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## About Jigsaw Puzzles

Several months ago, I visited a local discount bookstore and purchased a jigsaw puzzle of a map of the world. I encouraged myself, “Five hundred pieces won’t take a genius.”

As I began organizing the shapes and colors and separating their piles, I was certain I was short-changed. There didn’t seem to be enough pieces to frame the thing. It perturbed me that I’d expected a complete puzzle from a discount store. I said to myself, “Well, you get what you pay for!” Nevertheless I decided to put the pieces together as well as I could without all the parts and with many pieces that didn’t look like they belonged at all.

Persevering to finish what I began, I remembered the puzzle our family spent weeks putting together. It was at least a thousand pieces, all the same shape and nearly the same color—blue and gray dinosaurs in a swamp. Five of us worked in our spare time till completing it. We learned one thing: **Don’t throw out the puzzle before putting all of its pieces in their places.**

Finally after testing my patience, the 500 pieces found their spots, and the whole world came together! That was a satisfying and a sobering moment. As I looked back on it, I saw how wrong I was about the shapes not fitting. At times I didn’t understand where the parts went, but when I tried them, if they fit they stayed. At last they all worked perfectly, and its border neatly framed the entire puzzle. Not one single piece was missing and no extras remained. Its proper parts were there all along.

Writing this book was a lot like putting that puzzle together. Some pieces were hard to understand. How could they be what they were? I called out, “How can that be?” And He replied with a vision. I said, “This is hard to believe!” But when I believed, it made perfect sense. The more I believed, the more He revealed until all of its pieces fit, and I saw the world in a new way.

I was able to write these books because I wasn’t writing them alone. I asked the questions; His Spirit gave the answers. It took a team. I believed my Father as I wrote, and He responded faithfully. After all, these books were His idea, not mine.

*Unveiled!* was written by faith and for faith because without faith, it is impossible to please God. Study the words and believe God only. Think outside the box. In Revelation’s fifth chapter, the elders sing that only the Lamb is worthy to take and unseal its scroll. As we exercise our faith, we recognize His voice.

# **Wild Beasts!**

## **CHAPTER 1**

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. <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. <sup>8</sup>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.

<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.

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<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 of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

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- <sup>23</sup> “Thus he said: ‘As for the fourth beast,  
there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth,  
which shall be different from all the kingdoms,  
and it shall devour the whole earth,  
and trample it down, and break it to pieces.
- <sup>24</sup> As for the ten horns,  
out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise,  
and another shall arise after them;  
he shall be different from the former ones,  
and shall put down three kings.
- <sup>25</sup> He shall speak words against the Most High,  
and shall wear out the saints of the Most High,  
and shall think to change the times and the law;  
and they shall be given into his hand  
for a time, times, and half a time.
- <sup>26</sup> But the court shall sit in judgment,  
and his dominion shall be taken away,  
to be consumed and destroyed to the end.
- <sup>27</sup> And the kingdom and the dominion  
and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole  
heaven  
shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most  
High;  
his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,  
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.’
- <sup>28</sup> “Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart.” (Dan. 7:1-28 ESV)

## **The Sea**

Daniel’s first vision was in the first twelve verses. Named thirteen other times in the Word, *the Great Sea* (vs. 2) is without a doubt the Mediterranean Sea.<sup>1</sup> The prophecy took Daniel west, far from Babylon, to where victims would gain a kingdom. (7:18) In a picture the sea was stirred as tumultuous times came from deep places. The four beasts rose up—not just from *a sea* or out of *many waters* as from a multitude, but from *the Great Sea*, His angels prodded the kings to take their places in time. Daniel wrote *the sum of the matters*; this was an overview. (7:1)

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He saw *the Great Sea* (KJV, NASB, YLT, TLV), ... *And four great beasts came up from the sea* (7:3) as the metaphors for supernatural kings and their great kingdoms. The four beasts had fallen into the sea and were rising from it to engage in warfare.

In 7:17 we learn the four kings were also men. They warred over the world after the Great War, which they said would end all war but didn't. Daniel inquired to understand the specific details of the events. In 7:21 *the same horn* warred against the saints and prevailed until the Ancient of Days gave the saints the kingdom but slew the beast.

