

DANIEL 2, -- IMAGE OF METALS

INTRODUCTION

The second chapter of Daniel presents the perspective that is maintained throughout the prophetic chapters of this book (chapters 2, 7, 8, 11, & 12, with the exception of chapter 9*). This perspective is that of GOD speaking to the span of the world's nations -- and not the Jews as some would errantly presume. Daniel accomplishes this by outlining the sequence and nuance of world empires. In the process, he throws in some small specifics whose significance might be easily overlooked, but prove to be critical components to understanding the prophecies.

* Please note that the 9th chapter is unique because Daniel only elucidates Jeremiah's prophecy. It is this author's belief that God allowed Daniel special grace to deviate from events pertaining to the nations of the world so that he could prophesy to his own kinsmen.

VISION

DANIEL 2:31 "You saw, o king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; ³⁵ then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

INTERPRETATION

DANIEL 2:37 "You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the sons of men, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the air, making you rule over them all -- you are the head of gold. ³⁹ After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things; and like iron which crushed, it shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, ^b but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever; ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great

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HEAD OF GOLD - Babylonian/Chaldean Empire (605 - 539 BC)

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REGIONAL HISTORY - (Medes & Persians)

The Babylonian/Chaldean Empire was the foundation upon which all successive world empires were based. Other kingdoms existed prior to this new generation empire, chiefly, the nomadic Medes and Persians (1100 - 800 BC),¹ who roamed the vast territory of Persia (modern day Iran), inhabiting mud brick dwellings, and seasonally migrating between the higher pastures in the scorching summers and the lower valleys during the winters.² These peoples are referred to in:

- Daniel 6:12 -- Daniel in the lions den, with Babylonian/Chaldean King Darius’ signet law made unretractable according to the law of the “*Medes and the Persians*.”
- Daniel 8:3-7 -- the “*Ram*” that was cast to the ground by the “*He-Goat*” (Babylonian/Chaldean Empire)
- Daniel 8:20 -- the “*Ram*” whose horns are specifically identified as “*the kings of Media and Persia*”

BABYLONIAN KINGDOM

Nabopolassar, (Nebuchadnezzar’s father), laid the foundation for this Babylonian kingdom in an era where Assyria was weakened by the Medes, for his sons inheritance prior to his own death. When the Assyrians and Egyptians conspired to destroy this newly founded Babylonian kingdom, King Nebuchadnezzar met the Egyptian army at Carchemish, at the head waters of the Euphrates, and decisively defeated them.

This Head-of-Gold was “*the first true metropolis in western history, a business as well as an administrative center*”³ -- the prototype of governments as we see them to this day. The Babylonians controlled trade and commerce across western Asia, from the Mediterranean Sea to the Persian Gulf, building highways, legislating business, and creating the first amusement park -- the third Wonder of the World -- the Hanging Gardens.

⁴ The following table outlines the sequence of Babylonian rulers:

¹ Andrew Sherratt, The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Archaeology, Crown Publishers, Inc., NY, 1980, p. 206

² John B. Christopher and Robert Lee Wolf, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1967, pp. 13-14

³ John B. Christopher and Robert Lee Wolf, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1967, p. 35

⁴ Will Durant, Story of Civilization: Part II, Simon and Schuster, NY, 1954, pp. 223-224

SEQUENCE OF BABYLONIAN/CHALDEAN KINGS

Young's Concordance ⁵	Strong's Concordance ⁶	World History ⁷
<u>BC</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>BC</u>
600 - 561 Nebuchadnezzar	605 - 562 Nebuchadnezzar	626 - 605 Nabopolassar
561 - 559 Evil-Merodach	-- Evil-Merodach (Marduk)	605 - 561 Nebuchadnezzar
559 - 550 Belshazzar	-- Belshazzar	561 - 560 Evil Merdocach (Awil-Marduk)
		559-556 Neriglissar (Nergalsharusur)
		556 - 539 Nabonidus* * Shared with son, Belshazzar
<u>Medo/Persian Empire</u>	-- Darius The Mede	
538 Darius The Mede (Cyaxares)		<u>Medo/Persian Empire</u>
536 Cyrus The Great	-- Cyrus The Great	555 - 529 Cyrus The Great

BREAST AND ARMS OF SILVER - Medo/Persian Empire (539 - 330 BC)

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DANIEL 2:39 “After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.”

In the years 556 to 549 BC, Cyrus of the Persians rebelled against King Astyages of the Medes. In his victory, Cyrus consolidated the Medo/Persian kingdom, and continued his conquest of Asia Minor. In 539 BC, having already conquered most of the Near East,⁸ Cyrus the Great conquered the Babylonians. In 525 BC, under Cambyses, the Persians crossed the Suez and conquered the Egyptians.⁹ This Medo/Persian Empire was the largest and one of the best organized governments in history.¹⁰ The following table outlines the sequence of Persian rulers.

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⁵ Robert Young, Analytical Concordance to the Bible, Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI, 1976

⁶ James Strong, The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, TN, 1990

⁷ William Langer, An Encyclopedia of World History, Houghton Mifflin Co, Boston, MA, 1968, pp. 34-35

⁸ Jean-Louis Huot, Persia I - From the Origins to the Achaemenids, World Publishing Co., NY, 1967, pp. 153-154

⁹ Will Durant, Story of Civilization: Part II, Simon and Schuster, NY, 1954, p. 215

¹⁰ Will Durant, Story of Civilization: Part II, Simon and Schuster, NY, 1954, p. 352

¹¹ Robert Young, Analytical Concordance to the Bible, Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI, 1976, pp. 22, 52, 218, 220

¹² Huot, Jean-Louis, Persia I - From the Origins to the Achaemenids, World Publishing Co., NY, 1965-67, pp. 12, 153-156

<u>BC</u>		<u>BC</u>	
536 - 529	Cyrus the Great	539 - 530	Cyrus the Great
529 - 521	Ahasuerus (Cambyses)	530 - 522	Cambyses
521 - _____	Darius Hystaspes	522 - 486	Darius I (Hystaspes)
485		486 - 465	Xerxes
423	Darius Nothus	465 - 423	Artaxerxes I
		423	Xerxes II - few weeks
418	Artaxerxes (Longimanus)	423	Sogdianus - six months
		423 - 404	Darius II
		404 - 359	Artaxerxes II
		359 - 338	Artaxerxes III (Ochus)
		338	Arses
		338 - 330	Darius III (Codomanus)

BELLY AND THIGHS OF BRONZE - Grecian Empire (336 - 146 BC)

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PERSPECTIVE

The Grecian Empire established by Alexander the Great (356 - 323 BC) was a particularly unique empire as identified by Daniel. This empire was to be a kingdom “*which shall rule over all the earth.*” This is of specific importance in two aspects. The first is that this kingdom encompassed more territory than any kingdom up to that time. This was made possible by the second aspect: the style of Alexander’s governance. After he conquered a given city or kingdom, he would leave that government’s organizational structure in place. This caused the least disruption in the conquered peoples, and left him available to divert his attentions elsewhere. This tactic was employed by the Romans, and even during General Douglas MacArthur’s governorship in post WW II Japan. It is this second aspect that projects Alexander as a true visionary: “And the most inspiring legend of all portrays Alexander the Great as the first man to conceive the ideal of One World.”¹⁴

In this Daniel 2:39, “*which shall rule over all the earth*” concept, one should discover that in Daniel 8:20-21, the “*He-Goat*” is described as the “*king of Greece,*” and in Daniel 11:2, a “*fourth*” king shall “*stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.*” Accordingly, we’ll examine evidence that in both of these citations, Daniel uses “*Greece*” not as a specific nation or empire, but rather as the typecast for events and circumstances which pertain to “*all the earth.*”

HISTORY

During King Philip’s life, (382 - 336 BC), he organized and strengthened his country, Macedonia, from 359 BC until his assassination in 336 BC. His son, Alexander (356 - 323 BC), inherited the kingdom, and over the course of 12 years expanded his kingdom over a vast region. He conquered Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, Afghanistan, Russian Central Asia, and

¹³ Durant, Will, Story of Civilization: Part I, Simon and Schuster, NY, 1954, pp 353-354, 381-382

¹⁴ John B. Christopher and Robert Lee Wolf, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1967, p 86

finally, India.¹⁵ When Alexander the Great died, this expansive kingdom was partitioned between his military and political heirs into five regions.

