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Part 1

The Ancient Secrets of Daniel

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

Introduction 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:

⁸ `The beast that thou didst see: it was, and is not; and it is about to come up out of the abyss, and to go away to destruction, and wonder shall those dwelling upon the earth, whose names have not been written upon the scroll of the life from the foundation of the world, beholding the beast that was, and is not, although it is.

⁹ `Here is the mind that is having wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman doth sit, ¹⁰ and there are seven kings, the five did fall, and the one is, the other did not yet come, and when he may come, it behoveth him to remain a little time; ¹¹ and the beast that was, and is not, he also is eighth, and out of the seven he is, and to destruction he doth go away.

¹² `And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings, who a kingdom did not yet receive, but authority as kings the same hour do receive with the beast,¹³ these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; (Rev. 17:8-13 YLT)

To see what he saw, imagine standing beside him when the angel came to John: the scarlet beast was here; now it's not, but it still exists. (17:8) After Jesus ascended to the Father, the *fiery red dragon* was not here, but was losing a war in heaven (in Rev. 12:9). Banished from heaven to earth, the red dragon, *the scarlet beast*, ... was about to come up out of the abyss (in 17:8 YLT).

Five are fallen and one is. (17:10) John is on Patmos, exiled by Rome in 95 AD with the sixth king ruling Rome. The dragon is absent, so he's not king of Rome, but is about to come up to deceive the church by Constantine, the caesar who'd favor her.

Safe in Rome's arms, she conceded the faith for unity with the throne. After Constantine died, in 476 the beast that came up caused Rome to fall by stirring up savages against her. (pp. 47-49)

In 752 more barbaric invasions terrified the pope who used a forged document to give the fallen empire to the church.^f Thus, its illegitimate king, the fiery red dragon, came to rule the sixth capital city, Rome, for a very different empire.^g

Introduction to Daniel 7

In 800 the pope crowned the king of France Charlemagne as the first “Holy Roman Emperor.”^h In 962 a pope solicited the cruel Germanic king Otto the Great to co-rule hundreds of lands, later called the “Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation.”ⁱ

The apostasy began when the fearful church turned from the Bible’s words. Artfully exploiting the church by fear and deceit, the dragon took it as another Roman empire. In a thousand and six years, its church empire fell to the recently crowned French consul, and Rome was conquered by the last of the seven kings.

And the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. (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.^j Even so, he turned a few hundred duchies and fiefs into a hundred lands. The Treaty of Vienna (1815) merged them into thirty-nine states when the seventh king fell in 1816.

By defeating Austria in 1866 and France in 1870, Bismarck took its states for the German Confederation of Prussia, a Second German Reich [after the REGN] in 1871.^k Berlin was its capital and later the capital of the Weimar Republic, created in 1919.^l

Five preconditions unveil the scarlet beast: 1.) Seven kings fall. 2.) Then ten *receive kingdoms*. 3.) At the time of the ten, the *eighth of the seven rises*. 4.) *[The ten] have one mind, and give their power and strength to the [scarlet] beast*. 5.) *he goes to perdition (in 17:11-13)*. Seven kings fall before ten others receive nations; then the scarlet beast John sees rises as *the eighth of the seven*, and the ten give him their power until his death.

After inciting WW1, Austro-Hungary, Germany, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire were defeated.^m The Versailles Treaty (1920) redefined the nations. In Europe, twelve countries were formed; two were neutral,ⁿ and another ten kings *received power and authority*. Then *the eighth out of the seven*, the scarlet beast, rose for the Third Reich [of the REGN].^o (17:11-12)

After the ten kings *received their kingdoms* from the treaty, in 1933 Hitler rose in *a little horn* as a chancellor with *eyes like the eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things*. (Dan. 7:8)^p

The treaty had given ten kings the nations they’d give to the beast who left two mountainous neutral lands undisturbed. (17:13) Prophecy and history guide us through Daniel 7 where the beast was slain and sent to perdition after losing the greatest war yet.

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⁷ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ² Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹ "As I looked,

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

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

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

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

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

¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.’

