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Part 1

The Ancient Secrets of Daniel

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)

Introduction from Revelation 17

Revelation 17 introduces Daniel 7 to affirm its time. Put on your thinking cap; it's a jigsaw puzzle. Here's the picture: Seven supernatural kings rule seven kingdoms. Each ostensibly has its own king, but the scarlet beast is the most cunning king of all.

Imagine living in the days of Rome. Let's see his vision as John did when the angel told him the scarlet beast *was* [on earth] and [now] *is not, and yet is* [because it still exists]. Furthermore, it's *about to come up out of the abyss*. Not only that, but the scarlet beast John sees, the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. (17:11)

Now we know that after all seven fall, one of the seven, the scarlet beast, returns to rule an eighth kingdom. *Even he is the eighth, and is of the seven.*

⁸ `The beast that thou didst see: it was, and it is not; and it is about to come up out of the abyss, and to go away to destruction, and wonder shall those dwelling upon the earth, whose names have not been written upon the scroll of the life from the foundation of the world, beholding the beast that was, and is not, although it is.⁹ `Here [is] the mind that is having wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman doth sit,¹⁰ and there are seven kings, the five did fall, and the one is, the other did not yet come, and when he may come, it behoveth him to remain a little time; ¹¹ and the beast that was, and is not, he also is eighth, and out of the seven he is, and to destruction he doth go away.¹² And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings, who a kingdom did not yet receive, but authority as kings the same hour do receive with the beast,¹³ these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; (Rev. 17:8-13 YLT)

After Jesus ascended Michael and his angels fought Satan and his, but the dragon lost and was banished to earth. (Rev. 12:9) Cast out in John's time, the scarlet beast was *about to come up out of the abyss*. (17:8) At that time five kings had fallen: *and there are seven kings: five are fallen and one is.* (17:10a) This means the king of Rome is sixth, but the scarlet beast is absent. After losing the war in heaven, he'd soon rise from the abyss to force the fall of Rome and snatch it as an illegitimate king of the sixth capital city a few centuries after her destruction in 476.^e

Introduction

After the fall of the Roman Empire, in 752 another Roman Empire was in the making but by fraud. The dragon had risen to rule hundreds of fiefs and duchies with popes. “The Donation of Constantine” supposedly bequeathed the former empire to the church.^f But the dragon used a hoax when he led the fearful and deceived church to gain an empire for himself, which he kept for over a thousand years till it finally fell to the seventh king.

In 800 her pope crowned the king of France Charlemagne as its first “Holy” Roman emperor.^g In 962 the king of Germania Otto the Great was its co-ruler. Afterward German kings commonly ruled with its popes, and it became the “Holy” Roman Empire of the German Nation, a title that faded as time passed.^h

The seventh king would conquer Rome: *and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.* (Rev. 17:10b, p. 19) In 1806 Napoleon vanquished the (H)REGN but others twice defeated and twice exiled him by 1816.ⁱ

In Revelation five preconditions describe the next beast, the scarlet one John saw: he’s *the eighth ... of the seven* [kings]; he returns with *ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet* [in John’s time]; but they *receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast ... and he goeth into perdition (in 17:11-13).* The ten are with the dragon for a short time, just *one hour*.

Rome’s hundreds were eventually reduced to two European empires. After WW1 twelve nations came out of them, but two were politically neutral.^j In twelve years Hitler rose after the ten *received* their crowns by a treaty *the same hour with the beast*. The eighth king rose as Adolf Hitler to take the ten and conquer more while leaving the neutral ones undisturbed.^k With Berlin in ruins, he lost the war, and *the beast was slain (in Dan. 7:11)*.

Of seven kings (in 17:10), the dragon was the king who ruled Rome by popes and kings like pawns on a chessboard. Bismarck built a German Federation for Prussia, making Berlin its capital in 1871. It was known as the Second Reich of the (H)REGN.^l

In 1934 Hitler became the führer over the Third Reich after Bismarck essentially regained the empire.^m The dragon ruled the German Empire out of the Roman Empire of the German Nation as the *beast of the seven, ... who also is eighth*. In the hour when the ten *received* their kingdoms, the beast entered the man. Now let’s see him lose the greatest war of all in Daniel 7:

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7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ² Daniel declared, "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 out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹ "As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

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¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And 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 one
that shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵ “As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ ‘These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.’

¹⁹ “Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, ²⁰ and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. ²¹ As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom. (Dan. 7:1-22 ESV) Cont’d.

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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.

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.

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.

²⁶ But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

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.

²⁸ 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 7:23-28)

The Sea

The Great Sea appears fourteen times in the Word, clearly the waters of the Mediterranean, the western border of Israel.¹ A vision carries Daniel far from Babylon to the Mediterranean Sea, agitated by four winds. In perilous days four beasts rise, not just from *a sea* or *many waters*, but out of the earth (in 7:17), the floor of the Great Sea. Out of hell they rise to their place in time.