“There were not only three major monarchies -- Macedonia, Seleucia, and Egypt; there were a hundred Greek city-states, of all degrees of independence; there was a maze of alliances and leagues; there were half-Greek states in Epirus, Judea, Pergamum, Byzantium, Bithynia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Bactria; and in the west were Greek Italy and Sicily, torn between aging Carthage and youthful Rome. ... (Alexander) had left not one but several strong men behind him, and none could be content with less than sovereignty. ... After some minor trials at arms which disposed of lesser contenders, they divided the empire into five parts -- Antipater taking Macedonia and Greece, Lysimachus Thrace, Antigonus Asia Minor, Seleucus Babylonea, and Ptolemy Egypt.”¹⁶

To review, the two significant aspects of the Grecian (also called Hellenistic) Empire of Alexander the Great, the first was the whole world “Greece” typecast. The second is the division of Alexander’s empire between his **five** generals versus the classical commentators’ false division of **four**. And although this division of **five** eventually evolved to **four**, it took 42 years from Alexander’s death in 323 BC, to arrive to the **four**:

“The satrapies handed out by Perdiccas at the Partition of Babylon became power bases each general used to bid for power. After the assassination of Perdiccas in 321 BC, Macedonian unity collapsed, and 40 years of war between “The Successors” (Diadochi) ensued before the Hellenistic world settled into four stable power blocks...”¹⁷

Furthermore, each of the five generals had expended their lives by this 281 BC date:

- Antipater, Macedonia and Greece, 397 – 319 BC *
- Lysimachus, Thrace, 360 – 281 BC *
- Antigonus, Asia Minor, 382 – 301 BC
- Seleucus, Babylonea, 358 – 281 BC *
- Ptolemy, Egypt, 367 – 283 BC *

* Note: Antigonus was slain at the battle of Ipsus and two thirds of his dominion was divided between the victors.¹⁸

Thus one should perceive that Alexander’s empire was never divided into four regions. The commentators simply misrepresent Scripture in Daniel 7 and Daniel 11, and falsify world history to present a “fulfillment” for those respective prophetic passages.

LEGS OF IRON - Roman Empire (146 BC - 476 AD)

DANIEL 2:32 ““ The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.”

¹⁵ John B. Christopher and Robert Lee Wolf, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1967, p 86

¹⁶ Durant, Will, “Story of Civilization: Part I,” Simon and Schuster, NY, 1954, pp. 557-558

¹⁷ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_the_Great

¹⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Ipsus

DANIEL 2:40 “And there shall be a fourth kingdom strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things; and like iron which crushed, it shall break and crush all these.”

PERSPECTIVE

The foundation of this Roman Empire can be found in the structure of government -- the *Senatus Populusque Romanus*. This “Senate and the Roman People,” was comprised of the Consulate which had two consuls that served one year terms as co-chief executives; a Senate which had 300 members; and a Centuriate Assembly which provided representation for the commoners.¹⁹ Although Rome had an apparent system of checks and balances, upon the death of Marc Antony, Julius Caesar Augustus stacked the legislative deck such that he was eventually named a singular Consulate dictator in perpetuity.²⁰ It is important to recognize that a residue of Iron based upon this representative form of government is carried forward into the last empire, the Feet of Clay, called the “*divided kingdom*”.

Secondly, many classical commentators attempt to explain the significance of the two legs typical of northern and southern, or eastern and western divisions of Rome. But if this division were correctly ascribed it must be attributed to the “thighs”, where this division rightfully starts. And if TWO thighs or TWO legs aren’t explicitly cited, then any such significance is an unauthorized expansion of the text, and is nothing more than someone’s ill advised conjecture. But it would appear that if Scripture implied TEN toes by way of the TEN “horns” and TEN “crowns”, then we should anticipate some significance in that number.

HISTORY

As early as 281 BC, Rome was using expansionism as a defense for its own borders with the advantage of also obtaining more territory. In 146 BC Rome placed a governor over the strategic Macedon territory. With control over key portions of the nearby Mediterranean regions, Rome commenced its pre-eminence. The Roman Empire endured for nearly 600 years before it succumbed to internal disintegration.

A partial (through 161 AD) sequence of Roman emperors is depicted in the following table:

SEQUENCE OF ROMAN EMPERORS

REIGN ²¹	EMPEROR ¹⁹ *	BIRTH / DEATH ²²
105 - 100 BC	Caius <u>Marius</u>	155? - 86 BC
88 -79 BC	Lucius Cornelius <u>Sulla</u> (<u>Felix</u>)	138 - 78 BC
? - 46 BC	Caius <u>Julius Caesar</u>	100 - 44 BC
46 - 31 BC	both Julius Caesar Octavianus <u>Augustus</u> or <u>Octavian</u> and Marcus Antonius (<u>Marc Antony</u>)	63 BC -14 AD
27 BC - 14 AD	Julius Caesar Octavianus <u>Augustus</u> or <u>Octavian</u>	63 BC -14 AD
14 - 37 AD	<u>Tiberius Claudius Nero Caesar</u>	42 BC - 37 AD
37 - 41 AD	Caius Caesar <u>Caligula</u>	12 BC - 41 AD
41 - 54 AD	Tiberius <u>Claudius</u> Drusus Nero Germanicus	10 BC- 54 AD

¹⁹ John B. Christopher and Robert Lee Wolf, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1967, p 100

²⁰ John B. Christopher and Robert Lee Wolf, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1967, p 112

²¹ Crane Brinton, A History of Civilization, Prentice-Hall, 1967, pp 100 - 117, 133

²² Websters New Twentieth Century Dictionary, 2nd ed., Simon & Schuster, NY, 1983

54 - 68 AD	<u>Nero</u> Claudius Caesar	37 - 68 AD
69 AD	Servius Sulpicius <u>Galba</u>	3 BC- 69 AD
69 AD	Marcus Salvius <u>Otho</u>	32 - 69 AD
69 - 79 AD	Titus Flavius Sabinus Vespasianus (<u>Vespasian</u>)	9 - 79 AD
79 - 81 AD	<u>Titus</u> Flavius Sabinus Vespasianus (Jr.)	40? - 81 AD
81 - 96 AD	<u>Domitian</u>	51 - 96 AD
96 - 98 AD	Marcus Cocceius <u>Nerva</u>	32 - 98 AD
98 - 117 AD	Marcus Ulpius Trajanus (<u>Trajan</u>)	52? - 117 AD
117 - 138 AD	<u>Hadrian</u> or Adrian	76 - 138 AD
138 - 161 AD	<u>Antoninus Pius</u>	86 - 161 AD

* Note: Underlined names indicate preferred identification

The Roman emperors continued successions until the year 235, whereupon military governorship lasted until the year 476 when formal Roman leadership ceased.

One of the most interesting aspects of this empire is that it was never conquered. It merely dissolved into disparate kingdoms and fiefdoms, which seldom divested themselves from the representative form of government to which they were accustomed. Even in global nations today, nearly all forms of government and jurisprudence are based upon Roman precedent. As such, it's clear that GOD and history would acknowledge this residue of Iron -- both in this "divided kingdom" of Clay for which Scripture clearly demonstrates that the Feet of Clay are a separate and unique fifth empire; and in our own Pledge of Allegiance where we acknowledge our Roman "Republic" (i.e., "Iron") foundation.

FEET OF IRON & CLAY - Divided Kingdom

DANIEL 2:32 "The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay."

DANIEL 2:41 "And as you saw the feet and toes partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, ^b but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay."

DANIEL 2:45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

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PERSPECTIVE

First of all one must discount the false commentary 1,2,3,4a,4b, "Revived Holy Roman Empire" scenario.

