to see a One-World Government, One-World Economy (Currency) and a One-World Religion. Everything about these realities is dreadful and despotical.

We are now regularly hearing voices around the world calling for a new global currency. It may come quickly, or it may be delayed, but rest assured - it WILL COME. This new global currency will be a fulfillment of one of the most important prophecies in the Bible.

John the Revelator revealed that this dreadful beast would implement a global economic system that requires every person, ***"both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name,"*** –(Revelation 13:16-17)

If that is not dreadful enough, I cannot image what is. This is the perfect fulfillment of Daniel's prophecies.

The Mark of the Beast:

1. WILL be DREADFUL and TERRIBLE
2. WILL be STRONG EXCEEDINGLY
3. WILL have GREAT IRON TEETH (Socialism)
4. WILL DEVOUR and BREAK IN PIECES
5. WILL STAMP the RESIDUE with its FEET

The 19th chapter of Revelation reveals that Jesus Christ will soon take these matters into His own hands, meeting with heads of the nations of the world in the Battle of Armageddon.

Several prophecies depict the European Union seizing control of the United Nations, likely by stealth. Whereas the United States has played a very dominant role at the UN in the past, Scriptures show the transition of power to Europe. You can expect to see the European Union, i.e., the Vatican replace the United States as the dominant power at the U.N. Even though Europeans have, in the past, often objected to the United States' heavy-handed role at the U.N., we will soon see Europe become the heavy-handed one, and the United States may be rendered surprisingly weak.

Nevertheless, the destiny of the world superpower, the United Nations, is to meet Jesus Christ on the hills of Israel for the Battle of Armageddon. Nothing and nobody in Washington, New York, Moscow, London, Paris or Rome is going to prevent that showdown. It has been written for thousands of years, and none of the other prophecies have failed.

The Book of Daniel depicts Messiah as a Rock hewn out of a mountain, crushing the world government in an ominous date with destiny. There is reason to believe this expression may be more than a metaphorical figure of speech. Many have suggested it will be a cosmological event of an immense meteor attack. The book of Revelation even mentions hail stones weighing a talent (roughly a hundred pounds in weight) hitting the earth.

True Christians have the consolation that all these developments are specifically called for in God's agenda for the end of the age. At that time, those who have been born again according to the scriptures will be "redeemed" from that holocaust, and will actually accompany Jesus Christ to that epic event, where they will participate in that great army of God in winning the ultimate victory over all the armies of the world, and their leaders - the Beast and the False Prophet of Revelation 13.

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