### **The Lion**

<sup>4</sup> 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)

The rampant lion upright on two feet has been England since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Earlier her lion had been standing on all fours. The first to adopt the lion as the symbol on the Great Seal was King Richard the Lion Heart in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>2</sup> James I set the lion upright on two feet in 1603; in 1611 the king commissioned a translation of the Holy Bible into the English language.<sup>3</sup>

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

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

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

During WW1 Britain's Secretary of State Arthur Balfour proposed the British-ruled Palestine for the Jews in 1917. By the

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cabinet's approval, a letter went to Lord Rothschild, and "The Balfour Declaration of Intent to Establish a Zionist State for the Jews" became international law in the British Palestine Mandate at the San Remo Conference in Italy in 1920-22.<sup>7</sup> Its borders were defined by the Allies until April 1921 when the oil-rich Arab nations pressured Britain.<sup>8</sup> Since Arabs populated 90% of the land, Churchill agreed to partition 77% east of the Jordan River as "Trans-Jordan."<sup>9</sup> The League of Nations approved the plan, leaving 23% for the Jews, but the League lacked the power of a military force to implement its laws.

In 1938 Hitler invaded German-speaking European lands. To avoid conflict with the growing threat of Nazism, in a peace proposal, PM Neville Chamberlain annexed the Sudetenland and its natural resources to Germany by the infamous Munich Pact.<sup>10</sup> But Hitler proved land for peace wasn't what he wanted. When the Germans attacked Poland on September 1, 1939, Britain and France allied against him but were too late.<sup>11</sup>

Out of Parliament Winston Churchill, who loved the Jews, watched as "the White Paper" suppressed Jewish immigration and limited their land holdings in what was British Palestine. He was infuriated.<sup>12</sup> The situation changed in May 1940 when the Prime Minister resigned, and the King chose Churchill to replace him and lead Britain for the rest of the war.

When Germany bombed London, newsreels caught Winston walking her streets to lift people from the rubble, inspiring his nation and lifting her out of despair.<sup>13</sup> Encouraged by the King's choice, the Brits' renewed hope strengthened them.

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

## **The Bear**

After the fall of the Russian Tsar during the February 1917 Revolution,<sup>15</sup> various rival parties vied for power. An ineffectual Provisional Government stepped in.<sup>16</sup> Soon the fallen bear rose up on one side by responding to three fascist leaders who cried

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out for a socialist revolution. Their voices framed the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1922.<sup>17</sup>

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

Karl Marx (1818-83) and Friedrich Engels (1820-95) were Germans living in England when they designed “The Communist Manifesto” in 1848.<sup>18</sup> After their deaths their socialist theories grew popular. In twenty-five years Vladimir Lenin, Josef Stalin, and Leon Trotsky formed the USSR by implementing its revolutionary ideas that called for violence and bloodshed.

The Bolshevik October Revolution of 1917, spearheaded by Lenin, ousted the Provisional Government.<sup>19</sup> After ordering the deaths of the Tsar and his family, Lenin was the undisputed head of the nation. Trotsky led its Red Army.<sup>20</sup> Stalin was General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party until Lenin’s death in 1924 when he took his place.<sup>21</sup> After he ordered death sentences of the Russian *intelligentsia*, ten million political opponents were executed including Christians and Jews. Leon Trotsky 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. But the fiercest and most terrible tribes had driven the others into the city. These were the Huns who settled in Germania where they intermarried and raised families.<sup>22</sup>

In the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Stephen II gained the Papal States in Italy though his armies weren’t Roman, but French when Pepin the Short went to war against the Lombards to win the central cities for Rome.<sup>23</sup> In 800 Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne<sup>24</sup> as the first “Christian Emperor” though he was king of France and of the Lombards. Afterward rulers of fiefs and kinglets were made emperors—at times with kingless years between them.<sup>25</sup>

In 962 Pope John XII,<sup>26</sup> seeking protection from Muslim marauders, looked for a more brutal king and turned to the King of Germania Otto the Great to protect Rome’s church. But Otto

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had no capital city or established form of government, often the case with the “Holy Roman Emperors” who, incidentally, were not very saintly. [From then on, it would be the REGN, i.e., the Roman Empire of the German Nation, its lesser known title.]