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

[v. 9: Aram.: *r^émâh*, set up/placed/set] (Continued)

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²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

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

²⁷ And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

²⁸ Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

(Daniel 7:23-28) [Beasts are invisible but lead great rulers.]

The Sea

The Great Sea appears fourteen times in the Word, clearly the waters of the Mediterranean, the western border of Israel.¹ In Babylon Daniel envisions the distant Mediterranean Sea, agitated by four winds. During perilous days four beasts rise, not just out of *a sea* or *many waters*, but from the Great Sea. These beasts are great kings with thrones who rise *out of the earth* (in 7:17).

The Lion

⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. (Dan. 7:4 NKJV)

The rampant lion upright on two feet stood for England since the 17th century. Other nations have had lions, but hers began on all fours when Richard the Lion Heart first adopted its beast on the Great Seal in the 12th century.² In 1603 King James I set the lion up on two feet; in 1611 he commissioned the first official translation of the Holy Bible in the English language.³ (p. 128)

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In the 18th century, her colonies in America were freed from their motherland just as the eagle's wings were plucked off the lion's back, so this historical event was after the revolution.

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

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

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

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, but the league lacked the military power to enforce its decisions.

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."¹⁰ The dictator proved land for peace wasn't what he wanted after all. When he attacked Poland on September 1, 1939, Britain and France declared war—but too late.¹¹ If they'd foreseen what was coming, they would have challenged Germany at the start.

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.¹² He was incensed. Then in May 1940, politics changed. After appeasement failed, the prime minister resigned. *A man's heart was given to it when the king chose Churchill to lead the empire for the rest of the war. (7:4) His passion for Israel helped guide the course of history.*¹³ [*Aram.: lebab, heart*]

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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 inspired a 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 the Russian Tsar Nicholas II, during the February 1917 Revolution, various parties vied for power.¹⁴ A provisional government stepped in.¹⁵ Soon the fallen bear rose up on one side when three fascist leaders incited a socialist revolution. The bear had taken them in. Their voices established the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1922.¹⁶

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

Karl Marx, who'd forsaken God, and Friedrich Engels, his benefactor, were Germans living in England when they wrote and published "The Communist Manifesto" in 1848.¹⁷ After they died, its hypothesis grew popular. In twenty-five years, Vladimir Lenin, Josef Stalin, and Leon Trotsky implemented their violent revolutionary ideas to create the USSR. Lenin spearheaded the October Revolution of 1917, which overthrew the provisional government to make the state its people's god.¹⁸

After executing the tsar and his family, Lenin's premiership was undisputed. Trotsky led its Red Army.¹⁹ Stalin was general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party until Lenin's death in 1924 when he replaced him. The new premier ordered the execution of the intelligentsia, killing or imprisoning millions of political enemies with Christians and Jews. Trotsky, a Jew himself, absconded to Mexico where his comrade ordered his assassination in 1940.²⁰

The Terrible Beast

Pillaged by the Visigoths in 410, Rome fell to the Vandals in 476. The city paid the Huns, the fiercest tribe of all, to stay out, but Huns drove the other tribes in. After Attila's death in 453,

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most of the tribes disbanded throughout Europa, but the Huns migrated to Austria and Germania where they raised families.²¹

In 752 Pope Stephen II (III) produced a fraudulent paper, giving Rome's imperial power to the pope. Using "the Donation of Constantine," Stephen hired Pippin II of France to conquer the Lombards and win Italia's central cities for the church.²²

In 800 Leo III crowned Charlemagne, Pippin's first son. The so-called "Holy Roman Emperor" was also king of France and of the Lombards.²³ At times with kingless years among them, lords of fiefs and kinglets were called "holy" as Rome's emperors.²⁴

In 962 John XII sought protection from the jihadists, looking to the brutish Otto the Great of Germania to shield the church of Rome.²⁵ Otto had no formal government or capital, often true of her emperors. German kings went to war on behalf of the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation," (H)REGN, periodically, for her remaining eight hundred forty-four years.