- 1) Various proponents demand that Scripture defines **four** kingdoms as follows:

- a) The Gold as an inherent kingdom
- b) The Silver: “*another kingdom inferior to you*”
- c) The Bronze: “*a third kingdom*”
- d) The Iron: “*a fourth kingdom*”

They completely ignore the FIFTH distinct empire, ascribing it as though it were a subset of the Roman. However, Scripture plainly delineates one more kingdom:

- e) The Clay: “*it shall be a divided kingdom*”
- 2) These same proponents fail to grasp that where the Roman Republic crumbled into dust (having never been replaced by a new form), that the disparate kingdoms simply ceased paying taxes to Rome but had no other option except to maintain the “*Senate and the Roman People*” bicameral model. Even today the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance clearly states “... *and to the Republic for which it stands ...*”. -- Thus Scripture and history provide for a residue of Iron in the present empire of Clay.
- 3) Simple world history bears witness where global power is shared between three superpowers (U.S./U.K., Russia, and China) in compliance to the Empire of Clay “*divided kingdom*” dictate.
- 4) Scripture is no less *INTELLIGENT DESIGN* than a recipe. A well considered shopper organizes their list according to the store aisles, i.e., 1) flour, 2) sugar, 4) baking powder, 5) vanilla, 5) butter, 6) eggs. However the recipe calls for a different order, i.e., 2) sugar, 5) butter; 6) eggs, 4) vanilla; 1) flour, 3) baking powder. Thus 1,2,3,4,5,6 versus 2,5,6,4,1,3, -- both serving their *INTELLIGENT DESIGN* purposes.

And so Scripture depicts 1) Gold; 2) Silver; 3) Bronze; 4) Iron; 5) Clay (= FIVE), and verse 45 confirms this in the sequence 4) Iron; 3) Bronze; 5) Clay; 2) Silver; 1) Gold (= FIVE). In this, GOD carefully and intentionally breaks any ill considered subset premise, (i.e., 4a/4b), by simply repositioning the Bronze between the Iron and the Clay, forcing a FIVE empire delineation.

Having debunked the commentator’s, 1,2,3,4a,4b Revived Holy Roman Empire doctrine, additional Scripture continues to discount that doctrine while validating history. In this, one must consider how Chapter 2 demands a FIVE world empire sequence, which CANNOT parallel the Chapter 7 FOUR beast depiction,-- as every school child knows that FIVE ≠ FOUR. Secondly, one should consider that where this FIFTH Empire of Clay consists of today’s three superpowers, it will evolve into a one-world government consisting of 10 representative nations. So now we will debunk the European Union doctrine:

- 1) Revelation 13:7-8 makes it clear that a one-world government would rule over “... *every tribe and people and tongue and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it...*”. So who would assign this to the European Union?!? They are not and never will be global community.
- 2) Some would attempt to tease out 10 nations from a participation of 28, plus 6 candidates, and 2 potential candidates:

28 Member States

Austria	Croatia	Denmark	France
Belgium	Cyprus	Estonia	Germany
Bulgaria	Czech Republic	Finland	Greece

Hungary	Lithuania	Poland	Slovenia
Ireland	Luxembourg	Portugal	Spain
Italy	Malta	Romania	Sweden
Latvia	Netherlands	Slovakia	United Kingdom

6 Candidate Countries

Albania	Serbia
Iceland	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Montenegro	Turkey

2 Potential Candidates

Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo ²³
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Do they delineate their selection by date of entry, by economic weight, by military weight, by centrality, by historical prestige, by future potential, by the cuteness of their national symbol, by alphabetical ranking, or by the number of letters in a given nation's name (by fewer or by more)? Whose imagination is it that parses such a winnowing to arrive to the 10?!?

- 3) Where does this EU one-world-government false doctrine come from?! In 1951 the "Treaty of Paris" was signed which created the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). In 1957 the "Treaty of Rome" was signed which established the European Economic Community (TEEC).²⁴ Ill advised individuals gave credence to the commentator false 4a/4b Revived Holy Roman Empire teaching, which glommed into this EU one-world-government false doctrine.

HISTORY

This Empire of Clay fifth world empire is prophesied and fulfilled as follows:

- A). As presented in the "IRON -- History" section above, the Roman Empire form of government and jurisprudence represented by the residue of "iron" is maintained in the subsequent disparate kingdoms and fiefdoms as we see in today's world governments;
- B). The chapter 2 Clay is described as a "divided kingdom", which should portend more than just the ten "toes", which would be redundant, for we already know that the ten toes are inherently "divided". Thus one must conclude that the division pertains to the encompassing "feet", exactly as we see in today's three superpowers.
- C). As such, the chapter 7 three beasts plus the fourth cannot parallel the chapter 2 sequence, but must represent the three superpowers along with the one-world-government.
- D). The ten toes are an alignment of 10 select nations under the one-world-government which are not from some one's arbitray ranking, but rather a distinct and unique population apart from the other nations.
- E). Both the three superpowers plus seven other nations comprise the ten nations, all of which are already identified in the news.

So we find that Daniel uses chapter 7 to elucidate this fifth *divided* empire, describing the three superpowers as national identity animals, (*Lion with Eagles Wings, Bear, and Leopard*), and a fourth

²³ http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_en.htm

²⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Rome

power without an animal depiction (*Dreadful*). And in parallel, Revelation 13:2 clarifies the Daniel 7 *dreadful* beast as an subjugation of the three superpowers, (*feet of the Bear, body of the Leopard, and head of the Lion*). But regardless of any chapter 7 pretexts, the fact that Daniel 2:45 clearly and succinctly presents five world empires, which cannot be overlooked, discounted, or ignored.

SIGNIFICANCE OF IRON & CLAY ELEMENTS

Having justified the autonomy of this fifth empire, we should consider what the iron and clay represent. It should be considered that this iron (representative republic) influence shall only endure until the one-world-government obtains control. This new entity will not employ individual voter representation, and the iron will no longer be ~married~ to the clay.

But who are the specific nations which comprise the “*feet*”?

NATIONS OF THE “DIVIDED” FEET -- U.K./U.S., U.S.S.R., China

Since the fall of the Roman Empire many lesser empires have arisen including: Byzantine (474 - 1453); Germanic (526); Carolingian (768); Frankish (1180); Mongol - including Batu’s Empire, Empire of the Great Khan, Ilkhan Empire, and Empire of Jagatai, (1240); Ottoman (1300 - 1919); Spanish (1494 - 1600’s); Portuguese (1500’s - 1600’s); British Empire (1700’s - 1900’s); and many others. There is certainly plenty of division in this litany of empires, however, Daniel provides additional insight in his seventh and eleventh chapters to discern this “*divided*” kingdom.

- Daniel chapter 7, identifies three beasts which later will be fully defined as representative of the three present day superpowers: the United States, the Soviet Union,* and China. The fourth beast, which is an allegiance of the three, has two aspects -- identified as the first beast (Ref. Rev. 13:2-10), and the second beast (Ref. Rev. 13:11-18).
- Daniel 11:2 confirms the sequence of empires which arrive at this “*divided kingdom*” when he describes four kingdoms which shall follow the Babylonian Empire. With the prophecy starting under the Babylonian King Darius the Mede, the “*three more shall arise in Persia*” are: Medo/Persia, Greece, and Rome. Each of these three empires conquered or maintained direct influence over the geographical region of Persia, but the fourth (“*divided kingdom*”) did not.

This “*fourth*,” which does not arise out of “*Persia*,” doesn’t come on the scene immediately: “...and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them, and when he has become strong through his riches...”. This “*fourth*” is the “*divided kingdom*”, (*Feet of Iron & Clay*), which came to full maturation some 1,400 years after the fall of the Roman Empire.

By 1950, the legitimacy of three dominant nations, the U.S., U.S.S.R., & China, was well perceived, although it took another decade to denote a ‘superpower’ status. It’s these three governments that will be joined by seven others to comprise the **ten toes** of the Image of Metals and fulfill the Daniel chapter 7 “*dreadful*” beast. But before we stop with only the three superpower nations, it is imperative that we also consider that the United Nations was formally organized on June 26, 1945.²⁵ This places all four of the Daniel chapter 7 beasts within the same window of time, per verse three: “‘*And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.*’”

- * Please note that although modern political commentators depict the union of Soviet states as no longer inherently aligned, it will be this author’s practice to refer to the former U.S.S.R. as still in ‘union’ rather than singling out Russia as any sole participant for the remaining prophetic events. This

²⁵ The New York Public Library Desk Reference, “A Stonesong Press Book,” Webster’s New World, NY, 1989, p. 788

conforms in that former Soviet states are represented by the state of Russia in the United Nations, and also reflects the potential (either partial or total) reconstitution of the Soviet state(s) anticipated to participate in the “Gog” and “Magog” end-time attack against the nation of Israel.