Most of its emperors had ruled small regions of Europe. Few had a capital city other than Rome’s façade for eight hundred forty-four years. Unlike all others, the Roman Empire morphed into a conglomeration of hundreds of territories and fiefs, hiring mercenaries to protect the church and enforce her dogma.<sup>27</sup>

<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. (Dan. 7:23)

Prior to 1059 the emperors chose and deposed popes, ending in disputes, power grabs, corruption, and scandals. Through the centuries, popes controlled kings by threatening them with the rite of excommunication, condemning them to hell. Jews and Bible believers were tortured and burned at the stake for their disagreements with Rome’s *orthodoxy*, i.e., “right opinion.”<sup>28</sup> It should not surprise us when Jews turn away from the gospel if we consider their history of persecution by the church.

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. Consolidating its lands, he reduced hundreds to one hundred, but Bonaparte’s greatest impact on history was his dissolution of the REGN.<sup>29</sup> After his defeat at Waterloo by the Anglo-Dutch and Prussian armies, the Council of Vienna further merged its lands in 1816.<sup>30</sup>

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Prussian Otto von Bismarck built the second German Empire “... by iron and blood,” he said.<sup>31</sup> “The Iron Chancellor” defeated thirty-nine nations and restored Germany’s empire by reproducing Rome’s. His 2<sup>nd</sup> Reich came fifty-five years after Napoleon. For the first time in history, she had a capital in 1871 prior to its purchase of the Altar of Zeus that was in Pergamon, Turkey.<sup>32</sup> Thirty years after Bismarck, an Austrian was mesmerizing the German population. They were drawn by his promises and passionate oratory.

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### **The Little Dictator**

In 1914 a political assassination incited WW1, “The Great War.” (1914-18) Five years to the day, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, dividing Austro-Hungary and Germany and forming twelve nations from central Europe.<sup>33</sup> Liechtenstein and Switzerland were politically neutral. The rest filled the footprint of the Roman Empire of the German Nation.

The ten kings had received their kingdoms, not won by wars, but by rising up out of the terrible beast that had been the REGN. Twelve years *after them*, Hitler was rising as *a little horn* in the prophecy. How timely!

<sup>8</sup> 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. ....

After Bismarck, Hitler took the “Third Reich.” Gabriel had foretold the event centuries before. The kingdom the angel had described to Daniel was Rome, the beast out of which ten horns rose. They were in central Europe after Rome’s second fall. The little eleventh horn came up among them later when an unknown seditionist rose to be an infamous dictator.

The world thought the Great War would be the last war. Out of it, the ten horns rose up. Twelve years later, Germans lived in the ashes and memories of ruined hopes when the Depression overcame them. Having lost their sons in the war, poverty deepened the despair. Disheartened, they cried for hope and a future.

Convicted of treason as a political revolutionist, the traitor was released from prison, serving just eight months of an already lenient five-year sentence.<sup>34</sup> He applied for citizenship and joined the National Socialist German Worker’s Party, i.e., the “Nazis.” By pinning runaway inflation on the Jews and vowing, “Change!” Adolf Hitler looked like a hero to them.<sup>35</sup>

He ran for President but lost with only one-third the vote. Then Hindenburg made the former corporal his Chancellor, commanding the army—the second highest office in the land. As Chancellor, he controlled the emergency powers and used them to subvert his competition. When the Parliament building burst

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into flames, it provided the crisis by which he suddenly put its laws, civil rights, education, and culture under Nazi control.<sup>36</sup>

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

Crafting a statement of personal allegiance, he ordered his army to repeat the vow as each soldier pledged his life, and the people followed suit en masse.<sup>38</sup> He dismissed the constitutional democracy of the Weimar Republic to form its Nazi socialist government. Everyone who tried to put an end to it failed.

