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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 thought to myself, “500 pieces won’t take too long, but I’m no genius.” As I began organizing the shapes and colors and separating their piles, I was certain I was short-changed. There didn’t seem to be enough pieces to frame the thing. I was perturbed with myself for expecting a complete puzzle from a discount store. I thought, “Well, you get what you pay for!” but 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’d begun, I encouraged myself by the puzzle our family spent weeks putting together. It was 1,500 pieces, all the same shape and nearly the same colors—blue and gray dinosaurs in a swamp. Five of us worked in our spare time till completing it. We learned one thing: **Don’t throw out the puzzle before putting all of its pieces together.**

Finally, after testing my patience, the 500 pieces somehow found their places, and the whole world came together! It was a satisfying and a sobering moment.

As I looked back to when I’d begun, I saw how wrong I had been about the shapes not fitting. At times I hadn’t understood where the parts belonged, but then I tried them. If they fit, I let them be. At last, they all worked perfectly, and the border neatly framed the entire puzzle. Not a single piece was missing, and not one extra remained. Its parts had been there all along.

This book was a lot like that puzzle. Some parts were hard to understand. How could they be what they were? I called out to God, “How can that be?” And He responded with a vision. I said, “This is hard to believe!” Then I believed it, and it made perfect sense. The more I believed, the more He revealed, until all of its pieces fit, and I saw the world with new eyes.

I was able to write these books because I didn’t do it alone. I asked the questions, and God supplied the answers. It took a team. I believed my Father as I wrote, wanting no opinions.

Unveiled! was written by faith and for faith because without faith, it is impossible for us to please God. Consider 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 faith, we know His voice.

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Part 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

²³ “Thus he said:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Dan. 7:1-28 NKJV)

The Sea

Daniel’s first vision was in the first twelve verses. Named thirteen other times in the Word, *the Great Sea* (*vs. 2*) is undeniably the Mediterranean Sea.¹ The prophecy took Daniel

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west, far from Babylon, to where victims would gain a kingdom. In a picture, the sea was stirred as tumultuous times came from deep places. Four beasts rose up—not just from *a sea* or out of *many waters* as from a multitude, but from *the Great Sea*, His angels prodded the kings to take their places in time. Daniel wrote down *the main facts*; this was an overview. (7:1)

Daniel saw *the Great Sea* (KJV, NASB, YLT, TLV), ... *And four beasts came up from the sea* (7:3): Beasts are the metaphors of supernatural kings and their great kingdoms. The four beasts had fallen into the sea and were rising from its turbulence for WW1.

These great beasts, which are four, are four kings which shall arise out of the earth. (Dan. 7:17) They rose from the Great Sea; then *out of the earth*. After WW1, the beasts rose a second time for WW2, finishing what they'd begun. Then the vision is repeated in verse 21: Daniel saw *the same horn* warring against the saints and prevailing. The terrible beast regains its ten horns in Rev. 17, but loses its dominion, which is destroyed forever.

The Lion

The rampant lion upright on two feet has been England since the 17th 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 12th C.² In 1603, James I set the lion upright on two feet, and in 1611, the king commissioned a translation of the Holy Bible into the English language.³

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

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

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

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reclusion after her husband Albert's death.

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

During WW1, in 1917, Britain's Secretary of State Arthur Balfour proposed the British-ruled Palestine for the Jews. By the 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 1920-22.⁷ Its borders were defined by the Allies until April 1921.⁸ However, the oil-rich Arab nations had been pressuring Britain, and since Arabs populated 90% of the land, Churchill made a deal to partition 77% east of the Jordan River as "Trans-Jordan."⁹ The League of Nations approved the plan, leaving 23% for the Jews, but the League lacked the military power to enforce 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.¹⁰ But Hitler proved land for peace wasn't what he wanted; on September 1, 1939, the Germans attacked Poland.¹¹ Then Britain and France allied against him but too late.

