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About Jigsaw Puzzles

Several months ago, I visited a local discount bookstore and purchased a jigsaw puzzle that forms a map of the world. I thought, “500 pieces wouldn’t take too long, but I’m no genius.” As I began organizing the shapes and colors and separating their piles, I was certain I was short-changed. There didn’t seem to be enough pieces to frame the thing. I was perturbed with myself for expecting a complete puzzle from a discount store. I thought, “Well, you get what you pay for!” I decided to put the pieces together as well as I could, not having all the parts and having many pieces that didn’t look like they belonged at all.

Persevering to finish what I’d begun, I encouraged myself by the puzzle our family spent weeks putting together. It was 1,500 pieces, all the same shape and nearly the same colors—blue and gray dinosaurs in a swamp. Five of us worked in our spare time till finally completing it. The lesson learned? **Don’t throw out the puzzle before putting its pieces together!**

Finally days later, after a test of my patience, the 500 pieces somehow found their places, and the whole world came together! That was a satisfying moment. As I looked back to how it had begun, I was surprised that I could have been so wrong about the shapes not fitting. There were times I didn’t understand where the parts belonged, but I tried fitting them, and if it fit, I let it be. At the end, they all fit perfectly, and the border neatly framed the entire puzzle. Not a single piece was missing, and there were no miscellaneous extras. Its parts were there all along.

This book is a lot like that puzzle. There were parts that were difficult to envision; how could they be what they were? I’d call out to God, “How can that be?” And He’d respond with a vision. I’d say, “This is hard to believe.” But when I believed, it made sense. The more I believed, the more He revealed until all the pieces fell into place, and I saw the whole world in a different light. Of course, I was able to write this book because I didn’t do it alone. God had the answers. I believed my Father and wrote them down. Please don’t ask for my opinion; I don’t have one.

Unveiled! was written by faith, in faith, and for faith because without faith, it is impossible to please God. I hope you follow me and believe, receive, and understand. As we read in chapter 1 of Revelation, the Lamb of God alone is worthy to unseal its scroll. By exercising our faith, we know His voice.

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Part 1

The Ancient Secrets

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (Dan. 12:4)

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⁷ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head *while* on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

² Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.

⁵ “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’

⁶ “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

⁷ “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

⁹ “I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment *was* white as snow,
And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool.
His throne *was* a fiery flame,
Its wheels *a* burning fire;

¹⁰ A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;

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Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated,
And the books were opened.

¹¹ “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.

¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵ “I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶ I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ ‘Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings *which* arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’

¹⁹ “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, *with* its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, *which* devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows.

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²¹ “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

²³ “Thus he said:

‘The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.

²⁴ The ten horns *are* ten kings
Who shall arise from this kingdom.
And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first *ones*,
And shall subdue three kings.

²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words
against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,
And shall intend to change times and law.
Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time. [a dividing of time]

²⁶ ‘But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy *it* forever.

²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole
heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints
of the Most High.
His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’

²⁸ “This *is* the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

(Dan. 7:1-28 NKJV)

The Sea

Named thirteen other times in the Word, *the Great Sea* (vs. 2) is undeniably the Mediterranean Sea.¹ The prophecy took Daniel west, far from Babylon, to where victims would gain a kingdom.

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In a picture, the sea was stirred as tumultuous times came from deep places. Four beasts rose up—not just from *a sea* or out of *many waters* as from a multitude, but from *the Great Sea*, His angels prodded the kings to take their places in time. Although scholars assign the four beasts to the ancient ME, the prophecies designate their activities near the Mediterranean Sea.

Daniel saw *the Great Sea* (KJV, NASB, YLT, TLV), ... *And four beasts came up from the sea (7:3)*: Beasts are supernatural; they are the great unseen kings and their kingdoms. (7:17, 23) These beasts had fallen into the sea, rising from its turbulence as WW1.

Another event ensued: *These great beasts, which are four, are four kings which shall arise out of the earth.* (Dan. 7:17) They'd risen from the sea; then *out of the earth*, as if out of the grave, the beasts rose to finish what they'd begun in WW1.

The Lion

Several countries have had the lion as a national symbol, but the rampant lion, upright on two feet, has belonged to England since the 17th century. Till then, her lion had been standing on all fours. After her formation by the Celtic tribes, the first to adopt the lion as the symbol on the Great Seal was King Richard the Lion Heart, whose England, like her King, was more lion than man, a feature that would change with time.² In 1603, James I set the lion upright on two feet. Then in 1611, he commissioned a translation of the Holy Bible into the English language.³

⁴ The first was like a lion with eagle's wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off and it was lifted off the ground. It was made to stand upon two feet like a man, and the heart of a human was given to it. (Dan. 7:4 TLV)

In the 18th century, her colonies in America were broken free from their motherland, just as the eagle's wings were pulled off the lion by the hand of God. During the Revolutionary War, the departure cost England in souls, property, wealth, and prestige.