NATIONS OF THE TEN TOES -- U.N. Security Council

Because three of the ten governments have already been identified, an examination of current and prospective alliances can provide insight into the candidacy of the seven other nations. Interestingly, the United States, U.S.S.R., & China currently maintain top-level dialogue through participation in the United Nations Permanent Security Council. The United Kingdom and France total to the fourth and fifth members.

However, in the search for the ten toe/ten nation alliance, it is little known that in November of 1993,²⁶ five additional countries were nominated for Permanent membership in this exclusive Security Council. They include: Germany, Japan, Brazil, Nigeria, and India.²⁷ These nations were selected to represent the two significant industrialized powers, and “each of three regions -- Africa, South and East Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.”²⁸ If this expanded membership were to be approved by the body of the United Nations, this new 10-nation Permanent Security Council could fulfill the ten toe/ten nation prophesy.

However, because nearly all commentators propose a “Revived Roman Empire” fulfillment by the European Union, it is worth examining that potential:

Creation of the European Community

In 1967, the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the European Economic Community (EEC), and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) merged under the European Community (EC). This created a six nation alliance comprised of: France, West Germany, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.

In January of 1972, Great Britain, Ireland, and Denmark joined the EC, but the voters of Norway rejected their nation’s proposed membership. In 1981, Greece joined, and seven years later, so did Spain and Portugal, for a total of twelve nations. Austria, Finland, and Sweden joined in June of 1994, for a total of fifteen nations.²⁹

MEMBERS

1. West Germany	Treaty of Paris in 1951	12. Portugal	1986
2. Belgium	Treaty of Paris in 1951	13. Austria	June 1994
3. Italy	Treaty of Paris in 1951	14. Finland,	June 1994
4. Luxembourg	Treaty of Paris in 1951	15. Sweden	June 1994
5. Netherlands	Treaty of Paris in 1951		
6. France	Treaty of Paris in 1951		
7. Great Britain	January 1, 1973	APPLICANTS* -- (AS OF 1996)	
8. Ireland	January 1, 1973	1. Turkey	Applied in 1987
9. Denmark	January 1, 1973	2. Cyprus	Applied in 1990
10. Greece	1981	3. Malta	Applied in 1990
11. Spain	1986	4. Estonia	Applied in 1996

²⁶ “The Road To Reform: Towards A New Clarity,” U.N. Chronicle, UMI, Vol. 30, Issue 4, December 1993, pp. 45-46

²⁷ ABC, CBS, or NBC evening network news, broadcast on Nov. 22 or 23, 1993

²⁸ “The Road To Reform: Towards A New Clarity,” p. 46

²⁹ Dr. Fred Jewell, Harding University, “History 425/525 - Modern European History, 1920 to Present”, <http://www.harding.edu/~library/hist425/europeanunion.htm>, no date

5. Latvia Applied in 1996 6. Lithuania Applied in 1996

*Note: 12 applicant countries per www.euronet.be/med/medtv/pr/euexclud.htm, no date

It seems fairly obvious that a fifteen nation alliance, not counting pending applicants, does not fulfill the **ten toes** prophecy

DANIEL 7, -- THE FOUR GREAT BEASTS

INTRODUCTION

This seventh chapter of Daniel depicts a sequence of three descriptive beasts, and a fourth beast depicted only as “*dreadful*.” Although it has been conventional practice to interpret these beasts as directly reflective of the chapter 2 Image of Metals, it has already been pointed out that the Image of Metals is clearly defined as five unique and distinct kingdoms (Ref. verse 45). Therefore these four beasts must be representative of *the “feet of iron and clay,”* called the “*divided kingdom*.” Where the 2nd chapter presented the macro history perspective, head to toes, this 7th chapter examines the micro feet and toes segment. But to substantiate this dual perspective, we will examine corollary chapters of Revelation 13 and 17, which confirm BOTH the macro and micro interpretations.

DANIEL 7:2 “Daniel said, ‘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 upon 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 lo, 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 vision, and behold a fourth beast, terrible and dreadful and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue 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 thing. ⁹ As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment 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 forth 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. ¹¹ I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.’”

THE LION WITH EAGLES WINGS - United Kingdom / United States

DANIEL 7:4 ““ 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 upon two feet like a man; and the mind of a man was given to it.””

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In the late 1700’s, six major powers existed, consisting of the United Kingdom, and the European “Pentarchy,”³⁰ -- Prussia, France, Netherlands, Spain, and Austria. But the United Kingdom had the advantage of a maritime fleet. These ships provided the unmatched strategic benefit of colonistic expansion and the inherent economic benefits of trade. This United Kingdom grew at a rate of about 100,000 square miles per year between the years of 1815 and 1865.³¹

THE LION

When Daniel saw each of the beasts coming out of the sea, he first described the lion. This lion represents the national symbol of the United Kingdom. Of course, the eagles’ wings represent the United States of America, and this in itself is accurate, as the United Kingdom took primary sponsorship for the colonization of the New World. Clearly, this lion birthed the wings from inception, until independence.

Note: Daniel 11:2 further details this nations’ extended chronological evolution from the Roman Empire, 476 AD, to the English Empire of the 1900’s, in the description: “...and when he becomes strong through his riches.”

Wings Plucked Off

Just as the British gave birth to the New World colonists, it would appear that the eagles’ wings were plucked off in the years of 1776 to 1783. The American colonists initially boycotted and subsequently revolted against the British in the successful fight for independence.³² Although this event was a clear demarcation of unity, these “wings” were not entirely cast away, as evidenced by an international alignment that is one of the closest of any two free nations in the world today.

Note: Daniel 11:5 describes the close kinship with the post W.W.II transition of dominance from the United Kingdom “king” to the U.S. “one of his princes...stronger than he.”

The Mind Of A Man

Being “*lifted up from the ground and made to stand upon two feet like a man*” may quite reasonably represent the relative distinction of an empire which once had a “god” pre-eminent position among the nations of the world, a nation upon which the sun never sets. At one time, this nations colonies spanned the regions of North America (Dominion of Canada, the seven island areas in the Caribbean regions); South America, (British Guiana, Falkland Islands, British Antarctic Territory); Africa,(Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Ascension Island, St. Helen Island, Union of South Africa, Basutoland, Swaziland, Bechuanaland, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, British East Africa, British Somaliland, Egypt, Anglo Egyptian Sudan, Uganda); Asia Minor, (Arden, Kuwait, India, Burma); the Indian Ocean Islands, (Andaman Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, Mauritius, Maldives, Nicobar Islands, Cocos Islands); Asia, (Malaya, Sarawak, Hong Kong); South Pacific, (Commonwealth of Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Pitcairn Islands); and Gibraltar, at the mouth of the Mediterranean.

³⁰ Paul Kennedy, The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers, Random House, NY, 1987, p. 138

³¹ *IBID*, p. 155

³² *IBID*, p. 116

Today this vast extension of English authority is relegated to less than a dozen nearly insignificant island groups. Even the last stronghold, Hong Kong, has been turned over to China.³³

THE “LION” CONTINUES A WORLD ROLE

One of the most cryptic circumstances surrounding this Lion with Eagles’ Wings, involves the relationship between these two nations, namely the United Kingdom and the United States. Just as Daniel 7:4 describes the eagles’ wings being plucked off and the lion being given the mind of a man, so too the post WWII Daniel 11:5 describes the “*king of the south*” and “*one of his princes ... stronger than he.*” With this transition, this “*king of the south*” title which pertained to the United Kingdom now denotes the United States. The “*strong prince*” has usurped the pre-eminence of the original “*king*” and assumes the fullness of ascension. This is monumental concept because of the implications as pertaining to the First Beast described in Rev. 13:1-2, as “*like a leopard, its feet were like a bear’s, and its mouth was like a lion’s mouth.*” Although we find a citation of a lion rather than eagle, it’s because of the foundation. The *king of the south* and *lion* are synonymous, and even though there is a transition to *eagles’ wings*, the source is still the *lion*. In fact, the *lion* and *strong prince-eagles’ wings* will endure into the millennial kingdom (Ref. Dan. 7:12).