The greatest city of the empire was Rome, just a façade of a capital whose government was gone; only her relics remained. An amalgamation of hundreds of private lands—fiefs, territories, hamlets, duchies—folk without nations became a church empire whose people were defenseless.²⁶ The church hired mercenaries to enforce her dogma, indoctrinating and oppressing millions.

Prior to 1059 emperors chose or deposed popes by disputes, power grabs, corruption, and scandals. For many years, popes controlled kings, threatening them with excommunication, which they feared would send them to hell. Out of its church, believers in Jesus Christ were imprisoned, tortured, and burned at the stake for having a Bible, preaching the gospel, praying in their native tongue, or rejecting its orthodox dogma [*ortho* + *doxa* = right opinion]; others were killed simply for being born Jewish.²⁷

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 by reducing hundreds to one hundred.²⁸

England, Prussia, and Holland defeated Bonaparte at Waterloo in 1816. Its Congress of Vienna (1815) merged his lands into thirty-nine states, the German Federation, dominated by Austria till Prussia won the Seven Weeks' War in 1866.²⁹ In 1870 its kaiser defeated the French invasion, gaining a German Empire in

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1871. Making Berlin its capital, Otto von Bismarck, the “Iron Chancellor,” altered his role to become minister-president.³⁰

The Little Dictator

As he lay in bed dreaming, Daniel envisioned the tumultuous waves of the Mediterranean, *and four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another*—supernatural kings, like the scarlet beast, worked by men. The most formidable beast had ten horns on its head, the horns John would see over six centuries later, but here, look—a little horn rose 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 *received* their crowns (in Rev. 17:12), not gaining them from war, but from a treaty.³¹ In twelve years, a corporal was rising in Germany.

Gabriel spoke to Daniel and described the kingdom that rose over a century after the church empire fell. Ten horns rose up in central Europe, the red dragon’s earlier domain, and a little horn rose after the ten when a corporal became a chancellor.

The scriptures confirm that the corporal received the scarlet beast who reigned more than a hundred years before him. Thus a little eleventh horn, an oddity, *had eyes like the eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things* (in 7:7-8). After the seventh king, ten others rose; after them the scarlet beast was the eighth king in the unlikely, strange little horn. (Dan. 7:8, p. 21; cf. Rev. 17:3)

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.³² 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, flatteries, and convictions.

In 1930 its construction was finished, and Berlin’s Pergamos Museum housed the Altar of Zeus, aka “the Altar of Satan.”³³ In

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1932 Hitler ran for president; 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 held the second highest office in the land.

Hitler used his emergency powers to subvert his competitors. The Parliament building burst into flames, the crisis by which he put laws, civil rights, education, and culture under Nazi control.³⁴

It didn't take long; near the time of Hindenburg's last breath in August 1934, Adolf Hitler merged the roles of president and chancellor and created a new government.³⁵ He put his actions to the vote and won by an overwhelming margin as *der Führer*, the leader. After pinning runaway inflation on the Jews, he vowed, "Change!" and seemed like a hero to his followers, commanding their confidence.³⁶ Like the god of this world, the man had power over 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 to form a national socialist government.³⁷

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

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

Impassioned crowds idolized Hitler, hanging his picture on their walls. The Nazis silenced all opposition with propaganda, using 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 them, like pulling up weeds, roots and all!³⁸

1.) **Germany's** republic fell after President Hindenburg died. From corporal to chancellor to "*Führer*," Hitler put the issue to a vote. 95% of registered voters supposedly voted; 88% of the plebiscite allegedly approved.³⁹ A soft coup gained control of the former republic of Germany, and tyranny consumed a nation.

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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 a dictator.⁴⁰ Her people had agreed to the deceiver.

3.) **Czechoslovakia** was like a gift to Hitler after 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." In an afterthought, the rights to electrical power, coal, and steel were granted. Hitler owned Czechoslovakia in a day.⁴¹

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

The Rhineland loved him, but Belgium opposed him. He took northern Italy, western Poland, and France whose eastern part was also in the REGN.⁴² Its horns agreed: *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.* (Rev. 17:13) All attempts to end it failed.