Sixty years later, in 1837, Queen Victoria was on the throne. The Christian Queen chose Benjamin Disraeli as Prime Minister, the first Jew with an important role in the British government.⁴ PM for two terms, he was her closest confidante till the Queen's reclusion after her husband Albert's death.

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When she gained international sovereignty in the Near East, Disraeli named her “Empress of India.”⁵ In 1900, her empire was the largest in history, covering one-fourth the land mass on earth with one-fifth of its population.⁶ Soon English became the world’s second language and the gospel went worldwide.

During WWI, in 1917, Britain’s Secretary of State Arthur Balfour proposed the British-ruled Palestine for the Jews. After the cabinet’s approval, a letter went to Lord Walter Rothschild, and “The Balfour Declaration of Intent to Establish a Zionist State for the Jews” became an international law⁷ in the British Palestine Mandate at the San Remo Conference in 1920-22.⁸

Its boundaries were defined by the Allies in Italy until April 1921. At that time, the oil-rich Arab nations pressed Britain; the Allied Supreme Council of the League of Nations partitioned 77% of the land east of the Jordan River to the Arabs as “Trans-Jordan.”⁹ This left 23% for the Jews, but the League lacked military strength and was impotent to enforce its laws.

In 1938, Hitler invaded German-speaking European lands. To avoid conflict with the growing threat of Nazism, in a peace proposition, PM Neville Chamberlain annexed land and gave the Sudetenland’s natural resources to Germany by the Munich Pact.¹⁰ But Hitler proved land for peace wasn’t what he wanted; on September 1, 1939, the Germans attacked Poland.¹¹ Then Britain and France allied against him, but too late.

Out of Parliament, Winston Churchill, who loved the Jews, watched “the White Paper” suppress Jewish immigration and limit their land holdings in their homeland. He was incensed.¹² Finally in May 1940, the Prime Minister resigned, and the King chose Churchill to lead Britain for the rest of the war.

When Germany bombed London, newsreels caught Winston walking her streets to lift people from the rubble, inspiring his nation in her hour of deepest despair.¹³ Encouraged by their King’s choice, the Brits were refreshed and strengthened.

Churchill proved his gifts of oratory and diplomacy and won Roosevelt’s favor. One hundred sixty-five years of distrust was healed when Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act on March 11, 1941, sending war supplies and destroyers to British, Russian, and Chinese forces.¹⁴ But after the post-war conference, the PM lost re-election to a man with little sympathy for the Jews.

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The Bear

After the fall of the Russian Tsar during the February 1917 Revolution,¹⁵ various rival parties vied for power. An ineffectual Provisional Government stepped in.¹⁶ Soon the fallen bear rose up on one side by responding to three fascist leaders who cried out for a socialist revolution. Their voices framed the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic in 1922.¹⁷

⁵ “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’ (Dan. 7:5 NKJV)

Karl Marx (1818-83) and Friedrich Engels (1820-95) were Germans living in England when they wrote “The Communist Manifesto” in 1848.¹⁸ After their deaths, the socialist ideas grew popular. In twenty years, Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, and Josef Stalin implemented their revolutionary theories in Russia, crying out for violence and bloodshed.

The Bolshevik October Revolution of 1917, spearheaded by Lenin, ousted the Provisional Government.¹⁹ After ordering the deaths of the Tsar and his family, Lenin was the undisputed leader of the nation. Trotsky led its Red Army.²⁰ Stalin was the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party until Lenin’s death in 1924 when he took his place.²¹ After killing off the Russian *intelligentsia*, he imprisoned or executed ten million political opponents along with Christians and Jews. Leon Trotsky escaped to Mexico where his comrade ordered his assassination in 1940.

The Terrible Beast

Rome was pillaged by the Visigoths in 410 and finally fell to the Vandals in 476. But the fiercest and most terrible tribes had driven the others into the city. These were the Huns who settled in Germania where they intermarried and raised families.²²

In the 8th century, Pope Stephen II gained the Papal States in Italy, though his armies weren’t Roman, but French. Pepin the Short had gone to war against the Lombards to win the central cities for Rome.²³ In 800, Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne²⁴ as the first “Christian Emperor” though he had been the King of

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France and of the Lombards. Even rulers of fiefs and kinglets were made emperors—at times, with years between them.²⁵

In 962, Pope John XII,²⁶ seeking protection from Muslim marauders, looked for a more brutal king and turned to the King of Germania Otto the Great to protect Rome's church. But Otto had no capital city or established form of government, often the case with the "Holy Roman Emperors" who, incidentally, were not very saintly. [From here on, it will be the REGN, i.e., the Roman Empire of the German Nation, one of its titles.]

