

THE ANTICHRIST — FROM EUROPE OR ISLAM?

PART 3

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In the end-time ... there will be an evil ... charismatic deceiver. Popularly known as The Antichrist.

Many people are on “the lookout” for this individual. Where might he come from? The majority opinion is Rome (the old Roman Empire) or Europe. This opinion goes back almost 1,800 years.

But — **what does the Bible reveal?** Does it give us some clues or criteria? I think the answer is “Yes”.

We’ve looked closely at 3 passages.

DANIEL CHAPTER 2: The Iron Empire is said to “clearly” be Rome.

But **Rome never defeated Persia ... and NEVER BROKE GREECE IN PIECES!**

THE EMPIRE THAT DID PULVERISE THEM ALL WAS THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE!

Rome fails that criteria.

Also note: Rome was a Western Empire. The first 3 Empires were Eastern.

REVELATION CHAPTER 17: Many claim that the Harlot on “7 hills” is Rome. But **scripture refers to 7 mountains — as symbols of Kingdoms** — 5 of which have already fallen.

DANIEL CHAPTER 9: The 70 Weeks Prophecy.

“The Prince Who Is To Come” — the Antichrist — descendant of the people who destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD. Most assume these are Romans. However ... the 4 Legions were made up of local conscripts

from Middle East Countries — Arabia ... Syria ... and Egypt. (All Islamic countries today).

There is only one other passage used to “prove” Rome — and a “Roman” Antichrist. Let’s have a look!

Daniel 7:1-8

1 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**. (*the Head of Gold — Babylon — Iraq*)

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!’ (*Silver — Persia — Iran*)

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**. (*The Bronze — Javan — Asia Minor ... surrounding Turkey*)

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**. (*The Little Horn — the Antichrist*)



THE VISION OF THE 4 BEASTS

Commonly believed this is just a “repeat” of Daniel Chapter 2. Same 4 Kingdoms — but a very different story — all end-time?

If historic ... not of much interest to us?

However ... if these 4 Beasts are end-time — we may well face them!

Compare:

Daniel 7:17

17 ‘Those great beasts, which are four, **are four kings which arise out of the earth.** (*Kings/Kingdoms*)

Other translations give **a future tense.**

Daniel 7:17 KJV

17 ... are **four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.**

Daniel 7:17 ESV

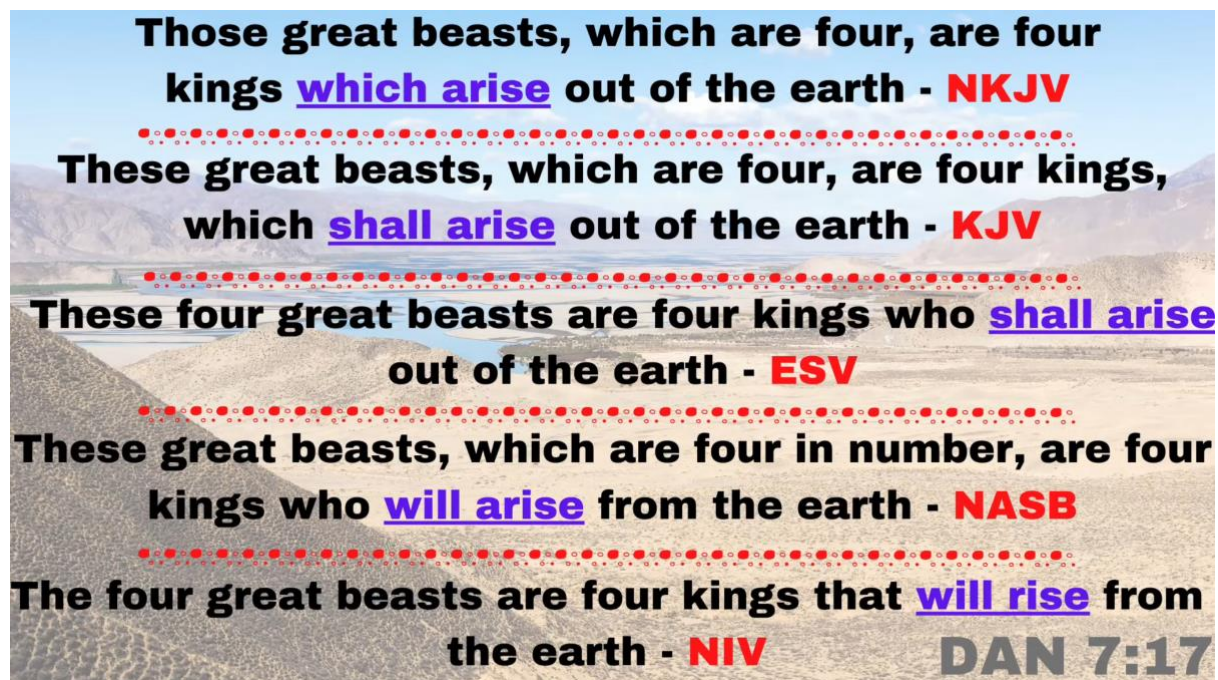
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Daniel 7:17 NASB