The fourth beast was different from all others. Its kingdom was out of many lands that were broken into hundreds of pieces, but by 1920 ten kings rose out of it for the terrible beast that got their lands, which was how it won its wars till at last it lost.

His army conquered many, but *three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots*—easily uprooted, like pulling up a plant, roots and all. (Dan. 7:8) These three *fell before him*, idolizing him:

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

2.) **Austria**'s conflicts and power transfers had weakened the government, making her vulnerable.<sup>40</sup> Her instability affected the people to riot for their native son. Weighing the alternatives, their king conceded without a shot as thousands went to the streets to welcome the arrival of the dictator.

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.” After granting him additional rights to their electrical power, coal, and steel, he owned Czechoslovakia in a day.<sup>41</sup>

<sup>8</sup>I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom

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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)

The Huns had been stronger than Rome, *exceedingly strong.* Ten horns rose out of the REGN. *Another horn, a little one,* (7:8) whose *appearance was greater ...* rose up among them to subdue the first three, which *fell before him!* (7:20)

After Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia bowed to him, he conquered Poland, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovenia, France, and Italy.<sup>42</sup> Count them.

<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. (Dan. 7:8, 24 NKJV)

Hitler took the Rhineland, a buffer-zone for Belgium after WW1. Its Germans cheered his entrance, but Belgium put up a fight.<sup>43</sup> A year after Hungary reluctantly joined him, she declared war on him. Seven, even Italy, resisted him but then lost to him. The first three yielded without a shot, but all ten would be his:

*"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)*

<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) [The scarlet beast is terrible.]

Dan. 7:23-24 reveals a beast that devoured the earth. [Aram.: *ara* corresp. to Heb.: *erets*, “earth/land/soil.”] Its hundreds of tiny fiefs rose as ten nations in 1920. The terrible beast returns as an apostate, but in Daniel, he just had ten kings whose minds were one with his: *these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over.* (See Rev. 17:13-14)

In Rev. 17:14 the dragon with ten kings warred against the Lamb who overcame them. The King of kings won the greatest

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war for His purposes: to set His chosen people free and establish His Kingdom as the Prince of Peace, but what happens first?

<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.

(Dan. 7:25)

### **The Altar of Pergamon**

In 1889 Pergamon's Altar of Zeus left Turkey for Berlin fifty years before WW2.<sup>44</sup> Over a thousand years ago, travelers practiced pagan rites in its temple. In the early centuries, Romans visited the altar, returning to Rome where killing Christians was a sport. By 1941 it became common to murder Jews in Europe.

Bismarck was not the little horn, nor was the Kaiser after him. The prophecy waited for the man who fit all of its words. Twelve years after 1920, a little corporal rose as the little horn among ten kings: *And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.* (Dan. 7:8b) He grew into the terrible beast that had gotten the man. Rising after the ten kings were granted their kingdoms, Hitler boasted of a super race, proving the beast in himself by blaspheming God who had made mankind in His likeness and image. This beast was *exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze* (7:19) from its heritage [found out in chapter 2].

On May 22, 1939, Mussolini and Hitler made a pact in case either were invaded: “The Pact of Friendship and Alliance”<sup>45</sup> was known as “The Pact of Steel.” Hirohito of Japan joined the “Friendship Alliance,” and the triad formed the “Tripartite Pact” on September 27, 1940.<sup>46</sup> “...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.”<sup>47</sup>

On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, a violation of the Munich Pact as well as a declaration of war. The truculent strategist had groomed an army of terrorists. Most of the nations he gained had one mind with him. The unseen kings persuaded

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them by many deceptions that stirred their emotions. “Change” appealed to them, no matter what it meant. They reverted to their tribal savagery, this time, against the Jews. Both Protestant and Catholic clergy overlooked the genocide, though not all did.<sup>48</sup>

Religious leaders ignored the New Testament warnings and the Vatican agreed with Nazism by “compromise and conciliation” while the dictator led his troops into a holocaust for “ethnic cleansing” and into ruthless warfare for global domination.<sup>49</sup>

Martin Luther found the promise of everlasting life by grace through faith and turned men’s blindness into sight, but in his writings, he was blinded by his hatred of the Jews who for our sake were blinded by their God. He ignored the epistle to Rome warning us not to boast against the Jews. The unnatural branches can be cut off from the olive tree, a witness of our Jewish roots.<sup>50</sup> Leaders like Luther abetted Nazi hatred for the Jews hundreds of years after the words were written.