Most of its emperors had ruled small regions of Europe; few had a capital city besides Rome's façade for eight hundred forty-four years. Unlike all others, the Roman Empire morphed into a conglomeration of territories and kings, often hiring mercenaries to protect the church and enforce her dogma.²⁷

Prior to 1059, the emperors chose and deposed popes, ending in disputes, power grabs, corruption, and scandals. Through the centuries, popes controlled kings by threatening them with the rite of excommunication, condemning them to hell. Jews and Bible believers were tortured and burned at the stake for their disagreements with Rome's *orthodoxy*, i.e., "right opinion."²⁸

Napoleon's victory of 1806 ended the era of the imperialist church. His French Confederation, a watershed in history, was independent of papal authority. He had revolutionized education, revived the arts, and reformed the government. Consolidating its lands, he reduced hundreds to one hundred. Bonaparte's greatest impact on history was his dissolution of the 2nd Roman Empire.²⁹ After his defeat at Waterloo by the Anglo-Dutch and Prussian armies, the Council of Vienna further merged its lands in 1816.³⁰

In the late 19th century, the Prussian Otto von Bismarck reestablished the former REGN as the second German Empire "... by iron and blood," he said.³¹ "The Iron Chancellor" defeated thirty-nine nations to restore Germany's empire out of Rome's.

²³ 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. (Dan. 7:23)

The fourth kingdom was different from all others for a few reasons: it was the dragon's empire in Rev. 17; he'd gotten it by

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intrigue. After its popes, his ten kings rose for him to restore it.

Bismarck's 2nd Reich began sixty-five years after the REGN fell. Recreating the old empire, he made Berlin her capital in 1871, shortly before the Altar of Pergamon came to the city.³² [The Greeks had built the altar to exalt Zeus as the god of gods.]

A Little Dictator

In another twenty-five years, a political assassination incited WW1, "The Great War." (1914-18) In 1920, the post-war Treaty of Versailles broke up the empires, dividing Germany and Austro-Hungary to form twelve nations in central Europe.³³ Two were neutral, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. The rest filled the footprint of the Roman Empire of the German Nation, the devil's by intrigue and by his power. At last, the horns received their lands, not won by war but by rising out of the beast. In twelve years, Hitler was rising too, *a little horn* in the prophecy:

⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were* eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. ...

²⁴ And 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. (Dan. 7:8, 24)

After Bismarck, Hitler claimed the "Third Reich." Gabriel had foretold the event centuries ago. The kingdom the angel had described to Daniel was Rome, the beast out of which ten horns rose. They appeared in central Europe after Rome's 2nd fall.

Finally, the little eleventh horn came up among them when an unknown seditionist became an infamous dictator. He gained ten kings but was not one of them, according to Revelation:

¹² The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. ¹³ These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. (Rev. 17 :12-13 NASB) [The beast is the red dragon.]

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The world thought The Great War would be the last war. Out of it, the ten horns rose up. In twelve years, Germans lived in the ashes and memories of ruined hopes when the Depression overcame them. Having lost their sons in the war, poverty deepened their despair. Disheartened, they called out for hope and a future. When he pinned their run-away inflation on the Jews and promised, “Change!” Hitler looked like a hero to them.³⁴

Dan. 7:23-24 (p. 31) shows the beast that devoured the earth. [Aram.: *ara* corresp. to Heb.: *erets*, “earth, land, or soil.”] Broken to pieces, its hundreds of tiny fiefs rose as ten nations in 1920. The terrible beast that is in Daniel will speak by a false prophet in Revelation; in Daniel, he has no prophet, but ten kings. ¹³ *these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over. (See Rev. 17:13-17 YLT)*

In Rev. 17:14, the dragon’s ten kings would war against the Lamb who would overcome them. The King of kings and Lord of lords would win the war for this purpose: to establish His kingdom in Jerusalem with His chosen people.

Thirty years after Bismarck, the Austrian was mesmerizing crowds. Convicted of treason as a political revolutionist, the traitor was released from prison, serving just eight months of an already lenient five-year sentence.³⁵ He applied for citizenship and joined the National Socialist German Worker’s Party, i.e., the “Nazis.” He ran for President but lost with only one-third the vote, but Hindenburg made the former corporal his Chancellor, commanding the army—the second highest office in the land.

As Chancellor, the man controlled emergency powers, using them to subvert his competition. A fire in the Parliament building provided the crisis by which he suddenly put laws, civil rights, education, and culture under Nazi control.³⁶

Six months later, near the time of Hindenburg’s last breath, Hitler merged the roles of President and Chancellor.³⁷ He put his actions to the vote and won the populace by an overwhelming margin to become *der Führer*, “the Leader.”

After crafting a statement of personal allegiance, he ordered his army to repeat the vow as every soldier pledged his life, and the German people followed suit en masse.³⁸ Next he dismissed the constitutional democracy of the Weimar Republic to form its Nazi [socialist] government. Everyone who attempted to put an

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end to it failed. If we don't learn history, we repeat its mistakes.

