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# **UNVEILED!**

## Part 1

### The Ancient Secrets of Daniel

<sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge." (Dan. 12:4 NIV)

#### Introduction to Daniel 7 from Revelation 17

Revelation 17 introduces Daniel 7 to affirm its place in time. Put on your thinking cap; it's a jigsaw puzzle. Here's the picture: Seven supernatural kings ruled seven empires; ostensibly, each had one king, but the scarlet beast was the most cunning of all.

Young's Literal Translation is underscored on critical points:

<sup>8</sup> 'The beast that thou didst see: it was, and is not; and it <u>is</u> <u>about to come up out of the abyss</u>, 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.

<sup>9</sup> <sup>'</sup>Here is the mind that is having wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman doth sit, <sup>10</sup> and <u>there are seven kings</u>, 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; <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> '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,<sup>13</sup> these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; (Rev. 17:8-13 YLT)

Standing beside John, we can see his vision of a scarlet beast that **was** but *is not* present; it's absent, **yet it** still **exists**. Sixtyfive years before John was exiled for his faith, Jesus ascended to heaven; afterward, the dragon ascended but lost in a war with the angels. Banished from there, he and his angels were cast down to earth. John considered his words as the angel described the beast saying, *he is about to come up from the abyss*. (See Rev. 12:7-12)

*Five are fallen <u>and one is</u>;* the sixth king rules Rome when John is on the Isle of Patmos in 95 AD. The dragon isn't here, so he's not Rome's king, but would fool the church by the emperor who'd favor her, Constantine. Safe in Rome's arms, the bishops would change the true faith to help unite the pagan empire.

The Hunnic king Attila chased savages into the city, leading to her fall in 476. In 752 kings of tribes led barbarians to terrify the pope who procured a forgery that purportedly conferred the Roman throne to the papacy.<sup>f</sup> Thus, the father of lies, the scarlet beast, came to rule the sixth capital city as its illegitimate king.<sup>g</sup>

In 800 the pope crowned the king of France Charlemagne as the first "Holy Roman Emperor." <sup>h</sup> In 962 its pope solicited the brutish Germanic king Otto the Great to co-rule central Europa, later called the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation." <sup>1</sup>

After the bishops turned from the Bible, the apostasy spread to form an institution. Artfully exploiting her by deceptions and fears, the dragon took the church and then Rome. In a thousand and six years, the recently crowned French consul conquered the apostate church empire, and Rome fell to the last of seven kings.

And the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue <u>a short space</u>. (17:10b) The seventh king vanquished Rome in 1806 by Napoleon. In 1814 and 1816, an alliance of kings twice defeated and exiled Bonaparte whose empire lasted only eight years, yet he'd turned a few hundred duchies and fiefs into <u>one hundred lands</u>.<sup>j</sup> The Treaty of Vienna (1815) merged the lands into <u>thirty-nine states</u> when the seventh king fell in 1816.

By defeating Austria in 1866 and France in 1870, Bismarck took its states for the German Federation of Prussia, called the Second German Reich [post-REGN].<sup>k</sup> As late as 1871, <u>Berlin was made its capital</u> and later that of the Weimar Republic in 1919.<sup>1</sup>

Before the scarlet beast is known: 1.) seven kings must fall. 2.) Ten others *receive kingdoms*. 3.) Then *the eighth of the seven*, the scarlet beast, rises. 4.) The ten *have one mind to give power and authority to the beast*, 5.) and he *goes to perdition (in 17:9-13)*. Seven kings fall before the ten receive kingdoms; then *the scarlet beast* John sees rises as *the eighth of the seven*, and the ten give him their power till his death. (Cf. 17:8, 11)

After beginning WW1, Austro-Hungary, Germany, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire were defeated.<sup>m</sup> The Versailles Treaty (1920-22) redefined the European nations, <u>forming twelve states</u>; <u>two were neutral</u>; <u>ten remained to *receive power and authority*.<sup>n</sup> Soon after that, <u>the eighth of the seven</u>, <u>the scarlet beast</u>, <u>came up</u> <u>among them</u> for the Third Reich [of the REGN].<sup>o</sup> (Dan. 7:8)</u>

Ten *received their kingdoms*, and *a little horn came up after them:* from a corporal to a chancellor, the scarlet beast had *eyes like the eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things.*<sup>*p*</sup> (*Dan. 7:8*) A treaty gave ten kings their nations for the red dragon who left its two mountainous neutral lands untouched. Revelation 17 and history led to Daniel 7 where Adolf Hitler was condemned to perdition after losing the greatest war yet. (17:11)

#### The Ancient Secrets

#### **CHAPTER 1 • Wild Beasts!**

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lav in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. <sup>2</sup> Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. <sup>3</sup> And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.' <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. 8I 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 eves like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

<sup>9</sup> "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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> "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. <sup>12</sup> As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

<sup>13</sup> "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.
<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

<sup>19</sup> "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, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, <sup>22</sup> until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints possessed the kingdom. (Daniel 7:1-22 ESV) (Continued)

<sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup> 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.