As he lay in bed dreaming, Daniel envisioned its tumultuous waves, *and four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another*—supernatural kings working by men. The most formidable among them had ten horns on his head, the same ten horns John saw six centuries later, but look—a little horn rose up among them (in 7:8)!

The Lion

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)

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The rampant lion standing on two feet was England's in the 17th century. Others had lions as beasts, but earlier her lion was standing on all fours. The first to adopt the lion on the Great Seal was Richard the Lion Heart in the 12th century.² King James I set its lion upright on two feet in 1603.³ In 1611 he commissioned an official translation of the Holy Bible into the English language.

In the 18th century, her colonies in America were freed from their motherland just as the eagle's wings were pulled from the lion's back. The Revolutionary War was the price of freedom.

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, died.

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, with one-fourth the land mass on earth and one-fifth of its population.⁶ English became the world's second language, and the gospel circled the earth.

England's Secretary of State Balfour proposed the British-ruled Palestine for the Jews in 1917 in a note to Lord Rothschild. April 25, 1920: the "Balfour Declaration of Intent to Establish a Zionist State for the Jews" was made international law by the "Palestine Mandate" at the San Remo Conference in Italy.⁷ Its borders were defined by the Allies until April 1921 when oil-rich Arabs pressed Great Britain for more land.⁸

Arabs populated 90% of it all, so Churchill partitioned 77% as Trans-Jordan, east of the river.⁹ The League of Nations finally provided 23% of the original land grant for the Jews, but the league lacked the military power to enforce its decisions.

In 1938 Hitler entered German-speaking European lands. To avoid conflict with the Nazis, in a peace proposal, PM Neville Chamberlain annexed the land surrounding Czechoslovakia and its natural resources to Hitler in the infamous "Munich Pact."¹⁰ But the dictator proved land for peace wasn't what he wanted at all when he attacked Poland on September 1, 1939. Britain and France declared war but too late.¹¹ If they'd foreseen what would happen, they would have challenged Germany from the start.

Out of Parliament, Winston Churchill, who loved the Jews, could only watch as Britain's "White Paper" suppressed Jewish

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immigration and limited their land holdings in what had become British Palestine.¹² He was incensed; however, by May 1940 politics changed. Appeasement had failed and the prime minister resigned. As a result, the king chose Winston Churchill as his replacement to lead Great Britain for the remainder of the war.¹³

Churchill proved his gifts of oratory and diplomacy, winning Roosevelt's favor. One hundred sixty-five years of distrust was healed. Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act on March 11, 1941, adding destroyers to the British, Chinese, and Russian forces.¹⁴

When Germany bombed London, newsreels caught Winston walking her streets and lifting people from the rubble. Above the chaos his courage inspired the nation. He bolstered the Brits, and they were thrilled by the king's choice; yet after the war, he lost reelection to a socialist with no sympathy for the Jews.

The Bear

Following the fall of the Russian Tsar Nicholas II during the February 1917 Revolution, various rival parties vied for power.¹⁵ A 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 established the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 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 and Friedrich Engels were Germans who lived in England when they wrote and published "The Communist Manifesto" in 1848.¹⁸ After their deaths, its theory grew popular. In twenty-five years Vladimir Lenin, Josef Stalin, and Leon Trotsky founded the USSR by its revolutionary ideas. Lenin spearheaded the Bolshevik October Revolution of 1917, overthrowing the provisional government and then making the state its god.¹⁹ The philosophy soon proved itself fascist, authoritarian, and brutal.

After executing the tsar and his family, Lenin's leadership was undisputed. Trotsky led its Red Army.²⁰ Stalin was general secretary of the central committee of the communist party until Lenin's death in 1924 when he took his place. Impoverishing its people, despite its promises, Marxism failed to fulfill them.²¹

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The new premier ordered the execution of the intelligentsia; then sentenced to death ten million political opponents with Jews and Christians. Trotsky, a Jew himself, was exiled but absconded 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. The Huns, the fiercest tribe of all, were paid to stay out but drove the others into the city. Not long after Attila's death in 453, his tribes disbanded, settling in Germania and Austria where they intermarried and raised families.²²

Stephen II, an 8th century pope, gained the Papal States by Pippin the Short of France who warred against the Lombards to win Italia's central cities for Rome.²³ In 800 Leo III crowned Charlemagne, Pippin's first son, as the first allegedly Christian emperor who had ruled France and the Lombards.²⁴ [Lords of fiefs and kinglets were also named "Holy Roman Emperors"—at times with kingless years between them.²⁵]

The pope in 962, John XII, sought protection from jihadists, relying on the more brutal king of Germania Otto the Great to shield the church.²⁶ Otto had no capital or established form of government, often true of the church's emperors." German kings shielded the (Holy) Roman Empire of the German Nation, or (H)REGN, at intervals for eight hundred forty-four years.

⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. (Dan. 7:7) [Its lands were in hundreds of pieces.]