²⁰ and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. (Dan. 7:20 NKJV)

He plucked up Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia to gain Poland, Belgium, Slovenia, Luxembourg, France, Italy, and the Netherlands—the former (H)REGN, marking a map for more. Turkey, and then Hungary, which was resistant, joined him.⁴³

The beast *prevailed over* the saints, but 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. (Dan. 8:24)

The Altar of Pergamos

In 1889 the Altar of Zeus went to Berlin from Pergamos. (Rev. 2:13) Two thousand years earlier, Romans had joined the Greeks who offered human sacrifices on its altar.⁴⁴ The Romans

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visited its site in the early centuries when killing Christians was a sport. In 1941 Nazis were slaughtering Jews in Europe.

Neither the kaiser [*caesar*] nor von Bismarck the chancellor was the little horn. (7:8) The prophecy waited for the man to rise after the ten horns received their crowns. Thereafter, the terrible beast spoke by the voice of a corporal who boasted of a super race, targeting the Jews. A staunch Darwinist, the fascist touted ethnic cleansing; the blasphemous beast had taken him in.⁴⁵

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

Hirohito of Japan joined the “Friendship Alliance.” It was allegedly formed to “... establish and maintain a new order of things calculated to promote the mutual prosperity and welfare of the peoples concerned. ... to extend cooperation to such nations in other spheres of the world as may be inclined to put forth endeavors along lines similar to their own, in order that their ultimate aspirations for world peace may be realized.”⁴⁷ Though multitudes believed them, all three were liars.

A truculent strategist groomed an army of terrorists, and ten kings whose nations he’d gain agreed. “Change!” appealed to the masses, not imagining what it meant. As he commanded them, men committed crimes against humanity. Catholic and Protestant clergy largely ignored the genocide and neglected the apostle’s warnings to not boast against the Jews. (Rom. 11:18) The Vatican agreed by “compromise and conciliation”; thus the dragon led a nation, many whose ancestors were Huns. The Great Depression was the crisis that abetted the rise of Nazism and its holocaust.⁴⁸ Of Europe’s nine million Jews, only one-third survived. *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. (Zec. 13:9)*

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. The founder of radical Islam also colluded with Hitler.⁴⁹ Mussolini and Hirohito added to the war dead—sixty million souls; one-tenth were Jews.

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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, but Paul said they'd be cut off but grafted into their olive tree again; unnatural branches, gentiles, can also be cut off from their tree—unless we show God's kindness.⁵⁰ (Rom. 11:22) Generations read Luther's scornful words that abetted the holocaust. At the judgment seat of Christ, we must account for our deeds, whether good or evil.

November 9, 1938, *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass, authorized Germans to pillage Jewish shops, smash windows, ruin merchandise, and vandalize their homes, making the Jews pay for damages. Nazis banned religious meetings and burned synagogues and books, even Holy Bibles!⁵¹ Bigotry intensified from denigration to rock-throwing; from molestation to public murder.

In 1942 Hitler led his army against his allies in Leningrad, Moscow, and Stalingrad, killing perhaps a million Jews along the way.⁵² A frigid Russian winter was more than the returning troops could endure; a multitude froze to death in its fields.

Quick like a Leopard!

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 had paralyzed half his body, he met the challenge to win the 1932 election.⁵³ Across the world, von Hindenburg chose Hitler as his chancellor, the role his hero Bismarck had enjoyed.

Eleven years after WW1, the sobering reality of the 1929 Stock Market Crash stifled the Roaring Twenties and yielded to the Great Depression.⁵⁴ The world's economies dried up before America's Great Drought ended ten years later.⁵⁵ By the grace of God, she was unbeatable, perhaps cleansed by His judgments.

She had known the grief of WW1, having lost her sons in its battles. In January 1941 Americans resisted the idea of engaging in another foreign war, but on March 11, Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, providing battleships for British, Chinese, and Russian forces.⁵⁶ The U.S. government supported the British Royal Navy by supplying her with ships in the Atlantic to defend

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the British people from a conflict that also threatened our East Coast. (When this writer asked for understanding, the leopard shot through her in a vision like a high-speed documentary on America at war!)