The Huns were stronger than Rome ... *exceedingly strong*. Ten horns rose out of her. *A little one (vs. 8) whose appearance was greater ... (7:20) rose up among them* to subdue the first three, which fell before him. His armies conquered many others; but *three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots*—easily uprooted, like pulling up a plant completely, with its roots and all! (See Dan. 7:8)

1.) **Germany**'s republic fell after President Hindenburg's death. From Chancellor to Führer, Hitler put the issue to a vote. The results proved fraud and intimidation were already in power: 95% of registered voters allegedly went to the polls; 88% of the plebiscite possibly approved his role as Führer.³⁹ The soft coup made him the dictator of the former democratic republic.

2.) **Austria**'s conflicts and power transfers had weakened the government; the nation was vulnerable.⁴⁰ Its instability abetted the people to riot for their native son. Weighing his alternatives, their King conceded without a shot as thousands went to the streets to welcome the arrival of a dictator.

3.) **Czechoslovakia** was a present to Hitler from the Munich Pact, signed September 30, 1938, by Italy, Germany, France, and Britain. The agreement infamously gave the Sudetenland, i.e., the German-speaking areas around the nation, to Hitler as "land for peace." After granting him additional rights to their electrical power, coal, and steel, he owned Czechoslovakia in a day.⁴¹

⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, *were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.* (Dan. 7:8 NKJV)

After Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia had bowed to him, he took Poland, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovenia, France, and Italy.⁴² But he continued to gain more.

When he entered the Rhineland, the buffer-zone created for Belgium after WW1, its Germans cheered Hitler's entrance, but the Belgium forces put up a fight.⁴³ The year after Hungary had reluctantly joined him, she declared war against him. The rest—

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even Italy—resisted him but then lost to him. Only the first three yielded without a shot as the unseen kings of the red dragon fell before him: ²⁰ *and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, (7:20a NKJV)*

The Greek Altar

In 1889, the Greek Altar of Zeus left Turkey for Berlin fifty years before WW2.⁴⁴ Centuries ago, all kinds of pagan rites had been practiced at the altar by the Mediterranean. Afterward, the Romans would return home where killing Christians was a sport. By 1941, it would also be common to murder Jews in Europe.

Bismarck was not the little horn, nor was the Kaiser after him. The prophecy had waited for the man who fit its words. In twelve years, the little corporal rose up as a little horn among ten kings: *And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. (Dan. 7:8b)* In the little king, the terrible beast had gotten his man. Rising after the ten kings got their kingdoms, Hitler boasted of a superior race, showing he was the man by blaspheming God who had made humankind in His image.

On May 22, 1939, Mussolini and Hitler made a pact in case either were invaded: “The Pact of Friendship and Alliance”⁴⁵ was known as “The Pact of Steel.” Hirohito of Japan joined the “Friendship Alliance,” and the triad formed the “Tripartite Pact” on September 27, 1940.⁴⁶ “...to establish and maintain a new order of things calculated to promote the mutual prosperity and welfare of the peoples concerned. ... to extend cooperation to such nations in other spheres of the world as may be inclined to put forth endeavors along lines similar to their own, in order that their ultimate aspirations for world peace may be realized.”⁴⁷

On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, a violation of the Munich Pact and a declaration of war. The truculent strategist had groomed an army of terrorists. Most of the nations he gained had one mind with him; the unseen kings persuaded them by many deceptions that stirred their emotions; “change” appealed to them, no matter what it meant. They reverted to savagery against the Jews, and their genocide was supported by Catholic and Protestant clergymen who agreed with them.⁴⁸

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Religious leaders ignored the New Testament warnings and led their followers into hell. The Vatican policy agreed with the Germans by “compromise and conciliation.”⁴⁹ Meanwhile, the dictator led his troops into the holocaust for “ethnic cleansing” and into ruthless warfare for global domination.

Though Martin Luther had found the promise of everlasting life by grace through faith and had turned men’s blindness into sight, he was blinded by his hatred of the Jews who for our sake were blinded by their sovereign God. The leader ignored the epistle to Rome, which tells us not to boast against the Jews; as its unnatural branches, we can be cut off from their olive tree.⁵⁰

After gaining most of Europe, Hitler led his armies to Russia in 1942. Marching into Leningrad, Stalingrad, and Moscow, they murdered as many as a million Jews along the way.⁵¹ However, the frigid Russian winter was more than the Nazis could endure, and many froze to death in its fields. Some said they might have won the war, had the cold not destroyed the German troops.

²⁵ 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.
(Dan. 7:25)

The holocaust intensified from name-calling, rock-throwing, and gang beatings, to killings in the streets. On November 9-10, 1938, *Kristallnacht*, or “Night of Broken Glass,” authorized the Germans to destroy Jewish businesses, smash windows, ruin merchandise, and vandalize homes, requiring the Jews to pay for damages.⁵² Nazis outlawed Jewish religious meetings by official mandates and burned synagogues along with Hebrew books.

