

# Daniel's Image, the Four Beasts and the "King of Assyria"

A great deal of new insight is being revealed concerning Biblical prophecy for the "End of Days." The mysterious image of Daniel, the four beasts vision, and the book of Revelation reveal a new, startling dimension to the age-old prophecy in the light of current world events. Staggering new insight as to the enigmatic "king of Assyria" provides a new penetrating glimpse into the coming "New World Order" rapidly coming together!

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In the parable of the fig tree in Luke 21:29-33 we read: "When you see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is near. *This generation* will not pass away until all is fulfilled." What is meant by this generation? First, it means a generation, a generation that is living at the time of his coming. *This generation* referring to the fig tree is a type referring to Israel and represents the people of Israel. God says in Hosea 9:10, "I found Israel . . . as the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season."

Israel was born as a nation on May 14, 1948. How long is a generation? We read in Psalm 90:10, "The days of our lives are seventy years." A generation then is 70 years—the life span of a man. So 1948 + 70 years brings us to 2018.

Remember, Christ said, "Assuredly I say to you, this generation shall by no means pass away till all these things take place" (Matt.24:34). "This generation" refers to the generation of the re-establishment of Israel in the Middle East which occurred in 1948!

## *Daniel's 70 "Weeks" Prophecy*

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, said, in Luke 21: 29-33 in the *Amplified Parallel Bible* "Understand and know that the kingdom of God is at hand. This generation (those living at that definite period of time) shall not perish and pass away until all has taken place."

In an amazing prophecy of Daniel, he was told: "Seventy weeks have been determined upon thy people, and upon the holy city, for sin to be ended, and to seal up transgressions, and to blot out the iniquities, and to make atonement for iniquities, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal the vision and the prophet, and to anoint the Most Holy" Daniel 9:24). The word for "weeks" here is *shavuot* in Hebrew. *Shavua*

means “week” or “seven” and “Shavuot” is the plural of *shavua*. It not only means “weeks” but also refers to the “Feast of Weeks,” called *Shavuot* by the Jews, which occurs once a year during the months of May-June, fifty days after Passover.

Daniel’s prophecy continues: “Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the streets shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times” (Dan.9:24-25).

If we consider these “Shavuot” or “weeks” as a reference to the Feast of Shavuot, then an interesting picture emerges: They would refer to 70 years in fulfillment – the length of a Biblical “generation”! Since the countdown is to begin from the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, a type of the state of “Israel,” and the United Nations issued the decree for the establishment of the state of Israel, to provide a homeland for the Jews, in November, 1947, then the countdown should begin in 1947. Now if we think carefully about this, there are to be 70 Shavuot till the coming of the Messiah to bring in everlasting righteousness! This would bring us to 2017. Or, if we count from the founding of the state of Israel, when it declared its independence, in 1948, it would bring us to 2018!

The Septuagint Greek version says: “KNOW AND UNDERSTAND from the going forth of the commandment and the answer and for the building of Jerusalem until Christ the prince there shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: and then the time shall return, and the street shall be built, and the wall, and the times shall be exhausted.”

Jerusalem was restored to the Jews in 1948 when Israel was founded, and they immediately fought the Arabs who attacked them from every side. The city of Jerusalem was fought over and the Jordanians held on to the old city, and the Jews held onto the new city. The time was exhausting for the Jews because the Arabs made unending trouble. There was war between the Jewish state of Israel and the Arab nations in 1956 and 1967. During the Six Day War of 1967 the Jews captured the Old City of Jerusalem as well as the Golan Heights and the West Bank of the Jordan River, and the Gaza Strip and Sinai.

In verse 27 we read: “Then he shall confirm a covenant [treaty] with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.” Could that mean that there is going to be a covenant (a treaty) established (pushed) at during the final “seven years” of this age, between the Palestinians and the Jews, with the whole world looking on, and “confirming” or “forcing” this treaty upon the two peoples involved? This final “week” of years, then, would be from 2011/2012 until 2017/2018!

During the middle of this last week, an end to sacrifice and offering shall occur. The Septuagint has it, “But in the midst of the year my sacrifice and drink offerings shall be taken away and on the Temple shall be the abomination of desolations.” This implies that half-way through this final seven year period that the sacrifices and drink offerings in

the Temple of God will be abolished and stopped and the Abomination of Desolation will be placed in the Temple of God in Jerusalem instead-- midway through the final week after 3 ½ years. This would likely occur about 2015. When this happens, there will be 3 ½ years left till the coming of the Messiah to “seal up the vision and prophecy.”