After gaining most of Europe, Hitler led his armies to Russia in 1942. Marching into Leningrad, Stalingrad, and Moscow, they murdered as many as a million Jews along the way.<sup>51</sup> The frigid Russian winter was more than Nazis could endure; many froze to death in its fields. Some said they might have won the war had the cold not destroyed the German troops. God, who reigns over nature, prevails against the greatest of kings.

The holocaust intensified from name-calling, rock-throwing, and gang beatings, to killings in the streets. On November 9-10, 1938, *Kristallnacht*, or “Night of Broken Glass,” authorized the Germans to destroy Jewish businesses, smash windows, ruin merchandise, and vandalize homes, requiring the Jews to pay for damages. Nazis outlawed Jewish religious meetings by official mandates and burned synagogues and Hebrew books.<sup>52</sup> (7:25)

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

Eleven years after World War One, the sobering reality of the 1929 Stock Market Crash ended the Roaring Twenties and precipitated the Great Depression.<sup>53</sup> The freefall of the world’s economy preceded America’s “Dustbowl,” the Great Drought that lasted nearly ten years.<sup>54</sup> Broken by hard times, Americans were humbled.

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President Wilson made the former Senator from New York Franklin D. Roosevelt his Secretary of the Navy from 1912-20. While visiting an orphanage, Roosevelt contracted infantile paralysis in 1921. He was thirty-nine. Though polio paralyzed his legs, he met the challenge and won the 1932 election.<sup>55</sup>

America had experienced the terrible grief of WW1, having lost her sons in battle. Although no one wanted another foreign conflict, the government supported the Royal Navy, supplying ships in the Atlantic where the threat of war was close to home.

Then on December 7, 1941, Japan attacked the U.S. naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Out of the blue, bombers struck our fleet in the Pacific, and war came to us, ending American isolationism.<sup>56</sup> That evening, the President delivered his address to the national radio audience: “The Declaration of Intent to Declare War.”<sup>57</sup> The Senate voted 82-0 and the House, 388-1.<sup>58</sup>

His Republican critics raged when the Supreme Court agreed to the Executive Order for the Internment of Japanese Citizens.<sup>59</sup> Franklin Roosevelt insisted it would prevent a national crisis though its controversy ignited emotions that were not forgotten.

The man could have been devastated, but having defeated the Depression and the Great Drought, he envisioned the victory over otherwise unconquerable enemies. After his own daunting tests and arduous trials, Roosevelt gained an indomitable spirit.

On December 11, 1941, Hitler and Mussolini declared war on America,<sup>60</sup> forcing a conflict she was unready to enter. Even so, America fulfilled the ancient prophecy at just the right time.

World War One politics had weakened the American forces. Two thousand four hundred and three had lost their lives in Pearl Harbor where Japan had destroyed most of the American fleet.<sup>61</sup> The air force had just begun modernizing its planes; the country had declared war but lacked troops, artillery, munitions, planes, tanks, ships, rifles, rations, and supplies—everything necessary for national defense. Draft notices flooded post offices, calling men to duty, and long lines formed at the recruiting stations.

Automobile, clothing, and furniture manufacturing plants were redesigned to make tanks, jeeps, tires, ammunition, ships, rifles, bombers, canons, uniforms, guns, and tents. Nylon wasn’t for stockings anymore—it was for parachutes! National interests were focused on supporting the boys at war. American citizens

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commonly sacrificed their conveniences for freedom.

Hollywood inspired its audiences to save war bonds and use ration cards. Formerly unemployed people of color, home-makers, retirees, the physically handicapped, and the mentally challenged joined the workforce for America's heroes. "The War was won at home," later became a common expression.