December 7, 1941: Japan attacked the U.S. naval base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where most of her ships were anchored. Out of the blue, bombers targeted her navy, and isolationism ended.⁵⁷ Two thousand four hundred three perished in the attack.⁵⁸

On December 8, 1941, Roosevelt addressed a joint session of Congress with the “Declaration of Intent to Declare War.”⁵⁹ The Senate voted 82–0 and the House, 388–1.⁶⁰ December 11: Hitler and Mussolini declared war on America.⁶¹

After the catastrophes that preceded the Second World War, the president saw the way to victory over adversaries who might have otherwise consumed the world. His fortitude was required, and providentially, his positive attitude was contagious.

WWI politics had weakened her armed forces. She’d begun rebuilding her air force but lacked trained troops, tanks, ships, artillery, submarines, machine guns, rifles, hand guns, bombers, canons, munitions, uniforms, backpacks, canteens, k-rations—all the essentials of warfare.

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

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 consumed the enemy; its victory relied 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: “Speed will count. Lost ground can always be regained—but time, never. Speed will save lives; speed will save this Nation which is in peril; speed will save our freedom and our civilization, and slowness has never been an American characteristic!”⁶²

F.D.R. emphasized “speed” four times, calling for a leopard, whose main asset is speed. Bound in a wheelchair, the president had strength for the hour. His resonant voice led to America’s greatest triumph. Her beast was an eagle but gained the speed of

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a leopard with the power of the eagle's wings: her army, navy, air force, and marine corps. She was made to rescue freedom from the jaws and claws of the terrible beast.

“In 1940, the U.S. army was smaller than that of Rumania: only 174,000 men in uniform, wearing tin hats and leggings issued during WW1, and carrying rifles designed in 1903.”⁶³ Entering the conflict two years and three months late, “American industry provided nearly two-thirds of all the Allied military equipment produced during the [entire] war.”⁶⁴

Americans sacrificed what had seemed essential but paled in comparison to helping their boys fight for freedom. Hollywood inspired her to buy war bonds and use ration cards. Unemployed people of color, homemakers, retirees, and the physically and mentally challenged formed its workforce. Her union's adage in every household was, “The War was won at home.”

When the leopard propelled America to oppose tyranny, she redirected the course of the war. Months after its tipping point, her troops rescued Jews and political prisoners in concentration camps. They were among the heroes whose generals, though steeled in battle, wept for the gaunt survivors.

The president infuriated his Republican critics when the Supreme Court agreed to pass his “Executive Order [90669] for the Internment of Japanese Citizens.”⁶⁵ He argued it would avert a national crisis, but the country never forgot its national offense.

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

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 and strength to win by the help of God, and the God of Israel was with her. As the Lamb is a Lion, and the serpent is a dragon, the nation of the eagle became a leopard by the war. His nature is unchanging, but the Lamb of God is also the Lion of Judah. Beasts and horns are metaphors of invisible kings and their kingdoms, made visible when rulers impact the world.

We can only see men, but the kings in these battles are the spiritual kind. The scarlet beast *devoured and broke in pieces* the

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lands it gained by the ten kings centuries before they received their kingdoms. They were on the dragon's head when all seven heads had crowns. (Revelation 12) Now his goal is the world.

As an alliance that went to war, three beasts, *each different from the other (in 7:3)*, defeated the enemy: *the beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame (in 7:11)*. Decades later his bodyguard said Hitler ordered his body burned and buried to prevent its discovery.⁶⁶

In Daniel 8:24 Jews are holy ones, saints. Having promised the land to their forefathers, God favored them. *And judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (7:22)* The Kingdom of David would be established by first restoring the Jews to their land, thus fulfilling God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as well as His oracles to the prophets.

After Roosevelt's death, Japan killed over half as many of the Allies in the Pacific as since its war began. Advisors assured President Truman that a land invasion would cost a million lives. After weighing the alternatives, August 6, 1945, he dropped the hydrogen bomb on Hiroshima.⁶⁷ With no truce in sight, three days later, he targeted Nagasaki. It was suddenly clear: *the leopard was given dominion (in Dan. 7:6; cf. Rev. 13:2)*.