Out of Parliament, Winston Churchill, who loved the Jews, watched "the White Paper" suppress Jewish immigration and limit their land holdings in they called British Palestine. He was incensed.¹² In May 1940, the PM 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 from deep despair.¹³ Encouraged by their 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.¹⁴ But after the post-war conference, the PM

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lost re-election to a man with little sympathy for the Jews.

The Bear

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

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

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

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

The Terrible Beast

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

In the 8th century, Pope Stephen II gained the Papal States in Italy, though his armies weren’t Roman, but French. Pepin the Short had gone to war against the Lombards to win the central

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cities for Rome.²³ In 800, Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne²⁴ as the first “Christian Emperor” though he had been the King of France and of the Lombards. Rulers of fiefs and kinglets were made emperors—at times, with years between them.²⁵

In 962, Pope John XII,²⁶ seeking protection from Muslim marauders, looked for a more brutal king and turned to the King of Germania Otto the Great to protect Rome’s church. But Otto had no capital city or established form of government, often the case with the “Holy Roman Emperors” who, incidentally, were not very saintly. [From here on, it will be the REGN, i.e., the Roman Empire of the German Nation, 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 territories and kings, hiring mercenaries to protect the church and enforce her dogma.²⁷

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

Napoleon’s victory of 1806 ended the era of the imperialist church. His French Confederation, a watershed in history, was independent of 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 2nd Roman Empire.²⁹ After his defeat at Waterloo by the Anglo-Dutch and Prussian armies, the Council of Vienna further merged its lands in 1816.³⁰

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

²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. (Dan. 7:23)

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The fourth kingdom was different from all others for a few reasons: it had been the dragon's empire in Rev. 17. He'd gotten it by intrigue. Bismarck's 2nd Reich began sixty-five years after the REGN. While recreating the former empire, he made Berlin her capital in 1871, shortly before the Altar of Zeus came from Pergamon.³² In 1920, his ten kings rose for him to retake it in WW2, which was how the beast won his wars, but at last he lost.

A Little Dictator

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

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

²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. (Dan. 7:8, 24)

After Bismarck, Hitler claimed the "Third Reich." Gabriel had foretold the event centuries ago. The kingdom the angel had described to Daniel was Rome, the beast out of which ten horns rose. They appeared in central Europe after Rome's 2nd fall. The little eleventh horn came up among them later when an unknown seditionist became an infamous dictator. He gained ten kings but was not one of them; they gave their authority to him in Rev. 17:

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

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purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. (Rev. 17 :12-13 NASB) [This is the scarlet beast.]

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

Dan. 7:23-24 reveals a beast that devoured the earth. [Aram.: *ara* corresp. to Heb.: *erets*, “earth, land, or soil.”] Broken to pieces, its hundreds of tiny fiefs rose as ten nations in 1920. One day soon, the terrible beast in Daniel will speak by a false prophet; but in Daniel, he had no prophet, just ten kings whose kingdoms he gained: *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’s ten kings war against the Lamb who overcomes them. Now the King of kings has won the World War for His purposes: to free His chosen people and establish the foundation for His Kingdom as the Prince of Peace on Earth.

Thirty years after Bismarck, an Austrian was mesmerizing Germany. Convicted of treason as a political revolutionist, the traitor was released from prison, serving just eight months of an already lenient five-year sentence.³⁵ He applied for citizenship and joined the National Socialist German Worker’s Party, i.e., the “Nazis.” He ran for President but lost with only one-third the vote. 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 into flames, it provided the crisis by which he suddenly put laws, civil rights, education, and culture under Nazi control.³⁶

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

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.³⁸ He dismissed the constitutional

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democracy of the Weimar Republic to form its Nazi socialist government. Everyone who tried to put an end to it failed.

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) His army conquered many, but three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots—easily uprooted, like pulling up a plant with its 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.³⁹ The soft coup made him the dictator of the former democratic republic.