In a "Fireside Chat" to the nation, the President spoke to the radio audience, declaring, "Speed will count. Lost ground can always be regained—but time never. Speed will save lives; speed will save this Nation which is in peril; speed will save our freedom and our civilization, and slowness has never been an American characteristic!"<sup>62</sup> The nation met the challenge as God brought forth a legendary generation, transforming an eagle into a leopard with four wings. Speaking like a prophet [as leaders sometimes do], the President emphasized "speed" four times.

"*Four wings of a bird*" allude to its fast flight. (ESV, NASB) Speed was the quadrupled asset of the four-winged leopard that shot past my spirit in a vision like a high-speed documentary on America at war. [Aram.: *owph* means "bird" at least 52X. A thorough study reveals the "fowls" as birds in flight. Its KJV usage is archaic.)

In 2 Kg. 13:14-19, the king of Israel Joash asked Elisha for advice to defeat his enemies in Aram. The prophet told him to strike a bunch of arrows on the ground, which he did three times to Elisha's anger. Three wasn't enough. He should have hit the ground at least five times to annihilate the enemy. The victory depended on the will of its ruler. Likewise Roosevelt's emphasis on "Speed!" was predetermined, resulting in America's success.

In 1941 troops in training wore "tin hats and leggings from WW1, carrying rifles designed in 1903," and learning warfare skills without the right equipment. In the end, an isolated nation entered the war two years and three months late yet "provided two-thirds of all the Allied military equipment made during the [entire] war."<sup>63</sup>

No country has ever had a leopard as its beast. The beast was camouflaged in the prophecy but rose when the eagle became a leopard, rushing to rescue freedom from the jaws and claws of the terrible beast. Speed, the leopard's asset, propelled the U.S. as an opponent of tyranny, redirecting the course of the war when, at its tipping point, the leopard *with four wings* burst into

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action. In a war against tyranny, her troops became heroes who saved Jews from the European death camps of World War Two.

As the Lamb is a Lion, and the serpent is a dragon; now the eagle was a leopard. Invisible kings and their kingdoms are the beasts, identified by their ways, visible in the leaders and nations that emulate them. Thus in a matter of life or death with the odds against her, America took the test and exceeded all expectations. Citizens reacted as never before, and leaders publically prayed for the strength to win. The nation rushed to a war half a world away that forced her sons into the greatest conflict in history.

Three beasts—*each different from the other* (7:3), fought a common enemy in Europe as the greatest war of all surpassed imagination by biblical proportions. Again **Jews are the saints** “set apart for the glory of God” as they are in Dan. 8:24.

When the war ended, *the beast was slain, and his body [was] destroyed and given to the burning flame.* (7:11) Hitler’s body was never found. As his bodyguard explained, he had ordered it burned and its remains buried to prevent its discovery.<sup>64</sup>

Afterward God who’d promised the land to their forefathers suddenly favored the Jews. The judgment was made *for the saints, and the time arrived for the saints to possess the kingdom.* (Vs. 18) The Kingdom of David would be established first by returning the Jews to their homeland, fulfilling God’s words to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Between April and July, Japan killed half as many Allies as she had since the war started in the Pacific. His advisors assured Truman, a land invasion would cost a million more lives. After weighing the options, he ordered the H-bomb on Hiroshima on August 6. With no truce in sight, three days later, Nagasaki was bombed, and *the leopard that was given dominion* proved her power. (7:6)

From *Kristallnacht*, November 9, 1938, to May 9, 1945, the closing date of the last death camp, Stutthof, six years and six months had passed. The Nazis murdered six million Jews. War films witnessed what the remnant survived to confirm.<sup>65</sup> The war officially ended with a peace agreement signed in Tokyo Bay at 9 a.m. on September 2, 1945.<sup>66</sup> On the other side of the globe, in Washington, D.C., it was 7 p.m., September 1—six years to the date the Second World War had begun.<sup>67</sup>

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Though Germany was among the three largest nations in Europe, Hitler convinced his people to shed blood for more land as in eastern Asia, Hirohito did the same. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, founder of radical Islam, colluded with Hitler to eliminate the Jews.<sup>68</sup> Mussolini and Hirohito added to the war deaths: sixty million men, women, and children; one in ten were Jews.