### ***The Beast of Revelation***

Is this 3 ½ year period mentioned elsewhere in the Scriptures? We read in Revelation 13:1—“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.”

“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 dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority” (v.2).

This is the New World Order Babylonian Empire – a union of nations having seven heads and ten horns. It is a united world devouring empire like the Roman Empire, but it will exist in our day today!

Let us continue: John says, ‘And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed after the beast” (v.3).

How long will this “Beast” power rule? John was told, “And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to *continue [make war] for forty two months*” (.v.5). Forty-two months equals 3 ½ years! This ties in with the half week prophecy (3 ½ years) of Daniel’s 70 weeks!

### ***Daniel’s Great Image***

But there is much more to unfold!

Perhaps the greatest, most comprehensive outline of Biblical prophecy is the one found in the second chapter of the book of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar "had a terrifying nightmare, and awoke trembling with fear" (Dan. 2:1). When he awoke, he couldn't remember the terrible nightmare and threatened to kill all the astrologers, soothsayers and wise men if they couldn't reveal to him both the nature of the dream and its meaning.

Finally Daniel was brought in and rescued the day. He told the king the meaning of his dream. Daniel said to the king: "No wise man, astrologer, magician, or wizard can tell the king such things, but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has told you in your dream what will happen in the future. This was your dream:

"You dreamed of coming events. . . .

"O King, you saw a huge and powerful statue of a man, shining brilliantly, frightening and terrible. The head of the statue was made of purest gold, its chest and arms were of silver, its belly and thighs of brass, its legs of iron, its feet part iron and part clay. But as you watched, a Rock was cut from the Mountainside by supernatural means. It came hurtling toward the statue and crushed the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. Then the whole statue collapsed into a heap of iron, clay, brass, silver, and gold; its pieces were crushed as small as chaff, and the wind blew them all away. But the Rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.

"That was the dream; now for its meaning.

"Your Majesty, you are a king over many kings, for the God of heaven has given you your kingdom, power, strength and glory. You rule the farthest provinces, and even animals and birds are under your control, as God decreed. You are that head of gold.

"But after your kingdom has come to an end, another world power will arise to take your place. This empire will be inferior to yours. And after that kingdom has fallen, yet a third great power -- represented by the bronze belly of the statue -- will rise to rule the world. Following it, the fourth kingdom will be strong as iron-smashing, bruising, and conquering" (Dan. 2:27-40).

### **The Prophecy Revealed**

What have we here?

The head of gold was the Babylonian Empire, which ruled from 604 to 539 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar was the "head of gold" who began this powerful empire, and his successors ruled until overthrown by the Medes and the Persians in 539 B.C.

The next world empire, then, described as "silver" in the prophecy, was the Persian Empire, begun by Cyrus the Great, in 539 B.C., when he conquered Babylon. The Persian Empire lasted from 539 B.C. to 331 B.C., when it, too, was conquered by Alexander the Great, when he launched his bid for world supremacy. He was successful, and conquered the Persians at the battle of the Granicus river in 334 B.C., and the battles of Issus and Arbella, so that he replaced the Persian Empire in 331 B.C. with the Greco-Macedonian Empire. When Alexander the Great died, his empire was divided up into four regional empires, ruled over by his four generals, Cassander, Seleucid, Ptolemy and Lysimachus.

The fourth empire, depicted in the vision of Nebuchadnezzar, was the Roman Empire, which eventually conquered Greece, replacing it, and ruling the Mediterranean world until approximately 476 A.D. The Roman Empire had such a powerful influence on Europeans and succeeding generations, that following it, historically, came a succession of "revivals" and resurrections down through history. The powerful Roman

Empire crushed the nations from the Middle East to North Africa, and up to the borders of Germany in Europe, and even invaded and ruled the British Isles. It was a cruel, ruthless, and savage Empire, with a veneer of culture and sophistication. Daniel was absolutely correct when he described it as like "iron" -- stronger than any of its predecessors, and brutal in rulership. This prophecy was literally fulfilled to the very letter!

But notice. Daniel continues:

"The feet and toes you saw -- part iron and part clay -- show that later on [that is, in the last days, just before the return of Christ], this kingdom will be divided." That is, the ten toes represent ten nations or kingdoms which ally themselves together as the final resurrection of this image of human empire; they will become the last and final revival of the Roman Empire of old! These ten will give their power to a supreme Tyrant or Dictator and will, at his behest, fight against Christ at his return to earth (Rev. 17:14).