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

<sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> 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) [Beasts are supernatural kings/kingdoms. v. 17]

#### The Sea

*The Great Sea* appears fourteen times in the Word, clearly the waters of the Mediterranean, the western border of Israel.<sup>1</sup> In Babylon Daniel envisions the distant Mediterranean Sea, agitated by four winds. In perilous days, great beasts rise, not just from *a sea* or *many waters*, but out of *the Great Sea.* (*v. 3*) The beasts are not men but rule as kings of the earth. (v. 17)

#### The Lion

<sup>4</sup> The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till <u>its wings were plucked off</u>; 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. (Dan. 7:4 NKJV)

The rampant lion upright on two feet stood for England since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Other nations have had lions, but hers began on all fours when Richard the Lion Heart adopted its beast for the Great Seal in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>2</sup> In 1538 Henry VIII, as head of England's church, authorized Coverdale's and Matthew's Bibles in the churches. In 1603 King James I set the lion upright on two feet and authorized the Bible's translation of the Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic manuscripts into English in 1611.<sup>3</sup> (pp. 128-9)

As one of the metaphorical beasts, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the eagle's wings were plucked off the lion's back when her colonies were freed from their motherland after the American Revolution.

Sixty years later, in 1837 Queen Victoria sat on the English throne. The Christian queen chose Benjamin Disraeli as prime minister. PM for two terms, he was the first Jew with a prominent role in the government. Disraeli was her closest friend and confidante until her reclusion after her husband, Albert, died.<sup>4</sup>

When she gained international sovereignty in the Near East, Disraeli named her, "Empress of India." <sup>5</sup> By 1900 her empire had grown to become the largest in history, with a fourth of the earth's land mass and a fifth of its population.<sup>6</sup> English became the universal second language, and the gospel circled the globe.

In a letter to Lord Rothschild in 1917, England's Secretary of State Balfour proposed British-ruled Palestine for the Jews. After WW1 the "Balfour Declaration of Intent to Establish a Zionist State for the Jews"<sup>7</sup> was made international law by the "Palestine Mandate" at the San Remo Conference<sup>8</sup> in Italy on April 25, 1920. Its borders were defined by the Allies till April 1921 when oil-rich Arabs pressed Great Britain for more land.<sup>9</sup>

Arabs allegedly populated 90% of all the land, so Churchill partitioned 77% as Trans-Jordan, east of the river. The League of Nations offered 23% of the original land grant for the Jews.

In 1938 Hitler invaded German-speaking European lands. In an effort to avoid conflict with the Nazis, Neville Chamberlain proposed annexing the land around Czechoslovakia and added its natural resources for Hitler in the infamous "Munich Pact."<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup>

Out of Parliament, Winston Churchill, who loved the Jews, could only watch as Britain's "White Paper" suppressed Jewish immigration and limited their land holdings in what had become British Palestine.<sup>12</sup> He was incensed. Then in May 1940, politics changed. After appeasement failed, the prime minister resigned, and the king chose Churchill to lead the empire when *a man's heart was given to it:* the new prime minister's passion for Israel helped guide the course of World War Two.<sup>13</sup> [*Aram.: lebab, heart*]

Certain God had chosen him, the man was fearless. Germany bombed London while newsreels caught Winston as he walked her streets, lifting people from the ruins. Brits were thrilled by the king's choice whose courage rallied their nation. Churchill's gifts of oratory and diplomacy won Roosevelt's favor as well, but after the war, the PM lost reelection to a socialist with no sympathy for the Jews.

#### The Bear

Following the fall of Tsar Nicholas II in Russia's February 1917 Revolution, various parties vied for power.<sup>14</sup> A provisional government stepped in.<sup>15</sup> The fallen bear had risen up on one side when three leaders incited a socialist revolution, and the bear took them in. Their voices established the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1922, and communism captured a nation.<sup>16</sup>

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

He was a Jew, but Karl Marx rejected God. In his career as a political journalist, together with a benefactor, Friedrich Engels, he wrote and published "The Communist Manifesto" in 1848.<sup>17</sup> Interest in the booklet increased after their deaths. In twenty-five years, Vladimir Lenin, Josef Stalin, and Leon Trotsky believed in Marx's revolutionary theory to create the USSR. Lenin spear-headed the October Revolution of 1917 and overcame the rising provisional government to make the state its people's god.<sup>18</sup>

"The Communist Manifesto" is an idyllic return to the feudal class system with elitists, ruling a government as land lords over the working class, abolishing the middle class who provide jobs for the proletariat.<sup>19</sup> Absent of faith in God, his words held the attention of violent men who'd control massive populations.