As a rule the only capital of the (H)REGN was Rome, just a façade of a capital whose government was non-existent. Unlike other beasts, the church empire was an amalgamation, hundreds of tiny lands: fiefs, territories, hamlets, duchies—people without nations, too weak to defend themselves.²⁷ She hired mercenaries to enforce her dogma, indoctrinating and oppressing millions.

Prior to 1059 emperors chose or deposed popes by disputes, power grabs, corruption, and scandals. For hundreds of years, the popes controlled kings, threatening them with excommunication,

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which they feared would send them to hell. Meanwhile, believers in Jesus Christ were imprisoned, tortured, and burned at the stake for having a Bible, preaching the gospel, praying in their native tongue, or objecting to the church *orthodoxy*, its “right opinion.” In the case of others, simply for being born Jewish.²⁸

Napoleon’s victory of 1806 ended the era of the imperialist church. His French Confederation, a watershed in history, was independent of the Vatican. He revolutionized education, revived the arts, and reformed the government. He quickly consolidated its lands, reducing hundreds to one hundred, but the dissolution of the (H)REGN was his greatest impact on history.²⁹ After his defeat at Waterloo by England, Holland, and Prussia, the Council of Vienna further merged its lands to thirty-nine states in 1816.³⁰

In 1871 following the Franco-Prussian War, Berlin became the first capital of the German Empire by its founder, Otto von Bismarck. The “Iron Chancellor” subjected the thirty-nine states under Prussian authority as the German Federation.³¹

The Little Dictator

Five years to the day that a political assassination incited WW1 (1914–18), on June 28, 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed to go into effect in January 1920. It split the empires into twelve European nations.³² Two were politically neutral; the rest filled the footprint of the REGN. Ten kings would receive their crowns (in Rev. 17:12), not by the war, but by its treaty. On cue, in just twelve years, a seditionist rose in Germany (in 7:8).

Gabriel foretold these events centuries before. The kingdom the angel described to Daniel would be Roman, out of which the ten horns rose in central Europe about a century after her church empire fell. A little horn rose after them, a chancellor from a corporal! How could a little horn be greater than the others? The small horn held Hitler, speaking as a mouth for the terrible beast from a hundred thirty years before him. (7:7) And lo, *eyes as the eyes of man are in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things.* (Dan. 7:8 YLT) After the seventh king, ten kings rose, and after them, the dragon spoke as a man in a little horn. (Dan. 7:8, p. 21)

They said the Great War would end all war, but hard times were in the air. For twelve years Germany lived in the ashes and memories of ruined hopes when the Great Depression overcame

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her. After having lost her sons in the war, poverty deepened her despair. Disheartened, she called out for hope and a future.

Convicted of treason as a political revolutionist, Adolf Hitler was released from prison, serving just eight months of an already lenient five-year sentence.³³ He applied for citizenship and then membership in the National Socialist German Worker's Party, or Nazis. Thirty years after Bismarck, he mesmerized the Germans, captivating their population with his passionate speeches, full of promises, flatteries, and convictions.

In 1930 construction was finished, and Berlin's Pergamon Museum housed the Altar of Zeus, aka the Altar of Satan.³⁴ In 1932 Hitler ran for president. With just one-third the vote, he lost; but Hindenburg, the incumbent, returned to office in failing health and chose the former corporal as his chancellor, making him commander-in-chief, the second highest office in the land.

Hitler supervised the nation's emergency powers and used them to subvert his competitors. When the Parliament building burst into flames, it provided the crisis by which he suddenly put its laws, civil rights, education, and culture under Nazi control.³⁵

It didn't take long, just six months later, near the time of Hindenburg's last breath, Hitler merged the roles of president and chancellor³⁶ and created the Third Reich. He put his actions to the vote and won by an overwhelming margin as *der führer*, "the leader." After pinning runaway inflation on the Jews, he vowed, "Change!" and seemed like a hero to them, commanding their confidence.³⁷ What was it about the man that gave him such power and authority over millions who clung to his every word?

After crafting a pledge of personal allegiance, he ordered his army to honor its words as each soldier dedicated his life. The people followed suit en masse as he dismissed the constitutional democracy of a republic to form the Nazi socialist government.³⁸

Bismarck conquered the lands the dragon had shattered into hundreds of pieces by ten kings centuries before. The kings were given their nations by a treaty in 1920, and the dragon regained them in 1938. Thus he won his wars until at last he lost. (7:7-11)

The ten kings empowered him (in Rev. 17:13), but *three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots (in 7:8)*. Hitler uprooted the first three, like pulling up a plant, roots and all. His large, impassioned crowds idolized him and silenced the opposition. The prophecy's ten kingdoms were the following:

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1.) **Germany**'s republic fell after President Hindenburg died. From corporal to chancellor to *führer*, Hitler put the issue to a vote. 95% of registered voters allegedly cast votes; 88% of the plebiscite approved a dictatorship.³⁹ A soft coup gave a secessionist control over the former Democratic Republic of Germany.