Keep watching the dates: September 1, 1939, Berlin invaded Poland. On the 3rd, Britain and France declared war on Hitler. The Pacific conflict officially ended with a treaty September 2, 1945, on Tokyo Bay.⁶⁸ Peace came in the midst of its dates.

God messaged the nations by events on Gregorian calendar dates. Biblically, "one" refers to unity; "three" is of God; "four" concerns the earth; "five" is of grace or provision; "six" stands for man; "seven" is perfect or complete; "eight" is a new start; "ten" regards judgment; "twelve," wisdom; "fifty" is for liberty.

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 concentration camps in late 1941. Europe's first death camp was in Chelmno, Poland, operational December 8, the day

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America declared war on Japan.⁶⁹ First entering Normandy the U.S. ended the war in Europe on May 8, 1945, three years and five months later with her forces still fighting in the Pacific.

Six years and six months after Kristallnacht, the Allies shut down the last death camp, Stutthof, on May 9, 1945, after an estimated six million Jews were murdered in Europe.⁷⁰ Not only Germany, but several European nations practiced anti-Semitism and constructed concentration, work, and death camps.

Israel's history proves God judges sin. As one nation under God, America, like ancient Israel, turned from God who sent His enemies to judge His own nation in 70 AD. His judgments were terrible. Their sin was odious to Him before He scattered them:

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

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

²⁴ Who gave up Jacob to the looter,
and Israel to the plunderers?

Was it not the LORD, against whom we have sinned,
in whose ways they would not walk,
and whose law they would not obey?

(Is. 42:24 ESV)

What's a Head?

Is. 7:8 has a **key**: *Rezin is the head of Damascus*. The heads on the leopard were its leaders. Usually, *rosh* described Israel's tribal leaders {349x}. [In Aram.: *rē'sh* is head. In Heb.: *rō'sh* is top, foremost/ first.] The leopard was a beast unlike any other; her quick arrival changed history; her four wings and four heads had little in common with the other beasts.

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

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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 governmental system of checks and balances as the leaders of its four units, each with its unique functions in her three branches of government.⁷¹

Their duties are in the first three Articles of the Constitution. In Article 1 the speaker of the House and the majority leader of the Senate conduct their sessions and speak on their behalf. The Senate and the House create and vote on legislation, taxation, and declarations of war and laws necessary for the operation of the national government. Their qualifications, duties, and powers are named in Sections 1–10, Article 1.

The House can impeach a president for bribery, treason, or high crimes and misdemeanors. The Senate holds impeachment trials, but far more often, its two houses represent their citizenry.

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

The president grants reprieves and pardons; ensures laws are rightly executed; may issue executive orders, and may convene or adjourn one or both houses of Congress. He/she ratifies or vetoes congressional bills, but Congress can overturn a veto by a two-thirds vote in each house. He/she makes policy and trade pacts, approved by Congress. See the four sections of Article 2.

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

Approaching the Throne

^{12a} And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings ...

¹³ these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; ¹⁴ these with the Lamb shall make war, and the Lamb shall overcome them, because Lord of lords he is, and King of kings,

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and those with him are called, and choice, and stedfast.'
(Rev. 17:12a-14 YLT) [His supernatural army is in Heb. 11.]

In the distant future, the apostles would watch Him ascend to a cloud, but in the mystery of eternity, Daniel saw the Son of man rising into heaven out of the clouds after the victory of war. Holy angels brought Him face to face with the Judge:

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

¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.

His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed. (Dan. 7:13-14 NKJV)

Now Jews are turning to Yeshua, and gentiles are wondering if the age is ending.⁷² He was given everlasting dominion, glory, and a Kingdom and wears a crown when He comes for the elect *immediately after the tribulation* (in Dan. 7:14; Mat. 24:29).