After executing the tsar with his wife and children, Lenin's premiership was undisputed. Trotsky led its Red Army.<sup>20</sup> Stalin became the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party until Lenin's death in 1924 when he replaced him. As premier he ordered the execution of the intelligentsia, killing or imprisoning millions of suspected rivals and enemies with Jews and Christians. A Jew himself, Trotsky absconded to Mexico where his comrade ordered his assassination in 1940.<sup>21</sup>

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#### The Terrible Beast

Pillaged by the Visigoths in 410, Rome fell to the Vandals in 476. The city paid Attila, the fiercest tribal king, to stay out, but his Huns drove the other tribes in. After Attila's death in 453, most of the tribes disbanded throughout Europa, but the Huns migrated to Austria and Germania where they raised families.<sup>22</sup>

In 752 Pope Stephen II (III) got hold of a false document and claimed Rome as its imperial pope. Using the "Donation of Constantine," long after the emperor's death, Stephen hired Pippin II to conquer the tribes and to win Italia's central cities for the church.<sup>23</sup> In his fear of the oppressor, he bowed to the deceiver.

In 800 Leo III, a pope, crowned Charlemagne, Pippin's first son. The so-called "Holy Roman Emperor" was king of France while ruling the nomadic Lombards.<sup>24</sup> Among the kingless years, popes made lords of fiefs and kinglets their "holy emperors."<sup>25</sup>

In 962 John XII sought protection from jihadists, looking to the infamous Otto the Great of Germania to shield the church.<sup>26</sup> Otto had no formal government or capital city, which was true of many other church "emperors." German kings often fought on behalf of the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation," the (H)REGN, for her remaining eight hundred forty-four years.

The ancient city became the façade of her capital; without a government, only Rome's relics remained. Hundreds of lands—fiefs, cities, villages, and duchies—folk without nations became her church empire whose serfs were defenseless.<sup>27</sup> She hired mercenaries who enforced her dogma and oppressed millions.

Prior to 1059, emperors chose or deposed popes by disputes, power grabs, corruption, and scandals. Popes controlled kings for centuries, threatening to excommunicate them, which they feared would predestine them to hell. Bible believers were sent to prison, tortured, and burned at the stake for having a Bible, preaching the gospel, praying in their native tongue, or rejecting the church's orthodox dogma. [Lat.: *orthos* + *doxa* = right opinion] Jews and Muslims were also slain.<sup>28</sup>

Napoleon's victory of 1806 ended the era of the imperialist church and favored the Jews. His French Confederation was a watershed in history. He revolutionized education, encouraged the arts, and reformed the government, merging its lands. But at last, he declared Catholicism as the official religion of France.<sup>29</sup>

England, Prussia, and Holland defeated Bonaparte at Waterloo in 1816. The Congress of Vienna (1815) consolidated its lands as thirty-nine states, the German Federation, ruled by Austria till Prussia won the Seven Weeks' War (in 1866).<sup>30</sup> Kaiser Wilhelm I halted the French invasion, securing the Federation for Prussia in 1870. Otto von Bismarck, his "Iron Chancellor," made Berlin its capital in 1871 and became its minister-president.<sup>31</sup>

#### **The Little Dictator**

As he lay in bed dreaming, Daniel envisioned the tumultuous Mediterranean Sea, *and four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.* Supernatural kings (7:17) like the red dragon worked by men. The most formidable one had ten horns on its head, the same horns John saw on the scarlet beast over six centuries later. But look—a little horn came up after them! (7:8)

Exactly five years after a political assassination presaged the First World War, on June 28, 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed to go into effect in January 1920. It split the empires into twelve nations; two were politically neutral. Ten kings <u>received</u> their crowns in a treaty, not as victories of war.<sup>32</sup> (Rev. 17:12) In another twelve years, a corporal was rising in Germany. (7:8)

Gabriel spoke to Daniel and described the kingdom that rose just over a century after its church empire fell. Ten horns rose in central Europe, the red dragon's earlier domain, and a little horn came up after the ten; as a chancellor, he'd become the Führer.