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

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

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

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

When he entered the Rhineland, the buffer-zone created for Belgium after WWI, its Germans cheered Hitler's entrance, but the Belgium forces put up a fight.⁴³ The year after Hungary had

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reluctantly joined him, she declared war against him. The rest—even Italy—resisted him but then lost to him. Only the first three yielded without a shot as the people of those nations fell before him: ... *and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, (7:20a NKJV)*

In 1889, Pergamon's Altar of Zeus left Turkey for Berlin fifty years before WW2.⁴⁴ Two millennia ago, travelers practiced pagan rites at its temple by the Mediterranean. Afterward, the Romans returned home where killing Christians was a sport. By 1941, it would also be common to murder Jews in Europe.

Bismarck was not the little horn, nor was the Kaiser after him. The prophecy had waited for the man who fit its words. In twelve years, the little corporal rose up as a little horn among ten kings: *And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. (Dan. 7:8b)* The little king became like the terrible beast that had gotten the man. Rising after the ten kings were granted their kingdoms, Hitler boasted of a super race, revealing the beast in himself by blaspheming God who had made mankind in His image. This beast was *exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze. (7:19)*

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

On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, a violation of the Munich Pact and a declaration of war. The truculent strategist had groomed an army of terrorists. Most of the nations he gained had one mind with him. The unseen kings persuaded them by many deceptions that stirred their emotions. "Change" appealed to them, no matter what it meant. They reverted to savagery against Jews. Catholic and Protestant clergymen who agreed with them supported the genocide, though not all did.⁴⁸

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

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

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

²⁵ And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time, and times, and the dividing of time.
(Dan. 7:25)

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

Quick like a Leopard!

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

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President Wilson made the former Senator from New York Franklin D. Roosevelt his Secretary of the Navy from 1912-20. Visiting an orphanage in 1921, Roosevelt contracted infantile paralysis; he was thirty-nine years old. Polio had paralyzed his legs, but he accepted the challenge and won the 1932 election.⁵⁵

America had experienced the 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 Europe's 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.⁵⁶ That evening, President Roosevelt delivered his address to a national radio audience: "The Declaration of Intent to Declare War."⁵⁷ The next day, the Senate voted 82-0 and the House, 388-1.⁵⁸

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

If he had looked down, the man would have been devastated. However, after defeating the Great Depression and the Drought, he could envision our victory over the otherwise unconquerable enemies. Through his own daunting tests and arduous trials, Franklin Roosevelt had gained an indomitable spirit.

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

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

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

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

Automobile, clothing, and furniture manufacturing plants were redesigned to make tanks, jeeps, tires, ammunition, ships, rifles, bombers, canons, uniforms, tents, and rations. Nylon was not for stockings anymore—it was for parachutes! It all went to the war effort. Citizens sacrificed conveniences for freedom.

Hollywood inspired Americans to save war bonds and use ration cards. Formerly unemployed citizens, people of color, homemakers, retirees, physically handicapped, and the mentally challenged, joined the workforce as its heroes. “The War was won at home,” became a common expression.

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

The nation met the challenge as God brought forth a legendary generation, transforming an eagle into a leopard with four wings. In 1941, troops in training wore “tin hats and leggings from WW1, carrying rifles designed in 1903,” and learning warfare skills without the right equipment until its arrival. In the end, the formerly isolated nation had “provided two-thirds of all the Allied military equipment made during the [entire] war.”⁶³

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

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

In a matter of life or death and with odds high against her, America took the test and exceeded all expectations. Citizens

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responded as never before, and leaders publically prayed for the strength to win. America 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. Its pieces fit to form Dan. 7.

The war ended when the terrible *beast was slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame*. Though Hitler's body was never found, his bodyguard explained that he'd ordered it burned and its remains buried to prevent its discovery.⁶⁴

Afterward God, who had given the land to their forefathers by a promise, suddenly favored the Jews. The judgment was made *in favor of the saints, and the time arrived for the saints to possess the kingdom. (Vs. 18)* God began to establish the Kingdom of David by returning Jews to their promised land, fulfilling His prophecies over their ancestors.