We were deceived to believe the greatest war in history was not foretold. We think we have the mind of Christ but aren't as spiritual as we imagine.

### **What's a Head?**

Heads, which appear on the leopard, are not on any other beast in Daniel. One paradigm is in Is. 7:8, where one head is a city and another is its king/leader. What else can heads be? The Aramaic word, *rē'sh* is translated “head” (12x), corresponding to the Hebrew word *rō'sh*, meaning “head, top, first, or foremost.” *Rosh Hashanah*, its most important day, starts the Jewish civil year. Most often, *Rosh* describes the men in top positions who led multitudes, Israel’s tribal leaders, as *heads*. (349x in OT)

Horn, *qeren* (*Heb.*), signifies strength and represents kings. (75x) In Dan. 7:8 a horn *has eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking boastful words*. Horns appear as the men they acquire, or take in. The ten horns are *kings that have no kingdom yet* in Rev. 17:12, which rose with ten nations out of the terrible beast; whereas the leopard, unlike the others, has four heads as leaders, not horns as kings.

<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 also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. (Dan. 7:6 NKJV) – This is the mystery beast of the prophecy.

After her independence, the founders wrote the Constitution, creating four heads with equal powers to serve the republic equitably: the President, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House lead to announce vetoes, ratifications, or amendments to the decisions of the others as checks and balances.<sup>69</sup>

They perform special duties: the President is Commander in Chief, and may declare war; he defends the nation, makes treaties, and represents the country in international relations, etc.

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He has power to pardon prisoners and to appoint ambassadors, justices, and heads of departments. The Supreme Court preserves the Constitution, protects freedoms and rights, and decides the constitutionality of the laws as the highest court in the land. The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate lead the lawmaking bodies to ensure the people and the states are served.

The President can ratify or veto a bill, but Congress can override his veto to issue laws, taxes, etc. The Senate can override treaties, and the House has the power to impeach though the Senate tries the impeachable offenses. Thus the leopard has four heads. Only America fits this space.

America is not a strict democracy in which a majority rules over a minority. City-people dine on steak and potatoes but don't know the needs of ranchers or farmers. Therefore her founders created a democratic republic to represent us all by equal powers in all four heads.

*And the rest of the beasts have caused their dominion to pass away; and a prolongation in life is given to them till a season and a time. (7:12 YLT)* They caused the loss of their own dominion by forming a union of nations that agreed to one vote per nation, yet they continue for a while as sovereign countries. Immediately after the war, in June 1945 the nations signed the UN Charter, not knowing it could be the greatest beast of all.<sup>70</sup>

After 1950 the British Empire declined until she lost nearly all of it and became the United Kingdom.<sup>71</sup> By 1991 Marxism bankrupted the USSR, and Russia lost Eastern Europe.<sup>72</sup> Though the empires are diminished, they go on for a season as nations.

Today America is divided; the Constitution is in jeopardy because she is split on socialism. Many citizens are unaware that, except for lands with biblical values, the world is impoverished. When God was in our schools, America was first in education; now she is seventieth.<sup>73</sup> Evidently, it's the result of increased dependence on the state and the rejection of God by materialism, which is based on faith only in what we see but is hypocritical by its acceptance of myths that deny the Creator.

American debt is skyrocketing.<sup>74</sup> We argue and war with our words, wanting what others have since the Ten Commandments are gone from schools and public places; we lost our moorings. The Bible teaches us that by giving to others, we are blessed; but

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wanting what belongs to another, we're covetous; and taking from others, we are thieves. But every idle word will be judged.