A seemingly insignificant corporal received a scarlet beast as the eighth king of the seven. In a little eleventh horn, he looked like a man but spoke great, pompous, words like the dragon *(in 7:7-8)*, denigrating the Jews and exalting the Arian race. After the seventh king, ten others rose; the scarlet beast was the eighth as a man in the odd little horn. (Dan. 7:8, p. 21; cf. Rev. 17:11-12)

They said the Great War would end all war, but hard times were in the air. For twelve years, Germans lived in the ashes and memories of ruined hopes when the Great Depression overcame them. Having lost their sons in the war, poverty deepened their despair. Disheartened, they cried out for hope and a future.

An Austrian citizen, Adolf Hitler was convicted of treason and released from prison after serving eight months of an already lenient five-year sentence.<sup>33</sup> He applied for German citizenship and signed up for the National Socialist German Worker's Party, known as Nazis. Thirty years after Bismarck, he mesmerized the Germans, captivating their population with passionate speeches, full of promises, vanities, and convictions.

In 1932 Hitler ran for president but with only one-third the vote, he lost. Hindenburg, the incumbent, returned to office in failing health and chose the former corporal as his chancellor. Leading the armed forces, he'd hold the second highest office in the land. By his emergency powers, he subverted competitors. The Parliament building burst into flames, the crisis by which he put laws, civil rights, education, and culture under Nazi control.<sup>34</sup>

It didn't take long; Hitler merged the roles of president and chancellor to form a new government before Hindenburg died on August 2, 1934.<sup>35</sup> Then he put his actions to the vote and won by an overwhelming margin as *der Führer*, "the leader." Pinning runaway inflation on the Jews, he vowed, "Change!" and was a hero to his listeners, commanding their confidence.<sup>36</sup> Like the god of this world, the man influenced tens of millions who clung to his every word.

Crafting a pledge of personal allegiance, he ordered his army to honor its words as each soldier dedicated his life. The people confidently followed suit en masse as he dismissed a democratic republic for the national socialist government of Nazism.<sup>37</sup>

Europa had been shattered by ten kings without a kingdom centuries before; then its lands were lost in WW1. (Rev. 17:12) After the war, the ten received their crowns by its treaty in 1920 but gave them to the dragon; that's how he won an empire. This passage reveals the German Empire under the eighth king:

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. (Rev. 17:12-13 NASB) [This was the scarlet beast.]

Impassioned crowds idolized Hitler, hanging his picture on their walls. His minions silenced the opposition by propaganda, infiltrating radio, cinema, and the press. Ten kings empowered him after *three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots (in 7:8)*. He easily took three, like pulling up weeds, roots and all: <sup>38</sup>

1.) **Germany**'s republic fell after President Hindenburg died. From corporal to chancellor to Führer, Hitler put the issue to a

vote. 95% of those who registered allegedly voted; 88% of the plebiscite ostensibly agreed.<sup>39</sup> A soft coup changed the republic into a Nazi state, and a dictator took control of its government.

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, the king conceded without a shot as thousands went to the streets to welcome the tyrrant.<sup>40</sup> Her people received the deceiver.

3.) **Czechoslovakia** was a gift to Hitler in the Munich Pact, signed September 30, 1938, by Britain, Germany, France, and Italy. It infamously gave Sudetenland, i.e., German-speaking areas encircling the nation, to Hitler as "land for peace." As an afterthought, the rights to electrical power, coal, and steel were included for the man who owned Czechoslovakia in a day.<sup>41</sup>

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

The Rhineland, a buffer zone, loved him, but Belgium stood against him. He took northern Italy, western Poland, and France, once partly in the REGN.<sup>42</sup> Ten horns agreed: *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.* (*Rev. 17:13*) Every attempt to end it failed.

<sup>20</sup> and <u>the ten horns that were on its head</u>, and the other *horn* which came up, <u>before which three fell</u>, 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 plucked up Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia; then took Poland, Yugoslavia, France, Luxembourg, Italy, and small but strategic Belgium and the Netherlands, marking the map for more.<sup>43</sup> It wasn't difficult for him, because their kings were his own horns. Though the beast *prevailed over* the saints, God gave them the Kingdom and sent him to perdition. (7:21-22; Rev. 17:8)

Daniel's saints were Jews—*the holy people* in 165 BC (foreknown in Dan. 8:24). Of nine million European Jews, one in three survived, some in the clandestine shelter of monasteries.

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#### The Altar of Pergamos

In 1889 a pagan altar was transported from Pergamos to Berlin. (Rev. 2:13) In 1930 its construction was finished, and Berlin's Pergamos Museum housed the Altar of Zeus, aka "the Altar of Satan."<sup>44</sup> Two thousand years earlier, Romans joined Greeks who offered human sacrifices on it; they visited its site in the early centuries when killing Christians was a sport.<sup>45</sup> In 1941 the holocaust began in Germany. [A *holocaust* was a burnt sacrifice on an altar.]