But before continuing to interpret the three remaining beasts, it must be understood that this Lion, Bear, & Leopard tri-alliance will band together with seven other nations, and provide their authority to the future one-world-leader, called the Second Beast (Ref. Rev. 13:11), to fulfill the “*dreadful*” beast of Daniel 7:7. The three horns that are “*plucked up by the roots*” (Dan. 7:8) represent the three key superpowers already described as the Lion, the Bear, and the Leopard. The combination of these three powers with the 7 other nations is depicted as “*ten toes*”/“*ten horns.*” (Ref. Dan. 2:41, Dan 7:7, Dan. 7:20, Rev. 13:1, Rev. 17:3, & Rev. 17:7)

As already described in the Chapter 2 “Nations of the Ten Toes -- U.N. Security Council,” this tri-alliance consists of the current three world superpowers (U.S., U.S.S.R., & China), joined by seven additional governments to form a ten nation union. These ten nations include the United Nations Security Council current five permanent members (U.S., U.K., France, U.S.S.R., and China), and the five nominated members (Germany, Japan, Brazil, Nigeria, and India).³⁴ Thus when one examines this “*dreadful*” beast, the power base will not be of his dominant nation, but rather an assimilated authority, formed by this tri-alliance in conjunction with seven other nations.

Today, as fulfilled by modern geo-political roles we see the United States and United Nations leading the world’s intrusion into the international and internal affairs of the nation of Israel. It appears that one significant goal of this world body is to establish a national homeland for the Palestinians. But according to Daniel’s prophecies the United States will participate in the decision for the United Nations to move its headquarters from New York City to the Middle East, “*between the sea and the glorious holy mountain,*” (Ref. Dan. 11:45). It’s this Second Beast of Rev. 13:11-18, whom the church assigns the title of “the Anti-Christ.”

THE BEAR WITH THREE RIBS - Soviet Union

DANIEL 7:5 “‘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.’”

³³ Simon Winchester, The Sun Never Sets, Prentice Hall Press, NY, 1985, (inside cover)

³⁴ “The Road To Reform: Towards A New Clarity,” pp. 45-46

This bear is a definitive depiction of the U.S.S.R. Just as the “*lion*” and “*eagles’ wings*” symbolism, the “*bear*” is concise both in physical depiction and in historical sequence.

In post World War II Europe, a clear east/west demarcation arose between the democratic and communistic governments. Clearly the U.S.S.R. either occupied or exercised control over Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and parts of Finland. The bulk of these countries were ‘liberated’ by the Red Army and allowed a Soviet ‘protectorate’ as part of the post World War II territorial acquiescence transacted between Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt. This agreement at Yalta created the great schism of the eastern bloc which eventually cloistered behind an ‘iron curtain’ set against the western bloc. Such is the manifestation of the “*bear*,” but we will examine a series of post World War II events, of which only three constituted internationally illegal violations of national sovereignty, thus fulfilling the depiction of the three ribs “*in its mouth between its teeth*.”

EAST GERMANY, 1953

Over the two year period of 1952-53, approximately 400,000 East Germans fled to West Germany in apparent dissatisfaction with the communist regime. It was on June 16, 1953, that 372,000 workers (6% of the East German work force) went on strike. The very next day General Dibrowa, the Soviet Commandant of Berlin, established a state of emergency. At his request, Soviet tanks and troops rolled into the streets, and arrested any and all strikers, quashing the dissent.³⁵

POLAND, 1956

A few years later in Poland, on October 19, 1956, the communistic Polish Central Committee feared a rebellion. They called Krushchev for military support. After the tanks had rolled into Warsaw, Krushchev demonstrated a peculiar restraint and defused the situation by backing down.

HUNGARY, 1956 -- (Rib #1)

Coincidentally, at that same time of the Polish uprising, Hungarian students were openly expressing dissatisfaction with their own government, writing a dissident manifesto called “the sixteen points” of October 19, 1956.

Four days later, on Tuesday, October 23, Prime Minister Hegedus was blamed by Moscow for this internal dilemma. By midnight, Imre Nagy had been notified he was the new Prime Minister. Nagy had been through the political machine from positions of power, to imprisonment, and now back to leadership of the country. He had been specifically requested by the students and the demonstrating masses. The Soviets only asked that he antedate a letter requesting the mobilized Soviet military intervention against these demonstrating citizens. Nagy refused to comply, but Soviet, Romanian, and Czechoslovakian troops proceeded with the pre-planned invasion.

On Thursday, November 1st, Nagy summoned the Soviet Ambassador, Uri Andropov, and demanded that the Soviets remove the troops under threat of declaring Hungarian neutrality. On Friday, November 2, Nagy appealed to the U.N. General Assembly for “recognition of Hungarian neutrality by the Great Powers.” When the Security Council met in a special session, the Russian delegation flatly denied that any Soviet troops had crossed into Hungary.³⁶

On Sunday, November 4, the Hungarian radio broadcast this message:

³⁵ Sear, “Third Way,” p. 217-18

³⁶ David Pryce-Jones, The Hungarian Revolution, Horizon Press, NY, 1970, p 98

“Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention! Now Imre Nagy, President of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People’s Republic, is going to address you!

This is Imre Nagy speaking, the President of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People’s Republic. Today at daybreak Soviet Forces started an attack against our capital, obviously with the intention to overthrow the legal Hungarian democratic government.

Our troops are fighting. The Government is in its place. I notify the people of our country and the entire world of this fact.”³⁷

A “DAILY MAIL” reporter, Noel Barber, described Budapest as a city where “every street was smashed,” “hardly a stretch of tramcar rails was left intact,” and where “streets (were) littered with burnt-out cars” and “the carcasses of at least forty Soviet tanks.” “At the corner of Stalin Avenue...two monster Russian T-54 tanks lumbered past, dragging bodies behind them, a warning to all Hungarians of what happened to the fighters,” and told of hung bodies “though not so many as I expected.”³⁸

Within a few days 25,000 Hungarian fighters were dead and the Soviet *fait accompli* was pending one final item of closure. Nagy was kidnapped to Romania until June of 1958, whereupon he was tried, convicted, executed, and finally, a few days later, -- sentenced.³⁹

This November 1956 illegal invasion of Hungary by 200,000 troops and 2,000 tanks under Soviet command, was undertaken to put down a populist movement. This violation of Hungarian national sovereignty constituted the first of three ribs in this bear’s mouth.

BERLIN, 1958

Historical Perspective

During the closing months of World War II, Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt met in a series of conferences to negotiate any and all pertinent partitioning, restitution, and expectations of the post World War II Europe. The January 1945 conference, called the Yalta or Crimea Conference, was one of the last of a series. One of the agreements projected the division of post WWII Germany. It was agreed the Soviets would get the eastern half (41,825 square miles), and the Allies the western half (96,011 square miles). The city of Berlin, located in the heart of East Germany, would be divided into four segments. The eastern half for the Soviets, and the western half divided between the French, the United States, and the British into respective northwest, west-central, and southwest sectors.⁴⁰ In a final detail, all the citizens of Berlin were guaranteed unrestricted circulation.

Historical Event

In a provocative move, on June 15, 1958, the Soviets closed the Helmstedt-Berlin access road for ‘repairs.’ On June 22, the Soviets stopped all electrical supplies for ‘technical’ reasons and closed all remaining access roads into Berlin. The West’s response was to create an airlift lifeline. Finally, eleven months later, in May of 1959, the Soviets, under international political embarrassment, lifted the blockade.

³⁷ *IBID*, p. 119

³⁸ Pryce-Jones, p 81

³⁹ *IBID*, p. 115

⁴⁰ William Touhy, “Thorny Status of Occupied Berlin Brings Unrest to New Generation,” L.A. Times, Albuquerque Journal, Jan. 26, 1986, p. B5

THE BERLIN WALL, 1961 -- (Rib #2)

Over the years between 1945 and 1961, over three million East Germans, many of them the valuable ‘technical intelligentsia,’ escaped through the West Berlin ‘funnel.’ On Sunday, August 13th, 1961, 50,000 armed soldiers were called without fore-notice into East Berlin under the pretext of preventing the West Berliners passage into East Berlin. “At the same time the death-strip filled with land mines, which winds its way through Germany, was reinforced, as well as the borders of Poland and Czechoslovakia, including the Baltic Sea. The Four-Power agreement which guaranteed free circulation within Berlin was again violated, in the severest way.”⁴¹

This construction of the Berlin wall was a clear violation of the Four-Power agreement at Yalta. This event proved to be the second illegal act by this Soviet bear, -- first Hungary and then Berlin.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1968 -- (Rib #3)

Under circumstances which led to the Hungarian populist uprising, Czechoslovakians were exhibiting open dissension with the forced “alliance” in the Soviet sphere. In response, on August 20, 1968, twenty-four Warsaw Pact divisions, (sixteen Soviet, three Polish, two East German, two Hungarian, and one Bulgarian, -- a total of 200,000 men plus air support and airlift units), invaded Czechoslovakia. Within hours, at one-thirty a.m., Radio Prague broadcast the following proclamation under the authority of President Alexander Dubcek:

“Yesterday, August 20, 1968, at about eleven p.m., the armies of the Soviet Union, the Polish People’s Republic, and the Bulgarian People’s Republic crossed the state borders of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. This took place without the knowledge of the President of the Republic, the Presidium of the National Assembly, the Presidium of the Government, and the First Secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee. The Presidium of the Central Committee was then in session, preoccupied with preparations for the Extraordinary Fourteenth Party Congress. The Presidium calls upon all citizens of the Republic to keep the peace and not resist the advancing armies, because the defense of our state borders is now impossible.