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Daniel 7:17 NIV

17 ... are **four kings that will rise from the earth.**



Also:

Daniel 7:11-12

11 "I watched then because of the sound of **the pompous words which the horn was speaking; (the Little Horn — the Antichrist) !** **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.**

The 4th Beast was slain and destroyed. Yet the other 3 Kingdoms continue. (These appear to be contemporaneous)

DAN 2 STATUE: THE KINGDOMS ARE SEQUENTIAL -- AND ALL DESTROYED UPON CHRIST'S RETURN



DAN 7 BEASTS: ALL 4 ARE CONCURRENT -- AND THE 4TH TERRIBLE BEAST IS DESTROYED FIRST, LEAVING THE OTHER 3 ALIVE



Different to the image of Daniel Chapter 2? There — all of the Kingdoms are destroyed simultaneously.

The same Kingdoms involved — but Daniel Chapter 7 is their end-time fulfillment.

Most commentators believe Rome is the 4th Empire of Daniel Chapter 2 ... so consider Rome to be the 4th Beast of Daniel Chapter 7. **If they're wrong about Daniel Chapter 2 — they are probably wrong about Daniel Chapter 7?!**

If these Beasts are active in the end-times ... who are they? Same as Daniel Chapter 2.

The first 3 are fairly straightforward.

LION	=	MODERN BABYLON	=	IRAQ
BEAR	=	MODERN PERSIA	=	IRAN
LEOPARD	=	MODERN "JAVAN"	=	TURKEY but in a coalition of 4 nations?

ALL OF COURSE ARE ISLAMIC TODAY.

Daniel is most interested in the terrible 4th Beast. Probably we should be too!



Daniel 7:15-18

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.’**

The BEAST KINGDOMS which WILL ARISE. The saints win in the end!

Daniel 7:19-20

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. (*The Antichrist*)

BROKE IN PIECES = DEQAQ

To pulverise ... fragment ... shatter. As we saw in Daniel Chapter 2 — Rome didn't do this historically.

No reason to think it's Rome in Daniel Chapter 7? I'd suggest the Islamic Realm is more likely — as we saw in Daniel Chapter 2.

Daniel 7:21-22

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. (*The run up to Jesus' return — the end-time*)**

THE LITTLE HORN MAKES WAR WITH THE SAINTS — until JESUS RETURNS!

Daniel 7:23-25

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. (*Libya ... Egypt ... Sudan?? — taken from Daniel Chapter 11*)**

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. (*Sharia Law*)**

**Then the saints shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.**

We are told again that **THE 4TH BEAST BREAKS IN PIECES AND PULVERISES.**

The 10 horns or kings suggest the Islamic Realm (speculation but fits the context) will consist of 10 (ISLAMIC) nations.

The pompous Little Horn is the end-time Antichrist — who leads this Islamic Realm (after he subdues 3 of the kingdoms). He uses the Islamic Empire to force his will on the world.

It seems his power and authority continue for time ... times ... and ½ a time — 3½ years or 42 months.