Neither the kaiser [*caesar*] nor von Bismarck the chancellor was the little horn. (7:8) Its prophecy waited for the man to rise after the ten horns received their crowns. Then the terrible beast spoke by his voice who boasted of a super race and targeted the Jews. A staunch Darwinist, Adolf Hitler propagated the devilish idea of ethnic cleansing; half a world away, another philosopher, Margaret Sanger, agreed. The blasphemous beast had taken them in.<sup>46</sup> On May 22, 1939, Mussolini and Hitler signed an agreement for international defense. Their "Pact of Friendship and Alliance" was called the "Pact of Steel." <sup>47</sup>

Hirohito of Japan joined them in the "Tripartite Pact," which allegedly agreed 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 <u>ultimate aspirations for world peace</u> may be realized." <sup>48</sup> Though multitudes believed them, they were all deceived.

The truculent strategist groomed an army of terrorists, and the ten kings whose nations he'd gain agreed. "Change!" appealed to the masses, not imagining his intentions. Under his command, nations committed atrocities. Catholic and Protestant clergy ignored the genocide and the apostle's warnings to not boast against the Jews. (Rom. 11:18) The Vatican agreed by "compromise and conciliation" as the devil led an empire whose ancestry was Hunnic while the Great Depression abetted the rise of Nazism and its cruel holocaust.<sup>49</sup>

<sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. (Zec. 13:8)

Germany was one of the largest nations in Europe, yet Hitler convinced its people to shed blood for more land as in the Far East Hirohito did the same. Mussolini and Hirohito added to the war dead—sixty million souls; one-tenth were Jews. The founder of radical Islam also colluded with Hitler against the Jews.<sup>50</sup>

Martin Luther discovered the scripture for everlasting life by grace through faith and turned men's blindness into sight, but in later writings, his animus for the Jews blinded him. [Stiff-necked to believe, Jews were blinded for the nations to see; they'd be cut off but grafted into their olive tree again. As unnatural branches, gentiles can also be cut off from the tree—unless we walk in the kindness of God.<sup>51</sup> (Rom. 11:22)] Generations read the scornful, anti-Semitic words that abetted a holocaust. At the judgment seat of Christ, we'll each give account for our deeds, good or evil, when every idle word we speak is judged. (Mat. 12:36)

November 9, 1938, *Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass,* authorized Germans to pillage Jewish shops, smash windows, ruin merchandise, and vandalize their homes, making Jews pay for the damages. Nazis banned their meetings and burned their synagogues and books, even Bibles! <sup>52</sup> Bigotry intensified from denigration to rock-throwing and molestation to public murder.

In 1941-44 the German army entered Leningrad, Moscow, and Stalingrad, killing Jews along the way.<sup>53</sup> Attacks against their own allies resulted in German troops starving or freezing to death in the war that finally ended with a Russian flag at the top of the Reichstag in Berlin.

#### **Quick like a Leopard!**

After calling out for wisdom, the leopard shot through this writer in a vision like a high-speed documentary on America at war! Pursuing it by faith, all she needed to know came with time.

President Woodrow Wilson appointed a former senator from New York Franklin D. Roosevelt as 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 paralyzed half his body, he met the challenge to win the 1932 election.<sup>54</sup> 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 led to the Great Depression.<sup>55</sup> World economies dried up before America's Great Drought ended ten years later.<sup>56</sup>

After losing her boys in the war, in January 1941 her people resisted the idea of engaging in another foreign war, but on March 11, Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, lending battle-ships to British, Chinese, and Russian forces.<sup>57</sup> America readily supported Britain's Royal Navy by supplying them with ships in the Atlantic where her own East Coast was threatened.

December 7, 1941: the U.S. naval base was bombed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where most of her ships were anchored. Out of the blue, Japanese planes destroyed her navy.<sup>58</sup> Two thousand four hundred and three died on the day that ended isolationism.<sup>59</sup>

On December 8, 1941, Roosevelt addressed a joint session of Congress with the "Declaration of Intent to Declare War."<sup>60</sup> The Senate voted 82–0 and the House, 388–1.<sup>61</sup> December 11: Hitler and Mussolini declared war on America.<sup>62</sup>

After the catastrophes that preceded the Second World War, the president saw the way to victory over enemies who may have otherwise consumed the free world. The nation's faith in God was crucial; providentially, his courage was contagious.

WW1 politics had weakened her armed forces. She'd begun rebuilding her air force but lacked trained troops, tanks, jeeps, ships, artillery, submarines, machine guns, rifles, hand guns, airplanes, canons, ammunition, uniforms, backpacks, k-rations, and canteens—all the essentials for 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.