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

Between April and July, Japan killed half as many Allies as she had since the war started in the Pacific. His advisors assured him, a land invasion would have cost a million lives. Truman weighed the options, and on August 6, he ordered the H-bomb on Hiroshima. Three days later, Nagasaki was bombed. America became the superpower: *the leopard was given dominion. (7:6)* [We may interpret this as *dominion was given to a rising nation.*]

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

Though Germany was among the three largest nations in Europe, Hitler convinced his people to shed blood for more land as in eastern Asia, Hirohito did the same. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, a founder of radical Islam, colluded with Hitler to

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eliminate the Jews,⁶⁷ and Mussolini's war added to the death toll: sixty million men, women, and children were killed; one in ten were Jews. But we have been deceived to think the greatest war in history had never been foretold. How could we be duped when we have the mind of Christ? We aren't as spiritual as we think

What's a Head?

Heads, which appear on the leopard, are not on any other beast in Daniel. The 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 tribal leaders as *heads*, men in top positions who lead multitudes. (349x in OT)

Horn, *qeren* (Heb.), signifies strength and represents kings. (75x) In Dan. 7:8, a horn *has eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking boastful words*. Horns appear as the men they acquire. These horns, as we discover in Revelation, were on the red dragon in heaven long before they came to the earth. The ten horns are ten *kings that have no kingdom yet* in Rev. 17:12. They rise with ten nations from the terrible beast; whereas the leopard, unlike all the others, has four heads, not horns, or kings.

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

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

The wings of a "bird" symbolize its fast flight (ESV, NASB); wings of a "fowl," its protective instincts. (Aram.: *owph*. KJV, and YLT) Both would be true of the winged leopard, which rushed past me in a vision and then proved itself true.

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First I saw its *dominion*. Then I saw its *heads* in a unique government. The Constitution had created the four heads with equal powers to serve the republic equitably: the President, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House, reside as co-equal powers with authority to check the others. By their support, the President declares war, defends the nation, or provides aid to our allies. The Supreme Court safeguards the Constitution and the justice system. The two heads lead Congress to pass laws and ensure the people and their states are represented. Then they check each other. The President ratifies or vetoes their laws, but Congress can override his veto, and the Supreme Court determines its Constitutionality. That's why the leopard has four heads.

America is not a democracy in which the majority overrules the minority. In the cities, people dine on steak and potatoes but don't know what ranchers or farmers need. Our founders created a democratic republic that represents us all. Her co-equal powers reside in all four heads. Only the leopard fits this space.

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- literal) This was about their union; they themselves caused the loss of their dominion when they agreed on a charter to unite the nations, yet they continued as sovereign nations until the organization of their own making removes their dominion. Even so, they agreed to one vote per nation, giving equal authority to each representative. Shortly after the war, on June 26, 1945, the UN Charter was approved.⁶⁸

After 1950, the British Empire declined until she lost nearly all of it to become the United Kingdom.⁶⁹ By 1991, Marxist socialism ruined the USSR, and Russia lost her control over eastern Europe.⁷⁰ What is the condition of America today?

America is divided; our Constitution is in jeopardy because half our people have believed socialists. They are unaware that, except for nations with Biblical values, all the world is impoverished. Once first in education, now she is 72nd.⁷¹ This is the result of increased dependency on government and the shaming of religious faith, even causing American debt to skyrocket.⁷²

We argue and war with our words because we want what others have. The Ten Commandments were taken out of schools

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and public places, so we've lost our moorings: giving what is ours, we are blessed; wanting what belongs to someone else makes us covetous; taking from another turns us into thieves.

If we could fix her problems, it wouldn't be enough to save a nation that is testing God by her immoralities, lust for pleasure, and materialism. Unless we repent, our nation will turn from Israel to be cursed and destroyed. If we are wise, we who profess the faith will repent of this world and its ways and return to God.

At the time of Daniel's vision, its nations didn't exist, but millennia later, God favored the Jews by returning them to their homeland. His retribution was spent, and His enemy was slain.

