

Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 3 – The Beast from the North

Paul R. Wild, April 5, 2020

“Inevitable Iran-Turkey-Syria-Russia Alliance”

Fars News Agency online, November 5, 2007

Note: The article concluded by saying, “The final effect of the region’s aversion to American policies will be the formation of the “union of four.” Russia, Turkey, Iran, and Syria.”

“Turkey Announces ‘Trilateral Summit’ on Syria with Russia and Iran”

Jerusalem Post online, July 5, 2019

“Syria conflict: What do the US, Russia, Turkey and Iran want?”

DW.com, January 23, 2019

<https://www.dw.com/en/syria-conflict-what-do-the-us-russia-turkey-and-iran-want/a-41211604>

“Russia, Turkey, Iran See US Pullout from Syria as Positive Step”

Al Jazeera English, February 14, 2019

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=russia+syria+iran+turkey&docid=608026991975269951&mid=EF70B1042E60286DFE52EF70B1042E60286DFE52&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

“Trump Handing Northern Syria to Turkey is a ‘gift to Russia, Iran, and ISIS,’ Former US Envoy Says”

CNBC online, October 7, 2019

<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/10/07/trump-handing-syria-to-turkey-is-gift-to-russia-iran-isis-mcgu.html>

“Russia, Iran, Turkey Discuss Post-war Scenario in Syria Talks”

Al Jazeera English, April 25, 2019

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=russia+syria+iran+turkey&docid=608037033685353936&mid=5C3090BF16D9EBC44A235C3090BF16D9EBC44A23&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

Folks, you have just now been introduced to Daniel 7’s Beast from the North (Daniel 7:5). In this introduction, you can also see allusions of passing the baton from the Beast from the West, the United States (US), to the Beast from the North. We covered US in “Daniel 7 Unlocked: Part 2...” and showed that the lion with eagle’s wings is the Anglo-American alliance of the United Kingdom (UK) and US. In the articles listed above, we see the second beast of Daniel 7: the bear with three ribs in its mouth, consisting of Russia, Iran, Turkey, and Syria. The first two articles listed above are discussed in my recent book, Identifying the Antichrist: Revealing Truths, Confronting Myths and Misconceptions, and are presented as supporting evidence that the Russians and their Islamic allies are another stepping stone toward revealing the final beast of Daniel 7, i.e., the antichrist and his kingdom.

I want to revisit the “passing the baton” issue mentioned above. I wish that it were that simple, just a peaceful transition of one “kingdom” to another “kingdom,” but it will not be the case. The US and the UK are barreling down the road to God’s judgment, but it will not be total destruction; rather, it will be a judgment leading to repentance and restoration. But it’s that judgment part that is important for this discussion, for it will allow the bear with three ribs to finally accomplish what it has lusted after for decades and, with respect to the Islamic faction, for millennia. How or exactly when the judgment on US will be accomplished is not known, but it is of a certainty and will allow Russia to be unopposed as it attempts to rape the object of its desire; and what is the object of the Russians’ and their Islamic allies’ desire?: Israel. Well, more accurately stated, the destruction of Israel. Unfortunately for them but fortunately for Israel, the Beast from the North will get slaughtered on the mountains of Israel, as Ezekiel 38-39 make abundantly clear. This attempted rape is a pre-Tribulation violation, but the proof of that truth is too much to address here and can be found in the [With a Treatise on the Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 Wars](#) part of my 2017 US in prophecy book, should anyone care to investigate further.

That was a synopsis, but we need to fish out the details to demonstrate that the symbolism of the bear with three ribs, tipped to one side, and a devourer of much flesh is Russia with its Islamic allies. **It is absolutely not the Medo-Persian alliance of the outdated and antiquated, classical view held by most Protestant pastors, preachers, and professors.** If God had intended the Medes and Persians to be understood, then logic would suggest He also would have presented them in Daniel 7 as the ram of Daniel 8 that was defeated by the Grecian goat, but He did not. Under the classical, ancient-nations view, all it does is cause confusion. But “... God is not the author of confusion...” (1 Corinthians 14:33) That is an immutable statement about God that needs no context – you could park that statement anywhere in Scripture and not abuse its meaning.

Writing a bunch of text can get wearisome, so I tend to use shortcuts at times when it’s convenient. This is one of those times. Check out the links and the graphics below as a fast way of showing that the symbolism of the bear directly relates to Russia.