Quick like a Leopard!

Eleven years after World War One, the sobering reality of the 1929 Stock Market Crash ended the Roaring Twenties and precipitated the Great Depression.⁵³ The freefall of the world’s economy preceded America’s “Dustbowl,” the Great Drought that lasted nearly ten years.⁵⁴ Broken by hard times, Americans were humbled. Their class divisions diminished as they worked for the defense of liberty side by side in the greatest war of all.

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President Wilson made the former Senator from New York Franklin D. Roosevelt his Secretary of the Navy from 1912-20. While visiting an orphanage in 1921, he contracted infantile paralysis when he was thirty-nine. Polio paralyzed his legs, but he overcame his disability, winning the 1932 election.⁵⁵

America had experienced the grief of WW1; she'd lost many sons in battle. Although no one wanted another foreign conflict, the government supported the Royal Navy, supplying ships in the Atlantic where the threat of Europe's war was close to home.

Then on December 7, 1941, Japanese bombs struck the U.S. naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. If he had looked down, the man would have been devastated. Having overcome the Great Depression and the Drought, however, he could envision the defeat of otherwise unconquerable enemies. Through his own daunting tests and arduous trials, Roosevelt had an indomitable spirit.

Out of the blue, Japanese bombers attacked our naval power in the Pacific, and war came to us, ending U.S. isolationism.⁵⁶ That night, President Roosevelt delivered his address to the radio audience: "The Declaration of Intent to Declare War."⁵⁷ The following day, the Senate voted 82-0 and the House, 388-1.⁵⁸

His Republican critics raged when the Court confirmed the Executive Order for the Internment of Japanese Citizens.⁵⁹ The President insisted it would prevent a national crisis although its controversy ignited emotions that were never forgotten.

Whether honoring their pact or testing her vulnerability, on December 11, Hitler and Mussolini declared war on America,⁶⁰ forcing her into a conflict she was unprepared to enter; nevertheless, Congress had voted unanimously, and the U.S. went to war, fulfilling the ancient prophecies that had waited for this time.

Her citizens set aside their differences to unite for the international crisis. Their commitment became crucial for the victory of the free world. They worked, they gave, and they prayed.

World War One politics had weakened the American forces; two thousand four hundred and three had lost their lives in Pearl Harbor where Japan had destroyed most of the American fleet.⁶¹ The air force had just begun modernizing its planes; the country had declared war but lacked troops, artillery, munitions, planes, tanks, ships, rifles, rations, and supplies—everything necessary

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for national defense. Draft notices flooded post offices, calling men to duty, and long lines formed at the recruiting stations.

America met the challenge as God brought forth a legendary generation, transforming an eagle into a leopard with four wings. Automobile, clothing, and furniture manufacturing plants were redesigned to build tanks, jeeps, tires, ships, bombers, rifles, canons, ammunition, uniforms, and tents. Nylon wasn't for stockings anymore—it was for parachutes!

Hollywood inspired Americans to use ration cards and purchase war bonds. Formerly unemployed citizens, including women, people of color, retirees, and physically and mentally challenged civilians, joined the workforce. “The war was won at home” would become a common expression.

In his “Fireside Chat” to the nation, President Roosevelt spoke to the radio audience, declaring, “Speed will count. Lost ground can always be regained—but time never. Speed will save lives; speed will save this Nation which is in peril; speed will save our freedom and our civilization, and slowness has never been an American characteristic!”⁶²

In 1941, troops in training wore “tin hats and leggings from WW1, carrying rifles designed in 1903,” and learning warfare skills without the right equipment until its arrival. In the end, the formerly isolated nation had “provided two-thirds of all the Allied military equipment made during the [entire] war.”⁶³

No nation had a leopard as its beast, but speed, the animal's greatest asset, propelled the U.S. as an opponent of tyranny, redirecting the course of the war when, at its tipping point, the leopard *with four wings* burst into action. Camouflaged, the beast was hidden in prophecy for millennia but would rise as the eagle became a leopard, rushing to aid the Allies in World War Two.

Faithful to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God created a leopard to rescue the Jews for the sake of His promises. As the Lamb is a Lion, and the serpent is a dragon, the eagle would be a leopard. The great kings and kingdoms are the beasts, identified by their natures, visible in the leaders and nations that emulate them.

In a matter of life or death and with odds high against her, America took the test and exceeded all expectations. Citizens responded in ways never before known, and leaders publically prayed for strength to win. America rushed to a war half a world

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away that forced her sons into the greatest conflict in history.

Three beasts—*each different from the other (7:3)*, fought a common enemy in Europe as the greatest war of all surpassed imagination by biblical proportions. Its pieces fit to form Dan. 7.