For this reason, our Army, the security forces and the People’s Militia were not given the order to defend the country. The Presidium considers this action (the invasion) to be contrary to the fundamental principles of relations between Socialist states and a denial of basic norms of international law...

...(signed) Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party”⁴²

Approximately 24 hours later, the following statement by the eleven government cabinet members was broadcast on “Free Radio,” which is the radio channel used for official government broadcasts:

“1. We stand firmly behind all the legally elected constitutional and political authorities, and we firmly support today’s proclamation of the Presidium addressed to all people.

⁴¹ Rainer Hildebrandt, It Happened At The Wall, Verlag Haus Am Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin, Germany, 1981, p. 113

⁴² Tad Szulc, Czechoslovakia Since WW II, Viking Press, NY, 1971, p. 380

2. We consider the occupation of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, which took place without the agreement and knowledge of the Czechoslovak government, an illegal act, contrary to international law and the principles of socialist internationalism.”⁴³

Clearly, this action constituted the ‘third rib.’ fulfilling the prophetic description precisely. Other military actions which have involved Soviet participation, (Cuba, Poland, Angola, Somalia, Mozambique, Rhodesia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Grenada, Afghanistan, and others), were done under the auspices of being legally invited into the involvement, however contrived, providing at least technical compliance with international norms.

THE FALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN -- 1989

The final prophesy to “*arise, devour much flesh*” is paralleled in Ezekiel 38 & 39, and also Dan. 11:40-44. Although this last event has yet to occur, it is worthy to note that before this bear devours anew, it might first free its mouth of those three ribs. This occurred by the 1989 dismantlement of the iron curtain and the freeing of the former Soviet satellite ‘member nations.’ In this event, the Soviet Union suffered the loss of its buffer satellite nations and the displacement of 565,000 troops: East Germany - 380,000; Hungary - 65,000; Poland - 40,000; and Czechoslovakia - 80,000;⁴⁴ (not counting the 115,000⁴⁵ troops which returned from Afghanistan during 1987).

But this “*bear*” will survive its seemingly tumultuous internal disintegration to fulfill its role in the attack against Israel. This bear’s 1.7 million man army⁴⁶ will be joined by Iran, “Ethiopia” (most probably modern day Sudan, but not precisely certain because the Ethiopia of 500 BC stretched over both of the modern-day nations of Ethiopia and Sudan), and Libya, (Ref. Ezekiel 38:5, and Daniel 11:40-43). But this four directionally convergent military thrust will not result in a secure victory, for “*tidings from the east and the north shall alarm him*” (Ref. Dan. 11:44). First, clearly the tidings from the “*east*” is due to the standing 2.9 million man Chinese army,⁴⁷ (possibly a call-up army of 200 million men, -- Ref. Rev. 9:16), and that country’s tendency to provide a balancing lever in world affairs. The tidings from the “*north*” might turn out to be internal alarm and dissent by any number of the 17 Soviet states and/or populous, -- clearly dismaying to the military bear, but of significantly less importance compared to the marching Chinese masses. It appears that according to Rev. 13:3, this bear will suffer a “*mortal wound*,” which shall be “*healed*” by the United Nations.

THE LEOPARD WITH FOUR WINGS & FOUR HEADS - Red China

DANIEL 7:6 “‘After this I looked, and lo, 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.’”

At first glance, this third beast’s description proves to be less concise than the first two. For this determination we must recognize that the world perceives the dragon as the national symbol of China, but the use of this term by John the Revelator may have circumvented Daniel’s initial prerogative. Thus we are driven to a thorough evaluation of Daniel’s intentions.

⁴³ Szulc, pp. 379, 396

⁴⁴ Mike Leary, “‘Soviets Go Home,’ East Bloc Tells Warsaw Parc Army,” Knight-Ridder Newspapers, Albuquerque Journal, Oct. 7, 1989, p. E5

⁴⁵ Robert Togh, “Kremlin Pullout of Afghanistan Believed Serious,” L.A. Times, Albuquerque Journal, Jan. 18, 1987, p. B1

⁴⁶ The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1996, Funk & Wagnalls Corp., Mahwah, NJ, 1995, p. 164

⁴⁷ *IBID.*

THE “LEOPARD”

The word “*leopard(s)*” is used eight times in the Bible. In Jeremiah 13:23, the rhetorical question is asked: “*Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?*” So the inference is given that there is a physiological knowledge of a leopard. Unfortunately, nowhere in the Bible is there found a reference to a “tiger.” Thus, one might conclude that maybe tigers hadn’t yet been imported to Babylon and points west, and the only intended representation for this “leopard” is as a marked cat. Secondly, the premise that the ‘tiger’ represents China can be viewed in several contexts.

1. In the years about 250 BC, China existed as a feudal land. But the king in the state of Ch’in was immensely successful in consolidating all the various states under his rule. His name was King Cheng, and was known as Shih Huang Ti, which means the “Tiger of Chi’in.” It was he that history credits the unification of a greater China which has withstood the centuries of barbarians. This greater China exists today upon a foundation established over 2,200 years ago.⁴⁸
2. The significance of various animals appear in typical occurrences such as the calendar, martial arts, architectural “geomancy,” religious icons, and regional identifications. Such of the latter is the case in the Yunnan province, and along the Yangtse river which flows from the eastern Himalayas of Tibet into the Sea of China. Here in this southern region of China, the ‘Tiger’ is the symbolic identity of these Chinese peoples.
3. Although this government was established in 1949, the integration of this communistic ideology wasn’t incorporated into the masses of Chinese society until 1950, the year of the Tiger.
4. Unlike many jungle animals, both the leopard and tiger lead an anti-social secluded life, typical of the historical isolationistic traits of the Chinese peoples.
5. In today’s modern economic lexicon, the greater South East Asian commerce region is depicted as a “tiger.”
6. In WWII, American aviators flew under the American Volunteer Group (AVG), designated with the “Sharks Teeth” painted around the radiator air-intake of their Curtis-Wright P40 Tomahawk aircraft, (as replicated from the RAF P40 paint schemes in Egypt), with the moniker “Flying Tigers”, as rendered by artists from Walt Disney.

These aspects may be individually coincidental, or summarily intentional. But to further confirm the interpretation we turn to the significance of the four heads and four wings.

THE FOUR HEADS - Four Branches Of Government

Historical Perspective

In 1921, a small cadre of Chinese intellectuals, (including Mao Tse-tung), founded the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to govern the masses, address poverty, and deal with foreign affairs. But a pivotal point occurred after World War II, when the Chinese leadership evaluated the balance of power between the Allies, and the Soviets. The Allies’ sphere of influence extended over the greater portion of the world, and the Soviets were clearly underdogs, effecting only their territory and a few eastern bloc states. In 1949 Mao wrote “Sitting on the fence will not do, ... nor is there a third road”⁴⁹ -- with the implication that China would effect a communistic form of government in order to provide a global political balance. The approach to act as world affairs “moderator” was formally outlined in 1954 when the “Five Principles of Peaceful Co-Existence” was issued as a statement of foreign

⁴⁸ Leonard Cottrell, The Tiger of Ch’in, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, NY, 1962, p. 134-135

⁴⁹ George Moseley, China Since 1911, Harper and Row, NY, 1968, pp. 97-98

policy. These included: mutual respect; non-aggression; noninterference; mutual benefit; and peaceful co-existence. As historically demonstrated, China becomes involved when it is perceived that global powers (especially the U.S.) are projecting themselves into the nations either in relatively close proximity to China, i.e.; Korea, Vietnam, Burma, Thailand, Rangoon, Japan, and Taiwan, or when imperialistic projection is not countered (U.S.S.R. in Africa and Afghanistan).⁵⁰

Fulfillment

The 1949 creation of the communistic Chinese government occurred by a two phase process. The “Political Consultative Conference of the Chinese People” was established for the “passage of a provisional constitution and the installment of the Central People’s Government,” consisting of: the Chairman; the 180 member ‘National Committee;’ and the 51 member ‘Standing Committee.’ The operational phase was the standing government.