2.) **Austria**'s military conflicts and power transfers made her government weak and vulnerable. Her instability encouraged the malcontents to riot for their native son. Weighing his options, their king conceded without a shot as thousands went to the streets to welcome the arrival of a dictator.⁴⁰

3.) **Czechoslovakia** was a gift 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." With rights to electrical power, coal, and steel, added to the nation's grief, 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)

Who has *eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth*? The man spoke by a dragon whose kings ruled ten nations. To the west the Germans loved him, but Belgium resisted.⁴² Hungary reluctantly joined him and later declared war on him. Italy resisted but lost. Three fell without a shot, yet all ten *on its head* agreed: *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.* (Rev. 17:13) Whoever tried to put an end to it failed.

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. (Dan. 7:20 NKJV)

He easily plucked up Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia and took Poland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, Slovenia, France, and Italy. His ten horns empowered him for more.⁴³

The beast prevailed against the saints, but God would give them the Kingdom and send him to perdition. (7:21-22; Rev. 17:8)

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Daniel's saints were Jews—set apart, sanctified, like the saints in 165 BC (in Dan. 8:24).

The Altar of Pergamon

In 1889 the Altar of Zeus went to Berlin from Pergamon. (See Rev. 2:13) Long ago Romans joined the Greeks to worship there.⁴⁴ Those were the days when Greeks gave human sacrifices on that altar. Rome visited its site when killing Christians was a sport. In 1941 Nazis were murdering the Jews in Europe.

Neither the kaiser [i.e., “caesar”] of Prussia nor Bismarck his chancellor was the little horn. The prophecy waited for the man who would fulfill all of its words. After his horns received their nations, the terrible beast spoke by Hitler who boasted of a super race while targeting the Jews. A staunch Darwinist, the fascist touted ethnic cleansing as the blasphemous beast he'd received.⁴⁵

On May 22, 1939, Mussolini and Hitler signed an agreement for international defense. The “Pact of Friendship and Alliance” was called the “Pact of Steel.”⁴⁶ On September 1, 1939, Nazis invaded Poland, violating the Munich Pact by their act of war.

Hirohito of Japan joined the “Friendship Alliance,” and the triad formed the “Tripartite Pact,” September 27, 1940.⁴⁷ It was allegedly 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.”⁴⁸ Though multitudes believed them, they were all liars.

A truculent strategist groomed an army of terrorists, and the ten kings whose nations he'd gain agreed. “Change!” appealed to the masses, no matter what it meant. By his leadership, men committed unspeakable crimes against humanity while Catholic and Protestant clergy ignored the genocide. They overlooked the apostle's warning not to boast against the Jews. (Rom. 11:18) The Vatican agreed to it by “compromise and conciliation” (like the 4th century bishops); thus the dragon led a nation into the Jewish holocaust and another world war, hoping to conquer the world.⁴⁹

Germany was one of the largest nations in Europe, yet Hitler convinced the nation to shed blood for more land as in the Far East Hirohito did the same. The founder of radical Islam also

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colluded with Hitler.⁵⁰ Mussolini and Hirohito added to the war dead—sixty million souls; one in ten were Jews.

Martin Luther discovered the scripture for everlasting life by grace through faith and turned men's blindness into sight, but in later writings, he was blinded by his animus for the Jews. Yet they were blinded for the nations to be saved till the day the Jews regained Jerusalem. Even so, he ignored the letter to the Roman church that Jews can be grafted in again.⁵¹ As unnatural branches we can be cut off from their olive tree—the witness of our faith's Jewish roots. (Romans 11) For generations professing believers had read his scornful words that abetted their murders in WW2.

In 1942 Hitler led his army against his allies in Leningrad, Moscow, and Stalingrad, killing perhaps a million Jews on the way.⁵² The icy Russian winter was more than the returning Nazis could endure; many froze to death in the fields. God reigns over nature and kings, judging men in days of war or peace. (Ecc. 3:8)

On November 9, 1938, *Kristallnacht*, the “Night of Broken Glass,” authorized Germans to pillage Jewish shops, smash their windows, ruin merchandise, and vandalize their homes, making the Jews pay for the damages. Nazis banned their meetings and burned their synagogues and books, even Bibles.⁵³ The bigotry intensified from name-calling, rock-throwing, and gang beatings to public murders.

Quick like a Leopard!

President Woodrow Wilson made the former senator from New York Franklin D. Roosevelt his secretary of the navy from 1912–20. F.D.R. contracted infantile paralysis while visiting an orphanage in 1921. He was thirty-nine. Determined to persevere though polio had paralyzed half his body, he met the challenge to win the 1932 election.⁵⁴ Across the world, von Hindenburg chose Hitler as his chancellor, the role his hero Bismarck had enjoyed.

Eleven years after WW1, the sobering reality of the 1929 Stock Market Crash stifled the Roaring Twenties and yielded to the Great Depression.⁵⁵ The freefall of the economy preceded her Great Drought that lasted nearly ten years.⁵⁶ By God's grace, America became undefeatable, strengthened in her catastrophes.

She had known the grief of WW1, having lost her sons in its battles. In early 1941 Americans resisted the idea of engaging in another foreign war though the government supported the British

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Royal Navy, supplying ships in the Atlantic where the conflict was close to home, and Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act.