Joash sought Elisha for advice to defeat Aram. The prophet who came after Elijah told him to strike a bunch of arrows on the ground. He hit dirt three times, angering Elisha. Three weren't enough. Five or six would have destroyed the enemy; its victory depended on the king's passion to win. (2 K. 13:14-19; cf. 2 K. 2)

In 1942 in his "State of the Union" message, the president spoke to Congress and the national radio audience: "<u>Speed</u> 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!" <sup>63</sup>

Roosevelt emphasized "speed" four times, calling for the leopard whose main attribute is its speed. Soon the president was given the speed he required. His resonant voice commanded the nation's greatest victory.

"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." <sup>64</sup> Entering the conflict two years and three months late, "American industry provided nearly two-thirds of all the Allied military equipment produced during the war." <sup>65</sup>

Americans sacrificed what had seemed essential but paled in comparison to helping their boys fight for freedom. Hollywood inspired them to buy war bonds and use ration cards. Women and men, retirees, the unemployed, the physically and mentally challenged—people of diverse races and faiths, went to work for the war. Afterward the adage was, "The War was won at home."

When the leopard propelled America to oppose tyranny, she strengthened the Allies in Europe first. At its tipping point, her troops rescued Jews and political prisoners in concentration and death camps. They were among the many heroes whose generals, though steeled in battle, wept for the gaunt survivors.

Roosevelt infuriated Republican critics when the Supreme Court agreed to pass his "Executive Order 9066 for the Internment of Japanese Citizens."<sup>66</sup> He said it would avert a national crisis, but the country never forgot its 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 homeland, reestablishing the whole house of Israel for His Kingdom to come. (Is. 40:1-5; Jer. 16:16-18; Rev. 7:1-8)

America rushed to a war half a world away, conscripting her sons into the greatest conflict of all. Her leaders publicly prayed for the wisdom, strength, and help of God, and the God of Israel was with her. She rose when an eagle and a leopard went to war as one. And while her beast had been an eagle, she gained the speed of a leopard with the strength of the eagle's wings in her Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps; thus, she rescued freedom from the jaws and claws of the terrible beast. [Michael joined Gabriel in a war against the prince of Persia until the prince of Greece came. (Dan. 10:13) This happened again when two kings, together as one, went to war.] Its wings were on the lion's back till 1776 but on the leopard's back in WW2, *and dominion was given to it (in 7: 6)* — to the leopard, not to the bird. Finally, the wings of a great eagle took Israel home. (Rev. 12:14)

The scarlet beast *devoured and broke in pieces* the same lands when its ten horns led barbaric tribes centuries before their kingdoms. Later the alliance led by the three beasts defeated the dragon: *the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame. (7:11)* In 2013 his bodyguard revealed Hitler had ordered his body burnt and buried to prevent its discovery.<sup>67</sup>

Jews were the *holy ones*, the saints in Dan. 8:24. After His vengeance, God addressed His promise to the patriarchs, *and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High*, and *the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom*. (7:22) He'd establish the Kingdom of David by first restoring Israel to their homeland, faithful in His words to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David, and to His oracles throughout the Scriptures.

After Roosevelt's death, Japan killed more than 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, 1945, he dropped the H-bomb on Hiroshima.<sup>68</sup> He targeted Nagasaki three days later, and the leopard was given dominion. (Dan. 7:6; Rev. 13:2) American troops soon covered the earth as its peace-keepers.

#### Israel's Great Sin

Israel's history proves God judges sin. In 70 AD He sent His enemies to judge His nation. God's judgments were terrible, but their sin was odious to Him when He scattered them throughout the gentile world for two thousand years.

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

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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) <sup>24</sup> 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)

God sent His messages to the nations by the Gregorian calendar. The number one represents unity; three stands for the triune God; four for the earth; five is for grace or provision; six is for man; seven, completion or perfection; eight, a new start; ten is for judgment; twelve for the fathers; forty for testing; fifty is for liberty; seventy for the wisdom of the elders.

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 ghettos to work camps in late 1941. Europe's first death camp in Chelmno, Poland, was operational December 8, the day America declared war on Japan.<sup>69</sup> First anchoring in Normandy in 1942, the Allies ended the war in Europe on May 8, 1945, three years and five months later, while their forces were in the Pacific.

After Kristallnacht, six years and six months to the day, the Allies shut down the last death camp, Stutthof, on May 9, 1945, after about six million Jews were murdered in Europe.<sup>71</sup> When events divide the times, Providence is at work.

September 1, 1939: Hitler raided Poland; on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Britain and France declared war. Its war in the Pacific ended September 2, 1945; the world war's peace arrived in the midst of its dates.