Notice that these toes are part of iron and part clay. Daniel goes on, "Some parts of it will be *as strong as iron, and some as weak as clay*. This mixture of iron with clay also shows that these kings will try to strengthen themselves by forming *alliances* with each other through intermarriage of their rulers; but this will not succeed, for iron and clay don't mix."

Daniel 2 speaks of the end-time Empire as a mix of iron and clay. As Daniel says, iron and clay will not mix and hold together. It could well be that the iron is composed of Europe and America with the clay being the Muslim people who will forge an Empire, but it won't stick or cleave together before it begins to fall apart with internal strife and world war results.

Daniel describes and interprets the dream. A magnificent great image was seen by Nebuchadnezzar in his dream. A stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were made of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. The iron, clay, brass, silver, and the gold was broken into pieces together and became as chaff of the summer threshing floors carried away by the wind and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

1. Head of gold represents King Nebuchadnezzar (*Babylon*). "The God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength and glory. Wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and fowls of the heaven he has given into your hand, and made you ruler over all the earth." Then, listed are the *World ruling kingdoms* that successively follow Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom.
2. Silver breast and arms (*Medo-Persian*) -- a second world ruling kingdom *inferior* to King Nebuchadnezzar that rises after him.
3. Brass belly and thighs (Greece under Alexander the Great) -- a third world ruling kingdom

4. Iron legs – a fourth world ruling kingdom (Rome) strong as iron that breaks and crushes all the others. It divides into two parts – the Western Roman Empire, and the Eastern Empire with Constantinople as its capital.

5. Feet and toes of mixed iron and clay (a divided kingdom) – a fifth world ruling kingdom partly strong (firmness and strength of iron) and partly brittle (fragile as broken-baked ceramic clay). They will mingle with the seed of men, but will not adhere to one another, just as iron and clay will not mix (adhere) to each other.

The ten toes represent 10 kings. In the days of these ten kings, the God of heaven will set up His kingdom which shall never be destroyed nor its sovereignty (everlasting dominion) be left to other people. But it shall break, crush and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.

The *Critical, Experimental Commentary* describes this prophecy and its fulfillment as follows:

"As the fourth kingdom, or Rome, was represented in a two-fold state, first strong, with legs of iron, then weak with toes part of iron part of clay . . . . The ten toes are the ten lesser kingdoms, into which the Roman empire was finally to be divided; this ten-fold division here hinted at is not specified in detail until the seventh chapter (ch.vii.7, 'a fourth beast . . . it had ten horns'). The fourth empire originally was bounded in Europe pretty nearly by the line of the Rhine and Danube; in Asia by the Euphrates. In Africa it possess Egypt and the north coasts; South Britain and Dacia were afterwards added . . . The ten kingdoms do not arise until a deterioration [by mixing clay with the iron] has taken place: they are in existence when Christ comes in glory, and then are broken in pieces. . . . It seems, therefore, that the definite ten kingdoms will be the ultimate development of the Roman empire just before the rise of Antichrist, who shall overthrow three of the kings" (p.391).

This great statue of world empires will be crushed by the "stone" which is cut out of the mountain without hands, a reference to Christ Himself – the Messiah (I Cor.10:4).

### ***The Four Beasts***

The prophet Daniel had a strange vision. He said, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the FOUR WINDS of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. And *four great beasts* came up from the sea, each different from the other. The first was like a LION, and had EAGLE'S WINGS. I watched till its wings [air power] 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. 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, 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

"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. 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 [mankind] with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had *ten horns*. I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words” (Dan.7:1-8).

Notice! These four “beasts” are connected with the FOUR WINDS of heaven (v.2). These are END-TIME KINGDOMS! Notice again! In verses 9-10 Daniel describes God’s Throne of judgment, in the last days. In verse 11, we read: “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking [the end-time Antichrist was right then mouthing off!]; I watched till the BEAST [the fourth beast of Daniel 7] was SLAIN, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.”

Compare this with Rev.19:19-20: “And I saw the BEAST, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make WAR against Him who sat on the horse [Christ the Messiah] and against His army. Then the BEAST was captured, and with him the false prophet [a charismatic end-time religious world leader] . . . These two were cast alive into the LAKE OF FIRE burning with brimstone.”