On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked the U.S. naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Out of the blue, bombers demolished her fleet in the Pacific and forced the end of America's isolation.⁵⁷ Two thousand four hundred and three died in the harbor where most of her ships were anchored.⁵⁸

The next day Roosevelt addressed the houses of Congress. The "Declaration of Intent to Declare War"⁵⁹ was made official December 8. The Senate voted 82-0 and the House, 388-1.⁶⁰

On December 11 Hitler and Mussolini declared war on the U.S.⁶¹ After the calamities that preceded the Second World War, the president foresaw the way to victory over our adversaries who he thought might have otherwise consumed the world. Inner strength was required, and his positive attitude was contagious.

WW1 politics had weakened her armed forces. She'd begun rebuilding her air force, but America still needed trained troops, artillery, tanks, submarines, ships, machine guns, rifles, bombers, canons, and munitions, as well as uniforms, backpacks, canteens, and k-rations, and all the essentials of warfare.

Draft notices flooded post offices, calling men to duty, and long lines formed around recruiting stations. Furniture, clothing, and automobile factories were redesigned to make war products. Nylon wasn't for stockings anymore—it was for parachutes.

In 1942 in his "State of the Union" message, Roosevelt spoke to Congress and the national radio audience: "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

F.D.R. emphasized "speed" four times, the main asset of the four-winged beast that had already shot through this writer like a high-speed documentary on America at war! God alone knew an eagle became a leopard with four wings of a bird. [Aram.: *owph* is correctly, "bird" {71x}. KJV and YLT see "fowls," flying in the air {42x}, an archaic translation of the word.]

"In 1940, the U.S. army was smaller than that of Rumania: only 174,000 men in uniform, wearing tin hats and leggings issued during WW1, and carrying rifles designed in 1903."⁶³ Entering the conflict two years and three months late, "American

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industry provided nearly two-thirds of all the Allied military equipment produced during the war.”⁶⁴

Americans sacrificed what had seemed essential but paled in comparison to helping their boys fight for freedom. Hollywood inspired audiences to invest in war bonds and use their ration cards. Unemployed people of color, homemakers, retirees, and the physically and mentally challenged composed the war effort. “The War was won at home” was an adage in every household.

Joash the king sought Elisha for advice to defeat Aram. The prophet told him to strike a bunch of arrows on the ground. He hit dirt three times, angering Elisha. Three times weren’t enough. Five or six times would have destroyed the enemy. The triumph relied on its king’s passion to win. (2 Kg. 13:14-19)

Roosevelt commanded, “Speed!” He called for the leopard, and his resonant voice led to America’s most important victory. The leopard’s greatest asset is its speed. A camouflaged beast rose as the eagle became a leopard, rushing to rescue freedom from the jaws and claws of a terrible beast. A leopard propelled America as an opponent of tyranny, redirecting the course of the war when, at its tipping point, her troops were among the heroes who rescued Jews from the death camps of Europe where her battle-hardened generals wept for the gaunt survivors.

Roosevelt incited his Republican critics when the Supreme Court agreed to pass his “Executive Order for the Internment of Japanese Citizens.”⁶⁵ He argued it would avert a national crisis, but the country would never forget its national offense.

At the time of Daniel’s vision, none of these nations existed, but twenty-five hundred years later, God used a world war to end His vengeance and favor His chosen people by returning them to their land and establishing the nation for His kingdom to come. (See Is. 40:1-5; Jer. 16:16-18) Each attempt to divide Israel ends in greater divisions of our own lands.

Leaders publically prayed for the wisdom and strength to win with the help of God. The nation rushed to the war half a world away that conscripted her sons into the greatest conflict in history, but the God of Israel would be with them. As the Lamb is a Lion, and the serpent is a dragon, the eagle became a leopard though by necessity. Unseen kings and their kingdoms are beasts, metaphoric by their attributes and made visible by mortal leaders and their nations.

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Though we see them as flesh and blood, the kings in these battles are the spiritual kind. The scarlet beast *devoured and broke in pieces* the lands it gained by savage kings long before they received kingdoms. Divided nations are an easy catch.

Three beasts, *each different from the other (in 7:3)*, won the war when Jews were the saints set apart for the glory of God. At the end, *the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame (in 7:11)*. Decades later Hitler's bodyguard said he'd ordered it burned and buried to prevent its discovery.⁶⁶

Having promised the land to their forefathers, God favored His Jews. ... *and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (7:22)* The Kingdom of David would be established forever by restoring the Jews to the promised land, fulfilling the promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as well as the oracles of the prophets.