¹⁴ ‘Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.’¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” (Rev. 14:14-15 ESV; cf. 1 Thes. 4:15-18)

February 4–11, 1945, Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt met in Yalta, Ukraine, with plans to partition Germany and create the United Nations.⁷³ Seven weeks after the war, its Allies signed the UN Charter in a skating rink in Flushing Meadows, NY. Article 80, page 15, avers the Balfour Declaration as international law.⁷⁴

Not long afterward, the UN agreed to change their own international law by granting the Golan Heights to Syria for her oil, despite her alliance with Hitler that cost them their sons. Then on November 29, 1947, UN Resolution 181 gave the Jews a meager portion of the original land grant.⁷⁵ The general secretary of the

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United Nations announced its tally as Jews listened to their RCA Victors at home: “33 yes; 13 against; 10 abstentions.”⁷⁶

African and European borders were decided in Italy twenty-five years earlier; in 1947 they increased, but the Jews’ borders decreased.⁷⁷ May 14, 1948: the Jews acquiesced, and Israel was reborn with 12% of her borders from 1920.⁷⁸ The celebration ended when Egyptian warplanes roared over their heads at midnight, and the War of Independence began.⁷⁹ Though history fulfills the prophecy of their return, resentment remains against the little nation that belongs to God, but He repays their enemies.

In 1947 the Brits reduced the Jews’ land and lost an empire by 1952. One of a commonwealth of fifty-four nations, the queen is now a figurehead. The UK is left with England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.⁸⁰ Great Britain no longer exists.

Jacob was in their genes with God by their side when they reentered the Promised Land to face the giants again. As it was with Gideon, a small, poorly equipped army battled the war-hardened troops of Egypt, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Iraq until the war ended in March 1949. Israel held her ground for nations to know her Redeemer is the LORD.

In 1967 her enemies built up their arms again, announcing their intentions, but in June the Six Day War began with a preemptive strike by the Jews. Israel regained Samaria [“the West Bank”]; Mt. Hermon [her Golan Heights], and Jerusalem; she also restored the oil-rich Sinai to Egypt for peace.⁸¹ (Lk. 21:24)

In 1989 the USSR economy collapsed.⁸² *And the rest of the beasts have caused their dominion to pass away: (7:12a YLT)* The Big Three controlled Germany after the war, but America and Great Britain dissolved their dominion after her republic returned in West Berlin. A bankrupt Russia left East Berlin. All three had created the UN but gave up their authority over it, causing their dominion to pass away, yet they continue *for a season and a time. (7:12b)*

A Deceiver’s Diversity

He recalls the vision, but Daniel wants to hear more about the last beast. The heavenly man sounds redundant, but is he? (7:23-27) The fourth beast would return: ²³ *The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom ... diverse from all kingdoms ... and shall devour the whole earth.* ²⁴ *And the ten horns out of this kingdom*

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are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first. (7:23-24)

The next empire (in Rev. 13:1) is given the power and throne of the dragon. The angel is not repetitive by 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 is a beast with two horns like a lamb. (Rev. 13:11).

Babylon, his secret throne, had been in Pergamos; next in Rome, then Berlin. When Berlin fell, the dragon gave *his power, his throne, and great authority* to the leopard, the bear, and the lion. (Rev. 13:2) The Big Three created the UN; Alger Hiss wrote its charter after the war. Twenty-six allies signed it on June 26, 1945.⁸³ By the power of ten horns and seven heads, unlike other kingdoms, the next beast *devours the whole earth (7:23) ... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations. And all who dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* (Rev. 13:7b-8)

Out of this kingdom, the ten horns shall arise: they rise out of a fourth beast, which devours the earth. And another shall rise after them, diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings (in Dan. 7:24). In Rev. 13:11 another rises after the ten again but unlike the little horn that first rose after them to pluck up three, after his Third Reich, the fourth beast puts down three.

The next beast rises with ten horns (in Rev. 13:1), and another comes up after them—not like *the first*—not like the little horn, nor as the beast rising before him with his throne. He has neither ten horns and seven heads nor iron teeth and brass claws, but is a religio-political beast with two horns like a lamb that speaks as a dragon and takes authority over the throne: *And he shall subdue three kings (Dan 7:24)*—namely, the three with his throne.