This government, the ‘Central People’s Government,’ is comprised of the ‘Central People’s Government Committee,’ which has a chairman plus 63 members that install legislation, define political policy, and oversees four operational branches. The four branches are: State Administrative Council (civilian government); People’s Revolutionary Military Council (top army command); Supreme People’s Court (the judicial branch); and Supreme Officer of Prosecution (law enforcement).⁵¹

THE FOUR WINGS - The “Four Modernizations”

Just as the leopard’s four heads represent the four branches of government, the four wings represent a second aspect that will prove to propel this nation from Mao’s backwards step called the “Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution,” (1966-1969),⁵² into the competitive world society of today. The process by which this diametric conversion came is known as the “Four Modernizations,” as coined by Premier Chou En-lai in 1975.⁵³ They were spoken by the Premier in a speech to the “Fourth National People’s Congress,” and were identified as: Agriculture; Industry; Science & Technology; and National Defense. Interestingly, political commentators opine that there are really only three modernizations, because “National Defense” is a sub-category of “Science & Technology.”

By 1983, the U.S. surprisingly offered to raise the technology level of the Chinese army. This was motivated by an anti-Soviet stance: ““We know there is nothing we can do to make them equal to the Soviet military, but we can make it more expensive (for the Soviet Union) to take on the Chinese army.””⁵⁴

Since that date, the United States has sold a munitions factory, advanced avionics for China’s fighter aircraft,⁵⁵ and joined joint technological investments including a commercial aircraft assembly plant in Shanghai, China.⁵⁶ In addition, China has developed nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles, built a substantial conventional ship and submarine navy, launched satellites, and possibly most importantly, entered the global consumer market place.

⁵⁰ Franklin Houn, A Short History of Chinese Communism, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1973, pp. 216-217

⁵¹ Willy Draus, Economic Development and Social Change in the People’s Republic of China, Springer-Verlag, N.Y., NY, 1982, p. 28

⁵² Houn, p. 77, 81

⁵³ Richard Baum, China’s Four Modernizations: The New Technological Revolution, Westview Press, Boulder, CO, 1980, p. 18

⁵⁴ James Gerstenzang, “U.S. Helps China’s Army March Out of Dark Ages,” L.A. Times, Albuquerque Journal, Dec. 7, 1986, p. B8

⁵⁵ “U.S. Would Sell to Chinese Air Force,” A.P., Washington, Albuquerque Journal, Jan., 25, 1986, p. A14

⁵⁶ “Made In China,” A.P. photo with text, Albuquerque Journal, Dec. 14, 1986, p. A5

CHINA'S FUTURE ROLE

One of the most significant roles of this massive nation's latter but short in duration rise to prominence ("little while" -- Ref. Rev. 17:10) will occur in response to the Soviet attack in the Middle East. In accordance with its self established role as a global political equalizer, the military might of China ("tidings from the east" - Ref. Dan. 11:44) will march forth to subdue the armies of the Soviet alliance, and in doing so, inflict a "mortal wound" upon the Soviet Union. (Ref. Rev. 13:3).

THE DREADFUL BEAST - First Beast & Second Beast

VISION

DANIEL 7:7 "After this I saw in the night vision, and behold a fourth beast, terrible and dreadful and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue 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 one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment 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 forth 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. ¹¹ I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire."

INTERPRETATION

DANIEL 7:19 "Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrible, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze; and which devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and concerning the ten horns which came up and before which three of them fell, the horn which had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and which seemed greater than its fellows. 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 received the kingdom.'

²³ 'This he said: "As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. ²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. ²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time. ²⁶ But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away to be consumed and destroyed to the end. ²⁷ And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of

the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.”””

THE “Three Plus Seven” NATION ALLIANCE

There are four fairly involved aspects of this “*dreadful*” beast which must be considered. These include: 1). Daniel’s lack of bodily description with the supplemental depiction provided in the book of Revelation; 2). The ten (little) horns, of which three (little) horns were replaced by a new little horn; 3). The Dreadful beasts’ alliance with the Anti-Christ; and 4). The slaying of the beast by the “*ancient of days.*”

1. The Bodily Depiction

Daniel is careful to describe the first three beasts by providing a specific Lion-Eagle/Bear/Leopard. In the case of the fourth beast, Daniel only describes it as “*terrible and dreadful and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth.*” However, John the Revelator provides the additional insight:

FEET, BODY, HEAD

REVELATION 13:1 “And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems upon its horns and a blasphemous name upon its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear’s, and its mouth was like a lion’s mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.”

Here we find the promised dual micro/macro views. The micro view shows that the fourth “*dreadful*” beast is comprised of the first three beasts of Daniel 7 -- the bear, the leopard, and the lion. Both Daniel 7:7 and Revelation 13:1 cite ten horns per the end-time ten nation alliance. This Revelation 13 also provides the macro “*seven heads*” depiction which Daniel 7 neglects, forcing the reader to search Daniel 2 for fulfillment. We’ll find that the “*seven heads*” of Revelation 13:1 not only conforms to the empires and kings of Daniel 2, and is also very carefully delineated in Revelation 17.

THE SEVEN HEADS

REVELATION 17:3 “And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and bedecked with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her fornication; ⁵ and on her forehead was written a name of mystery: ‘Babylon the great, mother of harlots and of earth’s abominations.’ ⁶ And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her I marveled greatly,. ⁷ But the angel said to me, ‘Why marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to perdition; and the dwellers on earth whose name have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will marvel to behold the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. ⁹ This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ¹⁰ they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes he must remain only a little while. ¹¹ As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to perdition.”

These “*seven heads*” of the beast represent “*seven mountains*” which also represent “*seven kings*” – they’re synonymous. There’s also an eighth which belongs to the seven. But before examining the

fulfillment of the *heads/mountains/kings/* it helps to understand a component of the Classical perspective. Rome is presented as the city of seven hills, and the *heads/mountains/kings* is interpreted as the sequence of Roman Emperors. But in the span of world history, seven world ‘empires’ rise above the plains, foothills, and hills of the world’s peoples, tribes, and kingdoms. John calls these *seven mountains*, *seven kings*, and they represent the sequence of the worlds predominate empires and powers as outlined in the following chart:

SEVEN HEADS / SEVEN GOVERNMENTS

SEVEN HEADS / MOUNTAINS / KINGS Revelation 13 &17	SEVEN WORLD POWERS Daniel 2 & 7	SEQUENCE OF WORLD HISTORY
King..... #1	Head of Gold	Babylon/Chaldean Empire
King..... #2	Breast & Arms of Silver	Medo/Persian Empire
King..... #3	Belly & Thighs of Bronze	Grecian Empire
King..... #4	Legs of Iron & Clay Feet of Iron & Clay (Divided)	Roman Empire Superpower Era
King..... #5	Lion/Eagles Wings	United States
“one is”.... #6	Bear	Soviet Union
“only a little while” #7	Leopard	Red China
“eighth but it belongs” #8	Dreadful	U.N. & World Leader

THE SEVEN KINGS AND ARMAGEDDON

The description of “*five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come*” totals to seven world empires, and provides one of the most enlightening scriptures concerning the status of the church if we can understand why John speaks in this unusual future-present tense. However, it might be helpful by first establishing whether the Classical commentators can place John in a present tense setting during the Roman Empire.