Following Roosevelt's death, Japan killed over half as many of the Allies in the Pacific as since its war began. His advisors assured President Truman a land invasion would cost a million lives. Weighing the alternatives, on August 6 he dropped the H-bomb on Hiroshima.⁶⁷ Without a truce in sight, three days later, he targeted Nagasaki, and it was suddenly clear: *the leopard was given dominion (in Dan. 7:6)*. Now watch the dates:

Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. On the 3rd, Britain and France declared war on Hitler. The Pacific conflict officially ended in a treaty September 2, 1945, on Tokyo Bay. It was September 1 in Washington, D.C.⁶⁸

God sent messages to the nations by events on Gregorian calendar dates: biblically, "one" is unity or singularity, "three" is of God; "four" is earthly; "six" is of man; "seven," of completion or perfection; "eight," of beginnings; "ten," of judgment or law; "fifty," of liberty, and "five" concerns grace or provision.

David had more than enough stones to fell the giant when he took five; with five loaves, Jesus fed five thousand men besides women and children; five talents went to a servant who doubled them. Each time the provision had plenty left over. God showed the Jews grace and provision by granting them the Kingdom, not by their own merit, or else grace is no longer grace. (Rom. 11:6)

Hitler's "Final Solution" sent its first shipment of Jews from German ghettos to concentration camps in late 1941. Europe's first death camp was in Chelmno, Poland, operational December

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8, 1941, the day the U.S. declared war on Japan.⁶⁹ The war ended in Europe on May 8, 1945, three years and five months later.

Exactly six years and six months after Kristallnacht, the last death camp, Stutthof, was closed by the Allies on May 9, 1945, after an estimated six million Jews were murdered in Europe.⁷⁰

Israel proves God judges sin. If we sin, we too must repent or be judged as He did Israel. Historically, God sent His enemies to judge His people, and the judgments were horrible. Their sin was odious to God when He scattered them:

¹⁹ And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. ...

²³ And I will sanctify my great name which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; And the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. (Ezk. 36:19, 23-24)

²⁴ Who gave up Jacob to the looter,
and Israel to the plunderers?
Was it not the LORD against whom we have sinned?
in whose ways they would not walk,
and whose law they would not obey? (Is. 42:24 ESV)

What's a Head?

The heads on the leopard are its leaders. Most often *rosh* described Israel's tribal leaders {349x}. [Aram.: *rē'sh* is "head," and is *rō'sh*, meaning "top, foremost, first" in Hebrew.] The leopard is a beast with four *heads*, unlike the other's ten *horns*, or kings.

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) – It was the camouflaged beast of prophecy.

Our founders created four equal but separate powers to serve the republic equitably: the president, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, and chief justice of the supreme court⁷¹ serve within the system's checks and balances as four heads in its executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

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The leaders' duties are in three Articles of the Constitution. In Article 1, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate lead their legislators, ensuring both the populace and their various states are well served. The senate and house create and vote on legislative bills, taxation, and declarations of war.

The house can impeach a president for bribery, treason, or high crimes and misdemeanors. The senate holds impeachment trials. Their services are listed in the ten sections of Article 1.

In Article 2 the president preserves, protects, and defends the Constitution of the United States and is commander-in-chief of the armed forces and national militia. As head of the executive branch, he/she commissions officers and, by advice and consent of the senate, makes treaties and appoints ambassadors, judges, justices of the supreme court, and other public ministers.

The president also grants pardons and reprieves; ensures laws are rightly executed; may issue executive orders, and at times, may convene or adjourn one or both houses of congress. He/she ratifies or objects to congressional bills, but congress can overturn a veto by a two-thirds vote in both houses: Article 1, section 7. The president makes foreign policy and trade pacts to be ratified by congress. The particulars are in four sections.

In Article 3 the chief justice of the supreme court is head of nine appointed judges. He/she discerns the constitutionality of laws and treaties; tries cases of public ministers, consuls, and ambassadors, and cases between states or in which the nation has a part. Read the three sections of Article 3.

Approaching the Throne

¹² And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings, who a kingdom did not yet receive, but authority as kings the same hour do receive with the beast, ¹³ these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; ¹⁴ these with the Lamb shall make war, and the Lamb shall overcome them, because Lord of lords he is, and King of kings, and those with him are called, and choice, and stedfast.' (Rev. 17:12-14)

In the distant future, the apostles would watch Him ascend to a cloud, but in the mystery of eternity, Daniel saw the Son of man rising to heaven out of the clouds after the victory of WW2:

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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 never be destroyed. (Dan. 7:13-14 NKJV)

As a result, Israel returned to the land, and the Jews gained Jerusalem. According to Jesus, the gentiles’ days are fulfilled (in Lk. 21:24). Now Jews are receiving Jesus, and we’re wondering if it’s the end of the age!⁷²

¹⁷ ‘These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.’ (Dan. 7:17-18 ESV)

February 4–11, 1945: Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt met in Yalta, Ukraine, to partition Germany and plan the UN. Seven weeks after the war, the Allies signed the UN Charter on June 26 in a skating rink in Flushing Meadows, NY. Article 80 on page 15 affirms the Balfour Declaration as international law.⁷³