The video link below with the snippet taken from it shown to the right was used by Ronald Reagan during his presidential campaign to show that the Russian bear cannot be trusted and that the US needs a strong defense to stand against it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np_wdcmjBgNA



Ronald Reagan TV Ad: "The Bear"

What is the national animal of Russia
BY ANDY · SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

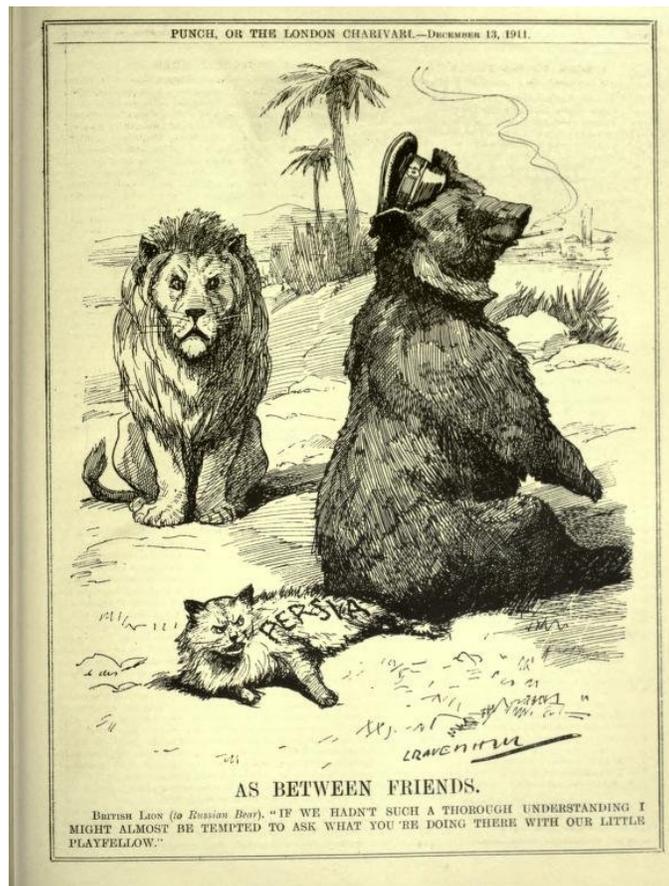
The national animal of Russia is the Russian Bear which is a derivation of the brown bears that are indigenous to the country as a whole. Over the years, the bear has come to symbolise the good and bad aspects of the Russian people and that comparison has been taken with a mixture of fondness and irritation by the country's citizens throughout the years.

<http://siberianlight.net/what-is-the-national-animal-of-russia/>

The link to the right will take you to numerous political cartoons showing the connection between the Russians and the bear. I'm not showing them to avoid copyright hassles.

<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=russian+bear+cartoon&id=987E26DC19874F101CB7E3DF4D4692A5B519152D&FORM=IQFRBA>

Do your own searches to confirm it for yourself, if the information above is not enough to convince you. Oh, and just for grins, shown below is a cartoon from December 13, 1911, showing the British lion and the Russian bear, with the Iranians (Persians) being shown as a cat being squished by the bear. I provide this for those who want to continue arguing with me about who the lion and the bear are and the bear's connectivity to Iran.



I stated in Part 2 last week that the fusion of the American eagle's wings to the British lion seems to intimate that the US sprang forth from the British, for that is how it occurred in history, and the two countries function that way politically and socially. Not so for the Russians and their Islamic allies. The three ribs of Iran, Turkey, and Syria are not organically connected to each other or to the Russian bear. The languages of each country are distinct, and their cultures are distinct. Even their common Islamic backgrounds are somewhat distinct in that the Iranians are overwhelmingly Shiite, but the Turks and Syrians are more Sunni oriented with sub-populations of Alawites, Alevis, and Jafaris. The Russian bear holds the three ribs in its mouth and could crush them at any time militarily, certainly bearing witness to the "...arise, devour much flesh" clause in Daniel 7:5. The Russians most assuredly devoured much flesh when they dominated the Eastern Bloc countries after WWII. The picture of the ribs in the bear's mouth also seems to confirm the voracious appetite for territory that the Russians possess, for their country is the largest in the world. Not content to stay in their homeland, they are now parked right next to Israel in Syria prepared to accomplish what God has foreordained of old for them, as described in Ezekiel 38-39.