The “Abbingdon Bible Commentary” offers a candid opinion regarding John’s present tense setting and the sequence of Roman Emperors:

“[The] five of whom are fallen [presumes John’s work to be written in] Vespasian’s reign. Titus is to come, but only to last for a short time. Perhaps the writer knew of the hopeless condition of Titus’ health. He is therefore either using a literary convention, and assuming an earlier date than is the fact to give his words the force of a prophecy concerning Titus, or, more likely, he is using here material written in Vespasian’s reign which partly suits his purpose and partly not; for there are very good reasons for thinking that this book was written, not in Vespasian’s reign, but in Domitian’s.”⁵⁷

⁵⁷ Eiselen, Frederick, Edwin Lewis, & David Downey, The Abingdon Bible Commentary, Abingdon Press, NY, 1929, p. 1392

REVELATION 17 “SEVEN KINGS” - PER COMMENTATORS

New Bible ⁵⁸	REIGN ⁵⁹	EMPEROR ⁶⁰	BIRTH/DEATH ⁶¹
	105 - 100 BC	Caius <u>Marius</u>	155? - 86 BC
	88 -79 BC	Lucius Cornelius (<u>Felix</u>) <u>Sulla</u> or Sylla	138 - 78 BC
	? - 46 BC	Caius <u>Julius Caesar</u>	100 - 44 BC
	46 - 31 BC	both Julius Caesar Octavianus <u>Augustus</u> or <u>Octavian</u> and Marcus Antonius (<u>Marc Antony</u>)	63 BC -14 AD
1	27 BC-14 AD	Julius Caesar Octavianus <u>Augustus</u> or <u>Octavian</u>	63 BC -14 AD
2	14 - 37 AD	<u>Tiberius</u> Claudius Nero Caesar	42 BC - 37 AD
3	37 - 41 AD	Caius Caesar <u>Caligula</u>	12 BC - 41 AD
4	41 - 54 AD	Tiberius Claudius Drusus Nero Germanicus (<u>Claudius</u>)	10 BC- 54 AD
5	54 - 68 AD	Nero Claudius Caesar (<u>Nero</u>)	37 - 68 AD
	69 AD	Servius Sulpicius <u>Galba</u>	3 BC- 69 AD
	69 AD	Marcus Salvius <u>Otho</u>	32 - 69 AD
6	69 - 79 AD	Titus Flavius Sabinus <u>Vespasianus</u> (<u>Vespasian</u>)	9 - 79 AD
7	79 - 81 AD	Titus Flavius Sabinus <u>Vespasianus</u> (Jr.) (<u>Titus</u>)	40? - 81 AD
	81 - 96 AD	<u>Domitian</u>	51 - 96 AD
	96 - 98 AD	Marcus Cocceius <u>Nerva</u>	32 - 98 AD
	98 - 117 AD	Marcus Ulpius <u>Trajanus</u> (<u>Trajan</u>)	52? - 117 AD
	117 - 138 AD	<u>Hadrian</u> or Adrian	76 - 138 AD
	138 - 161 AD	<u>Antoninus</u> Pius	86 - 161 AD

(Underlined names indicate preferred identification)

As suggested previously, although the “Classic” interpretations for to the books of Daniel and Revelation cite contradictions and errors, we’re not always so fortunate to find a commentator who blatantly acknowledges a discrepancy when the historical evidence fails to align with prophecy. In this case, Abbingdon was more than forthwright, faulting John for using a “literary convention,” which is a polite term for a lie. But rather than blame John, this author simply finds that the 17th chapter of Revelation does not apply to the lineage of Roman emperors.

Clearly, John the Revelator wrote these verses in present tense, but this author proposes that it is a *future* present tense. When God showed John the Revelator the future, John not only saw the seven kings, (and the “*eighth*”), but he spoke from a specific era for a very tangible reason. In his vision,

⁵⁸ Guthrie & Moyter, p. 1303

⁵⁹ Crane Brinton, pp 100 - 117, 133

⁶⁰ *IBID*, pp 100 - 117, 133

⁶¹ Websters New Twentieth Century Dictionary, 2nd ed.

the first four world kingdoms had fallen, the fifth (the United States) had fallen from pre-eminence, the sixth kingdom (the U.S.S.R.) “*is*” the current.

The significance of John prophesying during the sixth kingdom (Soviet Union era) appears to reflect the fact that his target audience, the church, will clearly perceive the prophetic significance of that event in history when Gog, Magog, Persia, Cush, and Put (Ref. Eze. 38) launch their attack against Israel. When this happens, the church will know that the end is not over, but that there will be a seventh, China, and an eighth, the United Nations and a World Leader.

2. The Ten Toes/Ten Horns/Ten Diadems -- U. N. Security Council

DANIEL 2:42 “And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage,^b but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever;”

^b Aram by the seed of men

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DANIEL 7:20 “...and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up and before which three of them fell, the horn which had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and which seemed greater than its fellows.”

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Each of the tens correlate one to another. As delineated in the Daniel 2 - Feet of Iron & Clay expository, they represent the five current United Nations Permanent Security Council members (the U.S., U.S.S.R., China, the United Kingdom, and France), and the five Permanent Security Council member nominees, (Germany, Japan, Brazil, Nigeria, and India).⁶²

In Daniel 7:8 we read how three of the horns are “*plucked up by the roots*” by a completely unique horn, one with eyes, a mouth, and speaking great things. But in verses 8 and 20 we find a critical clue for this unique horn. When Daniel calls the *horn which came up*, a “*little one*,” meaning a little horn, and then refers to this horn as appearing “*greater than its fellows*,” we then understand that ALL eleven are little horns! This fact conforms with two concepts: that there are ten end-time nations which form an alliance to make an eleventh “authority” (micro view); and that there are seven world empires, the last three which form an alliance to make an eighth “authority” (macro view). This

⁶² “The Road To Reform: Towards A New Clarity,” pp. 45-46

ten/eleven *little horn* insight also provides a key for interpreting the little horn in the eighth chapter of Daniel. -- This aspect will be addressed in greater detail in the Chapter 8 discourse.

Again, as described previously, the ten horns represent the current and nominated members of the Permanent Security Council. The evidence that these nations will not be overthrown and conquered, but rather still maintain a semblance of national integrity, is found in the “*ten diadems*” of Revelation 13:1. This is in contrast to any nation that might have been fully and completely assimilated by another, either by agreement or by force, which would no longer have its diadem. In this alliance, the feet (U.S.S.R.), the body (China), and the head (United States), plus the 7 other nations, still preserve their national identity.

And finally, in the sequence of events, the “*great stone*,” the returning Christ, will smite the Dreadful/First Beast alliance structure and the Second Beast World-Leader.

3. The Dreadful Beast And The First Beast / Second Beast

DANIEL 7:7 “‘ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrible and dreadful and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue 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.’”

DANIEL 7:11 “‘I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was slain, 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.’”

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REVELATION 13:5 “And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months; ⁶ it opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. ^f And authority

was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, every one whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain.”

REVELATION 17:12 “As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to perdition. ¹² And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind and give over their power and authority to the beast; ¹⁴ they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

f Other ancient authorities omit this sentence

Clearly, the Dreadful beast is the First Beast alignment of nations which eventually provides the power base upon which the Second Beast arises. Per Daniel 7:25, the duration of the Dreadful/First Beast will be 42 months, and per Rev. 17:12, the Second Beast shall be in power for a shorter period per the “one hour.” Starting at Daniel 7:7, the Dreadful beast (First Beast) international agglomeration is described at length, but it isn’t until verse 8 that the Anti-Christ (Second Beast) takes his role in this end time alliance, usurping “three of the first horns.”

Please note that verses 7 & 8 indicate that there are two distinct phases of this 42 month end time leadership. In the first phase the First Beast coalesces and wields its authority, presumably “healing” the mortal wound inflicted upon the Gog and Magog U.S.S.R., (Ref. Rev. 13:3), and moving the U.N. Headquarters from N.Y. apparently to Jerusalem (Ref. Dan. 11:45). In the second phase, the Second Beast, known as the Anti-Christ, establishes himself as a messiah and subsequently leads the world into near self-annihilation.

4. The “Ancient Of Days”

DANIEL 2:34 “As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; ³⁵ then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”

DANIEL 2:44 “And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever; ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold.”

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for a time, two times, and half a time. 26 But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away to be consumed and destroyed to the end.”””

This Dreadful beast will come to its fate at the judgement by the “*Ancient of Days*,” but Daniel 7:11 & 12 reveals some insight into the demise of this international union. Clearly the Dreadful / First Beast and Second Beast will be “*slain, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire,*” but the three superpower nations will be “*prolonged for a season and a time.*” Thus we peer into the end of these governments, not terminated by global cataclysm, but rather obsolesced by transition.