Not long afterward, the UN agreed to change their own international law by granting the Golan Heights to Syria for her oil, despite her alliance with Hitler that cost them their sons. Then on November 29, 1947, UN Resolution 181 gave the Jews a meager portion of the original land grant.⁷⁴ The general secretary of the United Nations announced its tally as Jews listened to their RCA Victors at home: “33 yes; 13 against; 10 abstentions.”⁷⁵

African and European borders were decided in Italy twenty-five years earlier. In 1947 they increased, but the Jews’ borders were reduced.⁷⁶ They acquiesced on May 14, 1948, and Israel was reborn with just 12% of her legal boundaries from 1920.⁷⁷

Hours after her rebirth, Israel faced her first threat when Egyptian planes roared over the celebration at midnight, and her War of Independence began. Like Gideon’s, a relatively small,

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poorly equipped army battled against the sophisticated troops of Egypt, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq till the war ended in March 1949 with Israel holding her ground.⁷⁸ With Jacob in their genes and God on their side, they'd reentered the Promised Land to face the giants once again.

The prophecies of their return were proven. Faced with Arab nations that built up their arms and announced their war strategy to the world, in June 1967 the Six Day War began with a preemptive strike by the Jews. Israel regained Samaria ["the West Bank"]; Mt. Hermon ["the Golan Heights"], and Jerusalem; then, restored the oil-rich Sinai to Egypt for peace.⁷⁹ (See Lk. 21:24)

In 1947 Great Britain reduced the Jews' land and then lost an empire. One of a commonwealth of fifty-four nations, the Queen is now a figurehead, but the UK includes just England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales.⁸⁰ Great Britain no longer exists.

In 1991 Russia lost her empire when socialism bankrupted it. Marxism prohibited the human rights America has enjoyed: freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and self-defense, taken for granted in the U.S., but Marxism collapsed.⁸¹ When we no longer hold the ideals of our founding fathers, we too will fall.

And the rest of the beasts have caused their dominion to pass away: (7:12a YLT) Their dominion was over Germany after the war, but they dissolved that alliance after returning Europe to its previous nations and leaving Germany as its people's republic. The three main allies planned the UN, which would usurp their dominion though they continued as nations whose sovereignties divided them. (Lk. 11:17)

A Deceiver's Diversity

He recalls the vision, but Daniel wants to hear more about the last beast. The heavenly man sounds redundant, but is he? (7:23-27) The fourth beast would return: ²³ *The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom ... diverse from all kingdoms ... and shall devour the whole earth.* 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.* (7:23-24) The next empire (in Rev. 13:1) has the power and throne of the dragon. The ten horns out of this kingdom shall arise again, *and another [beast] shall rise after them ... diverse from the first.* The first to rise after the ten was also *the first* to rule an illegitimate empire.

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Babylon was his first capital; then Rome; then Berlin, but the next beast would be his fourth kingdom: At Berlin's fall, the dragon gave *his power, his throne, and great authority* to the leopard, the bear, and the lion. (Rev. 13:2) The Allies signed the UN charter created by Alger Hiss in June 1945.⁸² By receiving his power, unlike all other kingdoms, its beast *devours the whole earth (7:23) ... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations. And all who dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:7b-8)*

Out of this kingdom, the ten horns shall arise in the alliance of the next beast (in 13:2); *and another shall rise after them who is diverse from the first (in Dan. 7:11)*. Its mystery is **its key**: This ruler is another beast that rises after the ten but is unlike the little horn who also spoke as a dragon, the terrible beast, and gave his throne to the next beast, formed by the three.

After the beast with ten horns rises in Revelation 13, another rises—but not as *the first*. Not as the little horn that rose after the ten for WW2, nor as the beast that rises with his throne. He has neither seven heads nor ten horns and neither iron teeth nor brass claws, but *speaks as a dragon with horns like a lamb (in 13:11)*.

And he shall subdue three kings (in 7:24)—namely, the three that got his throne! He rises out of perdition (in Rev. 17:11) with horns like a lamb (in Rev. 13:11). Then how can he *subdue* the three? By his own authority, which he never gave the beast.

To differentiate the times of the beasts, the writing turns to poetry and future tense alluding to the elusive dragon. He's hard to spot, winding his way as a serpent, hiding but being unveiled by the history that hounds him. Next, the world worships the dragon along with the beast.

The dragon would rise after the ten kings again, but *diverse from the first* that rose after them (in Dan. 7:24) though he'd been the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed (in Rev. 13:12). A little bit like a lamb, *another beast coming up out of the earth* speaks like a dragon (in Rev. 13:11).

With another religious empire *diverse from the first* he once had, he deceives the world for its worship in Revelation. He may deceive the saints with his false prophet who does fake miracles by his devils. The dragon with horns like a lamb is the father of lies. The spirit in the beast identifies him in another repeated

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prophecy: in Daniel 11, he was *the abomination of desolation*. Jesus spoke of his return (in Mat. 24:15-22; cf. Dan. 11:31; 12:11). The enemy re-enters the temple as an *abomination of desolation*, and Jerusalem receives him before he ravages her. Yeshua also said people would be saying Jesus had returned when He hadn't. He corrected that idea, saying He'd return to earth, coming like lightning across the skies—not on a cloud. He comes on a cloud right after the tribulation to rescue the elect (in Mat. 24:29-31).