#### What's a Head?

The four heads of the leopard were not kings, but its leaders, just as *rosh* described Israel's tribal leaders  $\{349x\}$ . [Aram.:  $r\ddot{e}'sh$  is "head" in Dan 7.]

<sup>6</sup> "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast <u>also had four heads</u>, and dominion was given to it. (Dan. 7:6 NKJV) [Aram.: *owph*, bird  $\{73x\}$ . KJV has "fowls" that eat flesh and fly  $\{42x\}$ , but fowl is archaic; bird is correct.]

The U.S. Constitution names four officials as its legislative, executive, and judicial heads: the president, speaker of the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, and chief justice of the Supreme Court serve in the government's system of checks and balances as the leaders of its four bodies, each with unique assignments within its three branches.<sup>72</sup> Their duties are in the first three articles; these are their basic responsibilities:

In Article 1 the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate [the VP] are the heads of each body. Each house appoints a speaker and other officers. Their elected officials propose and vote on taxation and revenue bills, and laws for the operation of the federal government, not infringing on the states' authorities.

The House can impeach a president for bribery, treason, high crimes, and misdemeanors; the Senate tries impeachment cases. Their qualifications, duties, and powers are in Sections 1–10.

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, federal judges, justices of the Supreme Court, and other public ministers.

The president may grant reprieves and pardons; ensures laws are rightly executed; He may convene or adjourn one or both houses of Congress only in extraordinary times. He/she ratifies or vetoes congressional bills, but Congress can turn a veto by a two-thirds vote in each house. He/she establishes national policy and makes trade pacts, ratified by Congress. See Article 2.

The chief justice leads the Supreme Court as approved by Congress. The court determines the constitutionality of laws and treaties; tries cases of public ministers, ambassadors, and consuls; of individuals and states; those between states, and those of national concern. See the eight sections of Article 3.

#### Approaching the Throne

<sup>13</sup> these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; <sup>14</sup> 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. 17:13-14 YLT) Re: The ten kings receive kingdoms.

In the distant past, the apostles watched as He ascended to a cloud, but in the mystery of eternity, Daniel observed the Son of man, rising into heaven out of the clouds after His victory at war. Holy angels brought Him face to face with the Father:

13	"I was watching in the night visions,
	And behold, <u>One like the Son of Man</u> ,
	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 <i>is</i> an everlasting dominion,
	Which shall not pass away,
	And His kingdom the one
	Which shall not be destroyed. (Dan. 7:13-14 NKJV)

February 4–11, 1945, Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt met in Yalta on the Crimean Peninsula to partition Germany and make plans for the UN.<sup>74</sup> Seven weeks after the war, the Allies signed its charter in a skating rink in Flushing Meadows, NY. Article 80, page 15, avers the Balfour Declaration as international law.<sup>75</sup>

Afterward the UN agreed to change the international law and granted the Golan Heights to Syria in exchange for oil, despite the alliance with Hitler that cost their sons' lives. On November 29, 1947, UN Resolution 181 gave the Jews a meager part of the original land grant.<sup>76</sup> The general secretary of the UN announced its tally as the Jews listened to their RCA Victors at home: "33 yes; 13 against; 10 abstentions."<sup>77</sup> Great Britain abstained.

One of a commonwealth of fifty-four nations, her king is the figurehead of the UK: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.<sup>78</sup> Great Britain no longer exists. The Brits fell silent and lost an empire by 1952, but the Jews won the vote: 33, "Yes."

African and European borders were decided in Italy twentyfive years earlier; in 1947 they increased, but the Jews' borders decreased.<sup>79</sup> On May 14, 1948: the Jews acquiesced; Israel was given 12% of the land that was legally granted in 1945.<sup>80</sup> The celebration ended when Egyptian warplanes roared above their heads at midnight, and a war for independence began.<sup>81</sup> History fulfills its prophecies of their return, but resentment remains for the little nation that belongs to God; nevertheless, He repays her enemies because this is about His faithfulness to His promises.

Jacob was in their genes and God beside them when the Jews reentered the Promised Land to face the giants again. As it was with Joshua, a small, inexperienced army fought the battlehardened troops of Egypt, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Iraq. The war ended in March 1949 with Israel holding her ground for the world to know her Redeemer is the LORD.