If we could fix her problems, it wouldn't be enough to save a nation that tests God by her immoralities, her lust for pleasure, her envy, greed, and materialism. Unless the church repents, we will lose the land we've loved. As it is, churches have received the materialism of a Babylonian culture and foolishly continue in it. God doesn't need us; He can raise up another standard. He warns us: the lampstand in America can be removed. (Rev. 2:5)

At the time of Daniel's vision, its nations did not exist, but millennia later, God favored the Jews by returning them to their land. His retribution was spent, and His enemy was slain. The words are, "*the people of the saints.*" (KJV/ESV) God blessed the sons of the patriarchs, *the people of the saints.*

<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. (Dan. 7:27; cf. 7:14)

<sup>22</sup> Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (Dan. 7:22)

Within hours of her rebirth, the state of Israel faced her first national crisis when Egyptian warplanes roared over the celebration, and her War of Independence began. After the Arabs forced Jews out of Jerusalem, a small, ill-equipped army fought Egypt, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq, until the war came to an end in March 1949 with Israel's first win.<sup>75</sup>

## **Divisions, Divisions!**

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

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In Dan. 7:25, *time, times, and half a time*, which is in most Bibles, is misleading. It is literally, *time, times, and a division of a time*. (YLT) In the KJV and in the Geneva Bible of 1599, it reads, *the dividing of time*. (1x) Also, in the Authorized King James Version (1x), and the Complete Word Study OT (1x). The Aramaic word is *P<sup>e</sup>lag* and corresponds to the Hebrew *palag*, found (4 x) as the dividing of the earth and its watercourses—unequal divisions, not *half*, as many scholars interpret it.

Years, decades, centuries, or millennia, constitute *times*; but the lengths are not given here. Biblical Hebrew months are thirty days long; thus, three-and-a-half years are 1,260 days, i.e., forty-two months. However in Dan. 7:25, *a division of a time* is correct, not *half a time*. The number of *times* is more than three, but neither *1,260 days* nor *forty-two months* are associated with it. Its time is correctly translated, *divided*. Unlike *a time, times, and half a time* as *forty-two [30-day] months*, or *1,260 days*; on the Gregorian and Hebrew calendars, it is *a time, times, and the dividing of time* in which God sent His message to the nations by the remarkable events on their calendar dates.

Hitler’s “Final Solution” sent its first shipment of Jews from German ghettos to Polish concentration camps in late 1941. Europe’s first death camp was in Chelmno, Poland, in operation on December 8, the day America declared war against Japan.<sup>76</sup> Three years and five months, or 1,247 days, passed, and the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945. The last death camp was shut down 1,248 days after the first was opened, twelve days short of the biblical calendar’s three-and-a-half years:

<sup>23</sup> I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

(Ezk. 36:23 NIV)

Without a military, the League of Nations failed. The UN took its place, agreeing to change its international law and grant the Golan Heights, ancient Israel’s Mount Hermon, to Syria. After appeasing the Arabs [despite their alliance with Hitler], November 29, 1947, UN Resolution 181 gave Jews just a small

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portion of the original land grant when a nation broke its word.<sup>77</sup>

African and European states were defined, but in 1947 their borders were extended while the Jews' were diminished.<sup>78</sup> May 14, 1948, their leaders acquiesced, and Israel was reborn with only 12% of the land that had been granted at San Remo.<sup>79</sup> Thus God was glorified, not by their greatness, but by their diminishment. God chose Israel as Gideon in his weakness and gave holocaust survivors the strength to stand.

In June 1967 the Arab nations again threatened to destroy their land. The Six Day War was a pre-emptive strike in which they regained the West Bank [Samaria], the Golan Heights [Mt. Hermon], and Old Jerusalem. Although she won the war, Israel returned the oil-rich Sinai to Egypt for peace.<sup>80</sup>

In the distant future, His disciples would see Yeshua ascending into the clouds to heaven; but in the mystery of eternity, Daniel had foreseen the Son of Man coming from the earth with the clouds to enter heaven where He stood before the Ancient of Days:

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<sup>13</sup> "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.

<sup>14</sup> 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)

In the verses above, the nations that are obedient to His charge will serve Him in holiness forever. He will not reign over a world without nations, but is the King of kings. In 7:27 *all dominions* is plural: *And all dominions do serve and obey Him.*'

Each of the three beasts maintains its sovereign government, but many nations are taken in at the end by the next beast as the one they themselves created. It could happen overnight.