The war ended when the terrible beast that had come out of the earth was slain. Afterward God, who had promised His land to their forefathers, suddenly favored the Jews. When the Judge tried the case in heaven, the body of the beast was *given to the burning flame*. Though Hitler's body was never discovered, his bodyguard explained that he had ordered it burned and the remains buried to prevent their recovery.⁶⁴

Finally, judgment was passed *in favor of the saints*, and *the time arrived for the saints to possess the kingdom. (Vs. 18)* God began to establish the promised Kingdom of David by returning the Jews to their homeland, fulfilling His prophecies.

By his son's miraculous birth four thousand years ago, God chose Abraham's descendants to record His words in which He reveals Himself to men and to angels. In Dan. 7:21, the beast persecuted *the saints*. (See Rev. 12) Again, they were "set apart for the glory of God." **Jews were the saints** "set apart" as they were in Dan. 8:24 where their abuse by Antiochus IV in 168-165 BC was foretold in detail four hundred years before it occurred.

Between April and July, Japan killed half as many Allies as she had since the war started in the Pacific. His advisors assured him, a land invasion would have cost a million lives. Truman weighed the options, and on August 6, he ordered the H-bomb on Hiroshima. Three days after that, Nagasaki was bombed, and America became the world's superpower: *the leopard was given dominion! (7:6)*

War officially ended when a peace agreement was signed in Tokyo Bay at 9 a.m. on September 2.⁶⁵ On the other side of the earth, in Washington, D.C., it was 7 p.m., September 1, 1945—six years to the date the Second World War had begun.⁶⁶

Though Germany was among the three largest nations in Europe, Hitler had convinced his people to shed blood for more land as on the far side of Asia, Hirohito had done the same. Mussolini's war had added to the death toll: sixty million men, women, and children were killed; one in ten were Jews. But we have been deceived to think the greatest war in history had never

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been foretold. How could we have believed such a lie who have the mind of Christ? We believed the lie because we haven't had His mind but are still carnal, not as spiritual as we've imagined.

What's a Head?

Heads, which appear on the leopard, are not on any other beast. In Rev. 17, *seven heads* are defined as mountains, i.e., empires, known by their capitals, their heads. Its paradigm is in Is. 7:8, where one head is a leader and another is his city. (2X) What else can heads be? The Aramaic word, *rē'sh* is translated "head" (12x), corresponding to the Hebrew word *rō'sh*, meaning "head, top, first, or foremost." *Rosh Hashanah*, its most important day, starts the Jews' civil year. *Rosh* describes tribal leaders as heads, men in top positions who lead multitudes. (349x in OT)

Horn, *qeren* (*Heb.*), signifies strength and represents kings (75x). In Dan. 7:8, a horn *has eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking boastful words*. Horns appear as the men they acquire. These horns, as we discover in Revelation, were on the red dragon in heaven long before they came to the earth. The ten horns are ten kings even before they have kingdoms in Rev. 17:12. They rise with ten nations up from the terrible beast; whereas the leopard, unlike all others, has four heads.

Beasts are invisible kings with kingdoms that rise from the sea or earth; e.g., the Prince of Persia was a ram with two horns in Dan. 8. The effects of the kings are visible in the leaders of great nations or empires, the kingdoms of the kings. When beasts lose wars, their unseen kings fall into the sea or into the earth; unlike their mortal counterparts, they can come out again later.

⁶ "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. (Dan. 7:6 NKJV) – This is the mystery beast of the prophecy.

The wings of a "bird" symbolize its fast flight (ESV, NASB); wings of a "fowl," its protective instincts. (Aram.: *owph*. KJV, and YLT) Both would be true of the winged leopard.

The leopard rushed across my spirit in a vision, which was later corroborated by research. Then I saw its heads in its unique form of government with a system of checks and balances. The

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Constitution created four heads to serve the republic: a President, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each body checks and balances the others while acting as one of four heads that lead the nation. Without the rest, a President cannot declare war, nor can he come to the aid of the nation's Allies as Roosevelt did in March 1941. The pieces lock in place; the leopard fits this space.

As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. (7:12) After the terrible beast was slain, the rest [meaning the lion, the bear, and the leopard] would have their dominion taken away simultaneously, but their lives would continue.

After 1950, the British Empire declined; but she remains a nation.⁶⁷ By 1991, Marxist socialism destroyed the USSR, and Russia lost her Eastern Block in Europe.⁶⁸ America has favored Israel from the time she was given dominion and was blessed as God promised, but He can't bless her when she shuns His words.

Today the United States is divided, and her Constitution is in jeopardy; half her people want socialism; her school systems have indoctrinated them for years. Her education system was once first but is now average compared to others,⁶⁹ her military was weakened until recently.⁷⁰ Her debt is astronomical, and there is strife in the streets. In covetousness, people want what others have, oblivious to the Commandments that were removed from the schools and public places. If we give what we own, we are blessed; if we take what someone else has, we are thieves.