In 1967 her adversaries built up their arms again, declaring her destruction, but the Six Day War began in June with a preemptive strike by the Jews. Israel regained Samaria ["the West Bank"]; Mt. Hermon [her Golan Heights], and Old Jerusalem. They restored the oil-rich Sinai to Egypt for peace. <sup>82</sup> (Lk. 21:24)

And <u>the rest of the beasts have caused their dominion to pass</u> <u>away</u>: (7:12a YLT) The Big Three controlled Germany after the war, but Britain and the U.S. abdicated, favoring the republic's return to West Berlin. In 1989 the USSR economy collapsed, and a bankrupt Russia left East Berlin.<sup>83</sup> All three had created the UN but gave up their authority over it, causing their dominion to pass away, yet they have continued *for a season and a time.* (7:12b)

He recalls the vision, but Daniel wants to hear more about the last beast. The heavenly man seems redundant, but is he? (7:23-27) Would the fourth beast return? *The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom, diverse from all kingdoms, and <u>shall devour</u> <u>the whole earth</u>. And the ten horns <u>out of this kingdom</u> are ten kings that <u>shall arise</u>: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first. (7:23-24) The fourth beast (in Dan. 7:8) was the Third Reich; out of it, a fourth kingdom rises with ten kings to consume the whole earth (in Rev. 13:1-2, 11).* 

#### **A Deceiver's Diversity**

The dragon gives a fourth empire his power, his throne, and great authority (in Rev. 13:1). The angel is not repetitive, saying, *the ten horns out of this kingdom shall arise: and another shall rise after them ... diverse from the first.* The *first* to rise after them was a little horn; *another* rises after them as *a beast* with *two horns like a lamb (in Rev. 13:11).* The plan is to overtake them by humbling [abasing] them, thereby reigning over all the earth.

After the dragon carried the spirit of Babylon to Rome, he took his altar to Berlin, which had recently become a capital city.

When his Third Reich fell, he gave <u>his throne</u> to the alliance of the leopard, the bear, and the lion for a fourth empire and a capital for his city's spirit. (Rev. 13:2) Like no other, by his ten crowned horns and seven heads, the scarlet beast *devours the whole earth (in 7:23; Rev. 13:1-2, 7-8)*.

The Big Three created the UN; Alger Hiss wrote its charter after the war; twenty-six allies signed it on June 26, 1945.<sup>84</sup> An alliance rose as a beast for an empire ... 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) But the dragon is a usurper.

*Out of this kingdom* [the German Empire], *the ten horns are ten kings that shall arise* [on the next beast]. <u>Another rises</u> after the ten but diverse from when he first rose after them to pluck up three; next he rises after them to abase three, putting down, or subduing them. (Rev. 13:11) This time, he has neither ten horns and seven heads nor iron teeth and brass claws, but is a beast with two horns like a lamb and speaks as a dragon. (in Rev. 13:1) Nevertheless, he takes authority over the alliance: And he shall subdue three kings (Dan 7:24; Rev 13:12)—namely, the three that got his throne.

A change occurs, alluding to the dragon who's exposed by the history that hounds him. He often looks like a little horn, but always sounds like a dragon—a deceiver, seducer, and destroyer. If we don't love the truth and live by it, we'll remain in the world that falls for his lies.

The scarlet beast's Third Reich wins ten kingdoms; then conquers several others. Long ago he'd crushed and consumed his victims and tromped underfoot whatever remained. (7:7) Next, he rises to consume the world, *and treads it down, and breaks it in pieces* by breaking its nations and overcoming the saints with fears and deceptions (in Rev.13:7). Everyone whose name is not in the Scroll of Life worships him. (13:7-8)

Bestial forms can alter. [Aram.  $sh^e n\hat{a}$  is diverse  $\{5x\}$ , but is change/alter  $\{16x\}$ ] The red dragon is a serpent, a scarlet beast, a terrible beast, and *another beast coming up out of the earth* ... with *two horns like a lamb (in Rev. 13:11)*. One of ten kings ruled in Berlin, the first of three kingdoms, *plucked up by the roots*. The scarlet beast (in Rev. 17) entered Rome as a usurper, and then

went to Berlin as an insurrectionist. Berlin took a deadly wound; the war ended, and the terrible beast was slain, but its wound was finally healed for the dragon to rise before the end of the age once more. These are the appointed times, which Jesus described in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 17 and 21.

As the end began, the eagle carried Israel to her homeland. When Messiah returns, the Kingdom is given *to the people of the saints,* Jews and the converted gentiles who reign with Him.

Grafted into the olive tree of Israel, the elect of all nations fulfill God's promise to Abraham, reigning as kings and priests over the nations in the Kingdom of David until all things are put under Yeshua's feet:

> <sup>4</sup> "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.
> <sup>5</sup> No longer shall you be named Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. (Gen. 17:4-6 NASB)

Only the chosen and proven ones, not all, are *the people of the saints* who rule with Jesus Christ. (Rev. 20:4-6; Gen. 18:18-19; cf. 22:17-18; 26:4-5; Romans 9; Eph. 2:19-20) Keeping this in mind, we should prepare for the future before it passes away.