The other beast rises out of the earth. The heart of the earth is perdition. With two horns like a lamb, he abases three kings by his ancient authority after giving the beast great authority. [The Greek interlinear tells us the dragon gave the beast its power, its throne, and great authority. (Rev 13:2 ZGE)] Every word matters.

To distinguish the eras, its words turn to poetry and future tense in Daniel, alluding to a dragon. Hard to spot, he winds his way on a serpentine path of deceptions. Hiding in the darkness of his evil schemes, he's revealed by the history that hounds him.

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²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. (Dan. 7:24)

The dragon's Third Reich gained many nations. The beast in 13 rises to rule the earth as the dragon's fourth kingdom. (Dan. 7:23) Long ago he stomped the lands to pieces, but he'll devour *the whole world and tread it down, and break it in pieces* too.

Bestial forms can alter. [Aram. *sh^enâ* is diverse {5x}, but is change/alter {16x}] The red dragon is a serpent, a scarlet beast, a little horn, a terrible beast, and *another beast coming up out of the earth... with two horns like a lamb, [he speaks] as a dragon*. One of ten had ruled Berlin, which was the first of three, *plucked up by the roots* in 7:8. When Berlin was crushed, the war ended.

The Treaty of Paris restored its ten crowns by 1949 (in 7:11; cf. Rev. 13:3; 17:8a). But the dragon could not return till Russia lost its grip on East Berlin, and his throne, i.e., his head, was healed, forty years past Paris. *The head of Assyria is Damascus, the key* that applies here (*from Is. 7:8*). Heads are capitals of empires.

Divisions, Divisions!

Time, times, and half a time [in most versions] is literally *time, times, and a division of a time*. (Dan. 7:25c YLT) [Aram.: *p^elag*, split. In KJV and Geneva Bible of 1599, *the dividing of time* {1x} the AKJV {1x} and CWSOT {1x}. It's used for the earth and its watercourses {4x}—unequally divided, not halved.] *Time, times, and a division of a time* pass till the tribulation ends; then the final signs of His coming appear. (Mat. 24:29-31; cf. Rev 6:12-14). Its chosen ones are taken up together to Jesus, but the beast fulfills his time on earth.

Biblical Hebrew months are thirty days long. The number of *times* is more than three, but *1,260 days* or *forty-two months* are not the *times* here. Unlike *time, times and half a time* as forty-two [30-day] months, or 1,260 days; it's *time, times, and the dividing of a time*—an unequal division, shortening its time. *And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened*. (Mat. 24:22, 29) Thus, the beast overcomes the saints in fewer than forty-two months; then he musters the nations to war. (Rev. 16:13-14)

²⁷ And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to

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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) [God's Kingdom is forever.]

At the end of the age, the Kingdom is *given to the people of the saints*—promised to Abraham—the elect from all nations, not just their own, but everyone chosen to reign with Yeshua in His Kingdom on earth. (Rev. 20:4-6) Only the chosen holy ones are *the people of the saints* (in Gen. 18:18-19; 22:18; 26:4-5; Eph. 2:19).

If history is complicated, so is the future. Presumptuous, we will be dismayed, but the one whose life abides in Yeshua will not be disappointed.

An Eternal Promise

The LORD spoke to David by the prophet Nathan, saying that David's offspring, his own flesh and blood, would rule an everlasting Kingdom established by God; furthermore, God Himself would be the Father of the Son who'd be born in fulfillment of His promise. Messiah would be David's flesh and blood but by a virgin birth (Is. 7:14). There could be no greater sign; otherwise, David's son couldn't be his Lord, the eternal King; however, as the only begotten Son of God, He fulfills the Word: *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.* (Ps. 110:1)

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ^{14a} I will be his father, and he will be my son.

(2 Sam. 7:12-14a NIV; cf. Jn. 1:1-14) – Nathan as God's oracle.

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

⁸And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. (1 Jn. 5:6-8 NKJV) – Jesus came out of a virgin, of David's lineage, and of the Father, the Spirit of the living God.

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