If we could fix all of her problems, it wouldn't be enough to save America, because she is testing God by her immoralities, materialism, and lust for pleasure. When a nation turns away from Israel, it's a sign that she has turned away from Israel's God. Though our nation turns from the God of Israel, if we call on His name, we're obliged to repent and return to His Word.

At the time of Daniel's vision, its nations didn't exist, and Gabriel didn't fully explain it to him. Millennia later, God made His grace known to the Jews by granting them the land. His retribution ended, and His enemy was slain.

²² 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. (Dan. 7:22)

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²⁷ 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. (Dan. 7:27; cf. 7:14)

The underlined expression is in the interlinear Hebrew translation and is worded this way in the KJV and ESV: God favored “*the people of the saints,*” i.e., the sons of the patriarchs.

Divisions, Divisions!

A few mistranslated words are in the best Bible versions. One is *ciphrah*, or “book.” In Is. 34:4, it is clearly correct as a “scroll”: *rolled together as a scroll*. Psalm 139:16 should also translate *ciphrah* as “scroll,” not known in 1611: *In thy [scroll] all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them*. Here *ciphrah* is figuratively the code in the double-helix of DNA, a scroll written by its Author.

In Dan. 7:25, the words, *time, times, and half a time* are misleading. They are literally *time, times, and a division of a time* (YLT); in the KJV and in the Geneva Bible of 1599, it reads: *the dividing of time* (1x); also, in the Authorized King James Version (1x), and in the Complete Word Study OT (1x). The Aramaic word is *P^elag* and corresponds to the Hebrew *palag*, otherwise found in the Scriptures just four times where it is defined by the dividing of the earth and of its watercourses—unequal divisions, not half though it was presumed to mean *half*.

Days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, or millennia constitute divisions of time; but the divisions are not quantified in this passage. In other places, the biblical Hebrew months are each 30 days in length; thus, three-and-a-half years total 1,260 days, or forty-two months. But this prophecy is unlike those. It is defined by its Aramaic translation. [From the seventh chapter on, Daniel writes in Aramaic, not Hebrew. Though this writer isn’t a linguist, research has provided some very important answers.]

The words “*the dividing of time*” are accurate, not an equal division, nor exactly *half a time*. Notice the number of *times* is not here either; we’ll assume it’s three. Neither *1,260 days* nor *forty-two months* are associated with this verse. It is *time, times,*

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and [an unequal] *dividing of time* on the biblical calendar. The prophecy appeared in history as it had been literally described.

A new method, “the Final Solution,” sent its first shipment of Jews from ghettos to Poland’s concentration camps in late 1941. The first death camp became operational in Chelmno, Poland, on December 8—the day America declared war against Japan.⁷¹ Three years and five months, or 1,247 days, had passed when the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945. The last death camp was closed 1,248 days after the first one was opened; that’s twelve days short of the biblical calendar’s three and a half years.

Unlike *a time, times, and half a time* as *forty-two* [30-day] *months*, or *1,260 days*; on the Gregorian and Hebrew calendars, it is *a time, times, and the dividing of time* in which God sent His announcement to the world: *And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. (Ezk. 36:23b NIV)*

From *Kristallnacht*, November 9, 1938, till May 9, 1945, at the liberation of Stutthof, Poland, the last death camp, six years and six months had passed.⁷² In that time, the Nazis murdered six million Jews.

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June 26, 1945: the Allies signed the UN Charter just seven weeks after the war.⁷³ Without military strength, the League of Nations failed. The Allies agreed to change the international law of the League and granted the Golan Heights, the Jews’ ancient Mount Hermon, to Syria. November 29, 1947: UN Resolution 181 gave the Jews just a small part of the original land grant.⁷⁴

In 1922, the African and European states were also given boundaries. In 1947, the UN confirmed their borders but ignored the Jews’.⁷⁵ On May 14, 1948, the Jews acquiesced and declared Israel their nation with 12% of the land granted at San Remo.⁷⁶

Within hours of her rebirth, the little nation faced her first national crisis when Egyptian warplanes roared above their celebration in Tel Aviv at midnight. God show us His glory, not in our greatness, but in our diminishment. He had chosen the Jews as He had Gideon and gave the holocaust victims strength to stand. After Jordan’s Arab Legion forced the Jews from Jerusalem, a small, ill-equipped army faced Egypt, Trans-Jordan,

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Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq in their War of Independence until March 10, 1949, when all sides tired and gave up the fight.⁷⁷

The Jews returned to Israel out of their pain: *A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come, but as soon as she delivereth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. (Jn. 16:21) – Yeshua.* They had learned their lesson well: nothing is treasured that isn't worth the cost it takes to keep it.