At last the ten kings return to the beast whose mortal wound was made well by his assumed enemies. With one mind the ten kings give him their power (in Rev. 17:15-18). Not plucking up three by the roots like the first, he abases three kings:

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. 7:24)

The ten horns' crowns were restored after WW2. *The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom (in 7:23)* means the fourth beast that rose after them in Daniel gives *his power, his throne, and great authority* to the dragon's fourth kingdom that devours the world. The allies have his ten horns and seven heads, the devil's power and dominion. Then *diverse from the first, another* rises, speaking as a dragon and subduing the three (in Rev. 13:2-3).

The ancient insurrectionist that was slain, the devil, *the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, subdues* the three before him (in Rev. 13:12). One of its seven heads is healed; the capital city is the throne the dragon gave the beast. After his capital is healed, the dragon rises out of the earth to rule its throne.

Centuries ago he'd stomped the land to pieces, but the fourth kingdom devours *the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces* too. His Third Reich was Germany; his fourth kingdom devours the world but is destroyed forever (in 7:26).

The one with the dragon's throne has the microphone till the dragon with two horns like a lamb rises with all his authority and takes the mike to subdue the three beneath him. He's an eighth king like Antiochus.

Divisions, Divisions!

Bestial forms can be altered. [Aram.: *sh^hnâ²*, “diverse” {5x}, often it's “change/alter.” {16x}] The beast is *diverse*, changed:

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he was slain and his body destroyed (in Dan. 7:11). Satan is the serpent, the dragon, a scarlet beast, a terrible beast, the destroyer and the deceiver but has two horns like a lamb in Revelation 13.

A few mistranslated words are in the best Bible versions. One is *ciphrah*, or “book.” *It is rolled together as a scroll* (in Is. 34:4). Unknown in the days of King James I, Psalm 139 should also have *ciphrah* as “scroll”: ¹⁵*My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.* ¹⁶*Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy [scroll] all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.* (from Ps. 139) Its script is figuratively the double-helix of DNA, the scroll only its Author could have written.

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) [This is about the beast in Rev. 13:1-2, 5-10.]

Time, times, and half a time [in many versions] is literally, *time, times, and a division of a time*. (Dan. 7:25 YLT) [Aram.: *p^elag*, “split”] In KJV and Geneva Bible of 1599, it reads, *the dividing of time* {1x} as it is in the Authorized KJV {1x} and in the Complete Word Study OT {1x}. It is otherwise used for the dividing of the earth and its watercourses {4x}. Unequally split, not halved. Here, the *times* are years, not decades or centuries. *Time, times, and a division of a time* pass while the beast rules the earth even after its tribulation ends when immediately, the sun is dark, the moon is red, and the earth quakes. (Rev. 6:12-17)

Biblical Hebrew months are thirty days long. The number of *times* is more than three, but *1,260 days* or *forty-two months* are not associated with *times* here. Unlike *time, times and half a time* as *forty-two* [30-day] *months*, or *1,260 days*; it is *time, times, and the dividing of a time*, making an unequal division to shorten its time: *And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened.* (Mat. 24:22, 29) This means the elect are in the hands of the beast for fewer than the forty-two months he is allotted (in Rev. 13:5).

At the end of Daniel 7, the Kingdom is given to the people of the saints—the inheritance of Messiah promised to Abraham—

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believers of all nations, not just their own (in 7:18). *The gifts and the calling of God are without repentance (in Rom. 11:28-29)*. New covenant believers are *the people of the saints* (Gen. 18:18-19; 22:18; 26:4-5; Eph. 2:19) At the end Jews and gentiles of all nations are grafted into the olive tree by faith in Jacob's Savior. Once joined to God, as one we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," for Yeshua to return and supplant wickedness with righteousness.

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) [Literally accurate]

Jerusalem has been associated with Melchizedek since the day He met Abram near her walls. (Gen. 14:18-20) Four thousand years later, the Jews regained the city and made her their capital once again. The trouble over Jerusalem is the reason His return is near; what seems to be their curse is a hidden blessing. He said,

²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. (Lk. 21:24 ESV)

God gathers all nations that divide His land to Armageddon. Whether nations are blessed or cursed depends on how they treat Israel because God chose the land and the people as His own (in Is. 51:4, 14:25; Jer. 2:7, 16:18; Ezk. 36:1-11, 38:16; Jl. 1:6, 3:2).

"Gainsaying" is a word in the KJV and YLT. [Grk.: *antilēgō*, is "to speak against in order to gain advantage for one's self."] If we only receive what we want to believe, we refuse the cross but expect its benefits. (Lk. 21:15; Ti. 1:9; Acts 10:29) In gainsaying, we will not be spared; therefore we must repent:

¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

²² Consider therefore the kindness and the severity of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. (Heb. 11:19-22 NIV)