The reader needs to know that there are some competing views about Ezekiel 38-39, and Russia in particular. A major movement has been occurring in the last ten to fifteen years to propose that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39 describe a Turkish antichrist leading Turkish hordes with Muslim allies of other nations against Israel, and that Saudi Arabia and Mecca will comprise Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17. It is then necessary to demonstrate that Russia is the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39, since the competing view that they are Turkish has gained too much traction and has distracted Christians from the correct focus. A detailed explanation is provided in Is the United States Mentioned in Bible Prophecy? and Identifying the Antichrist, but sufficient for this monograph is showing the connections between the writings of Herodotus, the 5th Century B.C. Greek historian; Josephus, the 1st Century A.D. Jewish historian; and Claudius Ptolemy, the 2nd Century A.D. Greco-Egyptian writer and mathematician.

Herodotus introduces us to the Scythians, who he said are north of the Black Sea. Ptolemy described the Scythians as a northern people with a cold climate who had the Big and Little Dipper constellations over their heads. Ptolemy added, "They are white in complexion, straight-haired, tall and well-nourished, and somewhat cold by nature." Finally, Josephus said, "Magog founded those that from him were named Magogites, but who are by the Greeks called Scythians." Therefore, the Scythians were descendants of Magog who lived in cold, northern climates - certainly north of the Black Sea, which itself is to the north of modern Turkey - and had fair skin and straight hair. Sounds like Russians to me.

I appreciate these good folks who have come up with the Turkey/Saudi Arabia idea, because they have rightly placed the focus on the antichrist and his kingdom back on the Middle East and away from US and Europe. However, beyond that, I urge my readers to ignore the Turkey/Saudi Arabia angle; it is a distraction that takes the Body's focus off where it correctly belongs, which is Russia.

There are those who still naively, foolishly, and tenaciously believe that Russia can't be the aggressive bear of Daniel 7. I recall the excitement of many Americans when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and the East opened up to the West. The American "intelligentsia" and "intellectuals" were telling US that the Cold War was over and that nuclear war was no longer on the horizon. The common American bought into it, including many in the Church, and ignored the prophetic voice of Scripture. Very foolish. Harsh words, I know, but I'm not the One who originated that idea.

⁶My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

Hosea 4:6

¹⁵The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Proverbs 14:15

³A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 22:3

Still others say that Russia is returning to Christianity and rejecting homosexuality and that the communists have been defeated, so Russia cannot be the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39. Great news that the Russians are returning to Jesus and rejecting homosexuality, but the Russian proletariat (Marxist term for commoners) are irrelevant, because Russia's leadership is evil and calls the shots. Putin has effectively declared himself de facto king for the rest of his life. As the leadership goes, so goes the country. Anyone thinking Putin and his cronies have suddenly become dovish are delusional. We can expect the lost to think and say such nonsense, but Christians? Sad to say, but the Body is filled with naïve, foolish sheep who refuse to read the signs of the times; refuse to pay heed to what Jesus told us; refuse to read His word to know when some false shepherd is fleecing the flock; and refuse to believe the Bible is literal and not allegorical or metaphorical when it describes the future using decipherable symbolism.

In closing, we can now summarize Daniel 7's second Beast from the North. It is geographically north of Israel and is composed of Russia, Iran, Turkey, and Syria, with the dominant bear being Russia and the ribs being its Islamic allies. After the first Beast from the West, i.e., the lion-eagle Anglo-American alliance, is judged and removed from power, it will create a power vacuum into which the Russians will step to feel emboldened to invade Israel. The Russian bear will be destroyed on the mountains of Israel, paving the way for the third Beast from the East to implement its plans for global domination. The third beast will be addressed in an upcoming article.

In the interim, I want the reading audience to contemplate the sensibility and simplicity of the approach I've taken here and recognize that common sense indicates the superpowers must be taken out of the way to allow the antichrist to arise. The Bible uses grandiose language to describe apocalyptic events, and this grandiose language can create a fog in

the mind of the reader to obscure the reality that the rise and fall of nations occurs within the normal, political events we routinely see. Compare ancient maps, Dark Ages maps, WWII maps, and modern maps to each other to see this point. The antichrist will only be a man, an unusual one no doubt, but he will still need a way paved for him to acquire global power. Daniel 7 describes this paving process as superpowers crumbling one by one until the antichrist is the last dictator standing. I will address this big picture view in more detail in an upcoming article. Until then, I encourage the reader to continue digging into the details of Daniel 7 to prepare for future discussions.