This is the time period that coincides with the Great Tribulation — which Antichrist instigates.

Daniel 9:27

27 Then **he** (*the Prince who is to come*) **shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;** (*one 7 year period*)

But in the middle of the week (*after 3½ years*)

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate.”

The Prince Who Is To Come — the Antichrist — breaks the 7 year treaty at the half-way point. He stops the Jewish sacrifices. Sets up The Abomination of Desolation. Half way through the 7 years means 3½ years to go.

We see this 3½ year period in other related passages — all tied back to this Antichrist.

Daniel 12:4, 6-7

4 “But you, **Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” *(Any commentary written before now couldn't be right as the book was sealed up until the end)*

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “**How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?**”

7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that **it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.**

Time ... times ... ½ time.

Daniel 12:8-11

8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”

9 And he said, “**Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**

10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

11 “**And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

The sacrifices stopped — and the Abomination set up (by the Antichrist) — for 1,290 days. (Another 30 days added here)

It seems that the Antichrist is motivated by Satan (possibly even possessed?). Hence his particular hatred for the saints.

Revelation 12:13-14

13 Now **when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.**

14 **But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.**

The dragon (Satan) in action.

Note the period of time ... times ... ½ time.

Revelation 12:15-16

15 **So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.**

16 **But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.**

Believers may think they're now safe?

Revelation 12:17

17 **And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Satan makes war with the believers!

But how — in practice — can he do that? He needs access to government forces? Police ... armies ... security services?

Hence the final Beast Empire of Revelation Chapter 13! No chapter break! This is the mechanics — the logistics — of how Satan does it.

Revelation 13:1-4

1 **Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.**

2 Now **the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.** (*The first 3 Beasts*) The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And **I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.** (**possibly the destruction of the Ottoman Empire in 1922–1924*) **And all the world marveled and followed the beast.**

4 **So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast,** saying, **“Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”**

The Beast led by the Antichrist.

- The Beast is a great military power
- Linked to the 4 Beasts of Daniel Chapter 7 — Lion ... Bear ... Leopard ... and the Terrible 4th Beast with 10 horns
- Revelation Chapter 13 is a COMPOSITE BEAST — regional impact over Lion (IRAQ) ... Bear (IRAN) ... Leopard (TURKEY and some others)
- 10 Horns are 10 Nations or Kingdoms in a coalition
- Almost certainly an Islamic Empire — to dominate the Middle East
- The Dragon is empowering this coalition — and will use it to achieve his ends

(*We’ve speculated that the deadly wound was the destruction of the centuries-old Ottoman Empire in 1922–1924. The Turkish leader ... Recep Erdoğan seems keen to “resurrect” the old Ottoman Empire and Turkey’s greatness. Better keep an eye on them?)

Revelation 13:5-8

5 And **he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies,** and **he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.**

6 Then **he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.**

7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

8 **All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

- Authority over the saints — to overcome and kill! Acting on behalf of the Dragon (as per Revelation 12:17)
- Total authority 42 months — though Tribulation of the saints will be cut short (possibly by one year)
- Will have widespread power — though the term “Earth” (Greek “GE”) is ambiguous. It can be the whole earth ... or just the Middle East “Region” — the “Land”

Revelation 13:9-10

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 **He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword.** Here is the patience/perseverance and the faith of the saints. (*The Islamic people like beheading with swords*)

The Beast Empire supporters — the leaders ... the commanders — will receive justice eventually. If they take captives ... or kill ... they'll end up the same way! REAP WHAT THEY SOW!

The Antichrist may dominate much of the world for several years — and claim to be a god and be worshipped. But we know his ending!

Revelation 19:19-20

19 **And I saw the beast, (the Beast here is the individual — the Antichrist) the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.**

20 **Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence**, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. **These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

THE LAKE OF FIRE.

GOD'S KINGDOM BREAKS IN PIECES ALL CIVILISATIONS AND RELIGIONS — INCLUDING ISLAM AND ITS ANTICHRIST!!

THE SOONER THE BETTER!