As prophesied, they returned, but in June 1967, five Arab states threatened their destruction again.⁷⁸ The Six Day War was a preemptive defense by Israel in which she regained the West Bank [Samaria], the Golan Heights [Mt. Hermon], and ancient Jerusalem; the nation had also won but returned the oil-rich Sinai to Egypt for peace.⁷⁹ Today Israel is a major force in the world.

³² Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: ³³ so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. ³⁴ Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. ³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Mat. 24:32-35)

Approaching the Throne

⁹ "I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;
¹⁰ A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him;
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated,
And the books were opened.

¹¹ "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. (Dan. 7:9-11 NKJV)

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Notice, *their dominion* is singular though in 7:27, Daniel foresees the end when *all dominions* is plural: *And all dominions do serve and obey Him.*' (Dan. 7:27 YLT) *Their dominion refers to their union*, which they'd agreed to form. Here *their dominion* is an empire that was *taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.* (See 7:12) Their union is taken from them when the nations are judged, and Yeshua takes His throne in Jerusalem, and all dominions serve Him alone. (7:12-14)

Now each of the three beasts has a sovereign government, but their sovereignty will be lost to one dominion, and the great tribulation will begin. It could happen overnight. At the end, the nations are predestined to fall together as one empire. (Dan. 2)

Israel illustrates a universal law: first comes the corruptible; then the incorruptible. (See 1 Cor. 15) The everlasting Kingdom is first temporal in the same way that spiritual bodies are first carnal. Israel is also carnal and temporal before it is spiritual and eternal, and her city is temporal until the King of Jerusalem offers her up to the Father in heaven.

If we love the things of the world, taking pride in what we have or in what we do, the love of the Father is not in us; if it were, we'd set our minds on the eternal, not the temporal things. We remain carnal until we no longer live for this world:

Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed. (Ps. 102:25-26)

Why had God allowed a holocaust to destroy so many of His own people? The Bible is replete with judgments against them, warnings to us all though not many "believers" *hear* them:

⁷Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, ⁸Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. ¹⁰Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. ¹¹So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

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¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb. 3:7-13) [These Hebrews were also believers.]

²⁸ Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (Rom. 11:28-29 NKJV) – Re: the Jews.

Thy Kingdom Come!

Gabriel assured Daniel the Kingdom of David would be established, but first the Jews must fulfill the prophecies by regaining their homeland. WW2 ended for them to find grace by which their land was restored. Righteous and mighty, God had used His enemies to judge the Jews for profaning His holy name:

¹⁹ I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. ²⁰ But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, ‘These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.’ ²¹ But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. (Ezk. 36:19-23 NIV)

How could they have *profaned* His name among the nations, if no one has known His name—or have they? Which name have they profaned but that of His only Son? Of course, Jesus Christ is the name many Jews profane to this day, as do all the

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nations that have heard it profaned. The Jews still wrestle with the words of their own prophets, just as the church prefers the teachings of men to the words of God:

For a Child hath been born to us, A Son hath been given to us, And the princely power is on his shoulder, And He doth call his name Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. (Is. 9:6 YLT; cf. ZGE)

The Child who was born to them, the Son who was given, defeated sin, hell, and death, for men everywhere. Because of this, God made His name famous among the gentiles. The name “Jesus Christ” is the only one that saves men from their sins and it’s the only name the world has profaned.

At the sight of Him, they will mourn for Him as for an only son. Then God will pour out His Spirit on them to redeem them:

¹⁰ “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. (Zec. 12:10) [At first, He appears on a cloud.]

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezk. 36:24-28 ESV)

²³ And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. (Ezk. 39:23 ESV)

Forty years after the resurrection, the Jews lost their nation and their temple. Then God tracked them down like a hunter

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after the prey for nearly two thousand years. He had significant reasons for His vengeance against them.

²² For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ ... for there will be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive, into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22, 23b-24) – Yeshua

God is Sovereign and answers to no one. His grace acts apart from merit, yet God is also severe, the lessons of Romans 11:22 and of World War 2. Nevertheless, His judgments against His own people never justify those who destroy them. When His vengeance ended, He slew the beast but gave the kingdom to the Jews to prepare it for His return, and yet He is not finished:

⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. ⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. ⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. (Ps. 2:6-8)

The favor of God toward the Jews is not for their goodness, but on account of His faithfulness to their forefathers; therefore, those who oppose the nation of Israel stand against the Word of God in which His promises apply to the people He chose to carry His Word to the nations. The God of Israel is true to His Word. No one can live forever who opposes His integrity.

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (Rom. 11:25 NKJV)

He works for our good who love Him—out of sin, sanctifying us; in our trials, refining us; in death, rewarding us at last. The prophets foretold the day God delivered the Jews, but not as they deserved. He ended His vengeance and granted His favor to give them the kingdom, which is what Dan. 7 is all about.