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

²⁷ And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. (Dan. 7:27; cf. 7:14)

In the interlinear translation, it reads, "*the people of the saints*," as it is in the KJV and ESV. God would favor the sons of the patriarchs.

Divisions, Divisions!

A few mistranslated words are in the best Bible versions. One is *ciphrah*, or "book." In Is. 34:4, it is clearly correct as a "scroll": *rolled together as a scroll*. 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.

In *Dan. 7:25*, the words, *time, times, and half a time* are misleading. They are literally *time, times, and a division of a time* (*YLT*). In the *KJV* and in the *Geneva Bible of 1599*, it reads: *the dividing of time* (1x); also, in the *Authorized King James Version* (1x), and in the *Complete Word Study OT* (1x). The Aramaic word is *P^elag* and corresponds to the Hebrew *palag*, found in the Scriptures four times as the dividing of the earth and its water-courses—unequal divisions, not *half*, as scholars have said.

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Years, decades, centuries, or millennia, constitute *times*; but the lengths are not given here. Biblical Hebrew months are thirty days long; three-and-a-half years are 1,260 days, i.e., forty-two months. *A division of a time* is accurate, not exactly *half a time*. Again the number of *times* is absent. Although it occurs as three, neither *1,260 days* nor *forty-two months* are associated with it. The time was, as it had been described, *unequally divided*.

A new method, “the Final Solution,” sent its first shipment of Jews from ghettos to Poland’s concentration camps in late 1941. The first death camp became operational in Chelmno, Poland, on December 8—the day America declared war against Japan.⁷³ Three years and five months, or 1,247 days, had passed when the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945. The last death camp was shut down 1,248 days after the first one had opened, twelve days short of the biblical calendar’s three-and-a-half years.

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

From *Kristallnacht*, November 9, 1938, to May 9, 1945, the closing date of the last death camp, Stutthof, six years and six months had passed. The Nazis had murdered six million Jews.

A Humble Portion

Without military strength, after 1922, the League of Nations failed. The UN took its place, agreeing to change its international law and grant the Golan Heights, the ancient Mount Hermon, to Syria. On November 29, 1947, UN Resolution 181 gave the Jews just a small part of the original land grant.⁷⁵ The African and European states were also given boundaries; in 1947, their borders were extended, but the Jews’ were diminished.⁷⁶ On May 14, 1948, the Jewish leaders acquiesced, calling the land “Israel” with only 12% of the portion originally granted at San Remo.⁷⁷

Within hours of her rebirth, the state of Israel faced her first national crisis. When Egypt’s warplanes roared over the evening celebration, the War of Independence began. God would be

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glorified, not in her greatness, but in her diminishment. He chose the Jews as Gideon and gave holocaust survivors the strength to stand. After the Arabs forced them from Jerusalem, their small, ill-equipped army faced Egypt, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq, until the war ended in March 1949, with Israel's first win.⁷⁸

In June 1967, the five Arab states threatened her destruction again.⁷⁹ The Six Day War was a preemptive defense strike by Israel in which she regained the West Bank [Samaria], the Golan Heights [Mt. Hermon], and ancient Jerusalem. Though she won the war, Israel returned the oil-rich Sinai to Egypt for peace.⁸⁰

Approaching the Throne

- ¹³ "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
- ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a
kingdom.
That all peoples, nations, and languages should
serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion which
shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall never be destroyed. (Dan. 7, NKJV)

Another vision came to Daniel while he was in heaven. He foresaw the Son of Man coming in the clouds to heaven from earth to stand before the Father. In the far-off future, Jesus' disciples would see Him ascend with the cloud into heaven, but Daniel had foreseen Him receiving His inheritance.

His Kingdom is not of this world, but is within us. He gained the Kingdom on the cross, proven by His resurrection. In Dan. 7 above, His gift is for all nations to serve Him. In 7:27, *all dominions* is plural: *And all dominions do serve and obey Him.*'

Turning to Rev. 12, the red dragon is in heaven until the promised Son ascends through the clouds; then there is a war in heaven, and the dragon is cast out forever. Next, a voice declares His salvation, and there is rejoicing in heaven. Then the accuser

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is thrown out, but *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil has come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (Rev. 12:12b)*

Now each of the three beasts has a sovereign government, but many nations are taken in at the end by the next beast, the one they created. It could happen overnight. The nations are predestined to fall together as one dominion. (Dan. 2) Soon, ten horns will return to their beast to destroy his former throne.

