

# THE "BEAST" OF REVELATION CHAPTER 13

## Tract C3

In Daniel's chapter 7 dream we find: Daniel 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Daniel 7:4 The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings...

Daniel 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear...

Daniel 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard...

Daniel 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly...

In the verse below we learn that in the figurative language of a vision or dream in prophecy, a "beast" is a kingdom or empire.

Daniel 7:23 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.

**BEAST = KINGDOM**

There is a broad agreement among Jewish and Christian scholars that the kingdoms represented by Daniel's lion, bear and leopard, are the successive ancient kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece, followed by the fourth "terrible" beast, that is understood to be the Roman Empire.

This conclusion is reached within the traditional continuous-historic context of prophecy. This is simply the view that bible prophecy is fulfilled steadily, as the era about which it is written gradually unfolds. This is the context in which virtually all Christians and Jews understand Old Testament prophecy.

## THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13

The successive kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece, reappear together in scripture only one more time - in Revelation Chapter 13 - but combined into a single composite "beast" - kingdom.

Revelation 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

(Daniel's beast is "his")

The reverse order was perhaps because Daniel was forward looking at these kingdoms while John was looking backward at their fulfillment. This leopard-bear-lion beast was to continue 42 months. The seats of the ancient successive kingdom beasts of lion, bear and leopard that Daniel prophesied that we understand are **Babylon,**

**Medo-Persia and Greece,** are occupied today by the countries of **Iraq, Iran, and Syria/Lebanon.** The dragon in the verse above is Satan.

While these countries and various sects of Islam may have differences, and some with national sovereignty, they are united spiritually through following the false prophet Mohammed, and by their holy book the Quran. As a result they are filled with the spirit of antichrist because their belief that God has no Son, or "shirk", is the most important fundamental in Islam.

## WHOLE WORLD

Bible prophecy is ethnographic and therefore is largely about the Middle East. Terms like "whole world" are defined: "that deceiveth the whole world" - Strong's explains: 3625 oikoumene {oy-kou-men'-ay} 1) the inhabited earth 1a) the portion of the earth inhabited by the Greeks, in distinction from the lands of the barbarians 1b) the Roman empire, all the subjects of the empire

John's whole world did indeed wonder after the beast being almost entirely Islamic today.

The Lord's interest isn't likely to lie in the artificial boundaries of men, but rather in the spiritual condition of mankind. The spirit of antichrist, in this case. Each of Daniel's successive kingdoms conquered the whole known world (Middle East area) in its turn.

## JOHN'S 8 BEASTS

Besides noting that the body of the

leopard-bear-lion beast of Revelation 13 includes the first three of Daniel's beasts - combined as one - but not Daniel's 4th "terrible" beast, there are more verses that help us confirm that the leopard-bear-lion beast - Islam - is not about the Roman Empire. First we have to pay attention to the author and what he is writing about:

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Thus it is necessary to understand it in the context of the times during which John was writing, looking through his eyes, when we read the following verses, and indeed when considering the entirety of his vision if we are to uniformly apply this ethnographic hermeneutic:

Revelation 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Considering John's assignment we can see that the 6th king or the one that "is" in power as John wrote, was the Roman Empire. Just as John prophesied the Roman Empire was conquered by the 7th beast that had "not yet come" (by the Islamic First Jihad).

The Islamic Empire lost its power - but not its seat - after the First Jihad was mortally wounded in the Battle of Tours, and the two horned beast (the Crusades and British Mandate / Western powers) later "exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him", or "in the presence of", the Islamic beast. The Islamic Empire lost its power but maintained its presence in the

area. The transfer of Western wealth through arms sales and oil purchase eventually healed the mortal wound of the Islamic beast, financing the Second Jihad in the image of the First Jihad.

It may be more constructive to recognize these seven "kings" in terms of the successive empire or kingdom reigns, since some kingdoms spanned periods longer than individual leaders, and particularly in light of the very next verse where we are brought back to our term "beast", which Daniel has already defined for us.

(Strong's - kings - New Testament Greek Definition: 935 basileus {bas-il-yooce'} probably from 939 (through the notion of a foundation of power)

Revelation 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

In this verse we find an 8th beast that "was" - before John - but "is not". So the 8th beast isn't about the Roman Empire either, but it is "of the seven". Considering the identity of our leopard-bear-lion beast above, today seated in Syria, Iran and Iraq, we find that it fits as having been "was", and also as having been "of the seven" (perhaps particularly of the seventh), but is not the "is" "beast" or kingdom, of John's day - the Roman Empire.

"..... it is said, five of the seven Kings are fallen, and one is, and another is not yet come; and the Beast that was and is not, being wounded to death with a sword, he is the eighth, and of the seven: he was therefore a collateral part of the seventh." - Isaac Newton

Regarding "...and goeth into perdition.", or destruction:

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The 7th and 8th beasts are the Islamic empire - the LBL beast's 7th head - Satan's final kingdom foe of God's people. Satan's power today manifest in Islamic Second Jihad. We learned above that Satan gave the Islamic beast his power, seat and authority. The Jihadists hold ultimate power over the world through oil. All Muslims are Jihadists. Their prophet was their model for Jihad violence that is practiced around the world today. Clearly those in the Middle East - the Arabic speaking followers in cradle of Islam - best understand and follow this religion, not the wishful reinterpreters in the West that they consider to be apostates..

The mortal wound and death knell of the first Jihad was the Battle of Tours. This is widely understood to be the most important battle of the Christian era and the reason we aren't all speaking Arabic and bowing toward Mecca today.

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