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

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

¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb. 3:7-13) [These Hebrews were also believers.]

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

Thy Kingdom Come!

Gabriel assured Daniel the Kingdom would be established, but first the Jews must fulfill the prophecies by regaining their homeland. WW2 ended for them to find grace after God used His enemies in vengeance against them for profaning His name:

¹⁹ I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. ²⁰ But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned

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my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.' ²¹ But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

²² "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them.

(Ezk. 36:19-22 NIV)

How could they have *profaned* His name if no one knows His name—or do we? Which name is profaned but that of His Son? "Jesus Christ" is the name that is profaned by the nations to this day. Jews wrestle with the words of the prophets just as many professing believers prefer the teachings of men:

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

The Child who was born to them, the Son who was given, defeated sin, hell, and death, for men everywhere. God made His name famous among the nations. Jesus Christ is the only name that saves us from hell, yet His is the name the world profanes. The Jews will mourn for Him as for an only son until God pours out His Spirit upon them:

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

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new

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spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezk. 36:24-28 ESV)

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

Forty years after the resurrection, they lost their nation and their temple. Afterward, God tracked them down like a hunter after his prey for nearly two thousand years. They profaned His name who had sent His Son as their Sacrifice for sin:

²² For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ ... for there will be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive, into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22, 23b-24) – Yeshua

His grace acts apart from merit. He's known as severe, even in Rom. 11:22 as He was in WW2. His wrath against His people never justifies those who destroy them. God gave the Jews their homeland and took slew the terrible beast:

²⁶ 'But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy *it* forever. (Dan. 7:26 NKJV)

In the study of Revelation, we'll discover what happened to the terrible beast. The grace God gave the Jews was not for their goodness, but for His faithfulness to their patriarchs; therefore, whoever opposes Israel stands against the promises of God who chose the Jews above all others. They brought His Word as the light into the world; but everlasting life is neither for those who oppose the God of Israel, nor for those who refuse His Son.

Daniel's beasts appear in Revelation 13. The tapestry of the Scriptures is a witness to the Word. The Artisan is the Author.

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¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17 ESV)

Of Times and Seasons

And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? (Dan. 12:6) ...and the angel said, It will be for a time, and times, and an half. (See Dan. 12:7)

The abomination of desolation would continue for three-and-a-half years before Messiah's first advent, but its days were long. Israel's civil calendar has 29 or 30-day months. To make up for the lack in her 354-day lunar year, she adds a month in the spring every 3-4 years, the month of Adar I; then Passover and the Day of Firstfruits is in Adar II for the season of its harvest.

The rule applied to Israel's biblical year with twelve 30-day months. In one of its three years, the extra month was added, making the total number of days 1,290. Its three years and six months qualify as a time, times, and half a time, though one of its years was a leap year: *And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. (Dan. 12:11)* In 167 BC, a king entered the temple, demanding worship as God. Antiochus IV desecrated the temple with an idol and sacrificed a pig on the altar. Then he crucified and ravaged multitudes of Jews before the temple was cleansed and rededicated 45 days later, i.e., in 1,335 days. Referring to Daniel, Jesus foretold another abomination of desolation before His return, but its tribulation will be shortened. The beast in Rev. 13:5 continues for forty-two biblical months—1,260—not 1,290 days.

In 30 AD, Jesus died for our sins and rose again, and many of the saints who had died were raised with Him. (Mat. 27:52-53) Forty years later, Jerusalem fell, and the Jews were scattered to the nations. In each case, *the rest of the dead do not rise until after the thousand years* to face the judgment. (Rev. 20:5) At that time, the end of all these things shall come.