Then Daniel goes on: “*As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time*” (Dan.7:12). How plain! This shows these four “beasts” ALL EXIST IN THE END TIME!

The “rest of the beasts” described here refers to the one like a lion, a bear, and a leopard – the other three beasts described in this chapter! Since they are still in existence, even after the fourth beast is slain, this PROVES beyond question that these four beasts of Daniel 7 all co-exist DURING THE END TIME!

Notice that the four winds of heaven “strove upon the great sea” (KJV). The *Adam Clarke Commentary* points out, “The idea of *strife* is taken here from the effects that must be produced, were the east, the west, the north, and the south winds to rise tempestuously, and *meet* on the surface of the sea.” He goes on, “Newton well remarks, that these great beasts . . . are *kingdoms*. They arise out of a stormy and tempestuous sea; that is, out of the *wars* and commotions of the world; and they are called *great* in comparison of other states and kingdoms, and are denominated *beasts* for their cruel and tyrannical oppression.”

Can we identify them? Yes, we can! The beast like a lion, with “eagle’s wings,” refers to the United States and Great Britain. Britain’s symbol is the rampant lion, and America’s symbol is the bald eagle! We are renowned for our “air power.” Daniel beholds the image till our “wings were plucked off” (v.4). Daniel beheld it until a “man’s heart” was given to it.

Historically, as a *type*, this referred to the Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar the great. Babylon was compared to a lion (Jer.4:7, Isa.5:29) and was said to fly like an eagle (Jer.48:40; Ezek.17:3, 7). The lion is considered the king of beasts and the eagle the king of birds. The “wings” denotes the rapidity of conquest. The wings being plucked means the empire became weakened and no further extension of the

empire took place – it ceased conquering and began losing its power.

Today, the United States has entered that phase. Its power is being squandered and “broken,” economically, militarily, and geographically. It has “over-extended” its grasp of empire, and is now facing multiple threats from other nations, the chief of which is China and Russia.

A man’s heart was given to it – Nebuchadnezzar began his conquests with great pride and arrogance, but God brought him to humility, causing him to suffer as a “beast” eating grass for seven years, at which time he developed the heart of a “man” and repented of his pride and worshiped the Lord God (Dan.4).

This indicates that the United States and Britain, the sons of Joseph, will also come to repent of their arrogance and pride, when they lose their independence and power, when the U.S. is no longer the world’s “sole superpower.” This repentance will occur during the time known as the “Great Tribulation.”

The second Beast, like a bear, refers to the end-time nation of Russia – often depicted as a stumbling, bumbling bear putting its nose into everything. Historically it was “typified” by Persia. It was like a bear, Adam Clarke says, “on account of their cruelty and thirst after blood, a bear being a most voracious and cruel animal” – an “all-devouring” animal, according to Aristotle.

This describes Russia, which slew millions of its own citizens during the Stalinist purges. The “three ribs in its mouth, between its teeth” suggests that it has just finished eating another animal (nation) that it had seized, says Adam Clarke. Ancient king Cyrus had absorbed three kingdoms – the Babylonians, Medes and Persians. Others think it refers to the east, north and south, which were subdued by the Persians. “But the ribs being between the teeth of the bear may show how Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt were ground and oppressed by the bear,” Clarke points out.

Could this refer to Russia, in the end-time, rising up again during the Tribulation period, and seizing control of three nations in Europe and Asia? Perhaps the Ukraine, Georgia, and another?

Some think these “three ribs” refers to Russia attacking America in the near future, before the Great Tribulation and the rise of end-time Babylon the Great, and nuking three American major cities or three states or causing three other major disasters. I consider this hypothesis as nonsensical and erroneous, for if Russia were to attempt such a quick strike against the United States, it would find itself in a nuclear war. Of course, this does not preclude the possibility of untraceable “suitcase nukes” being detonated in America, whether by terrorists, Muslim extremists who view America as the “Great Satan,” or other hidden enemies.

However, it is interesting to note what God says in Hosea 13, who rebukes end-time Ephraim (the United States) and Israel (the other Israelite nations, including the Jewish state of Israel). Because of our mounting, heinous sins and abominations, He thunders: “So I will be to them like a *lion*; like a *leopard* by the road I will lurk; I will meet them like a *bear* deprived of her cubs; I will tear open their *rib cage*, and there I will

devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them” (Hosa.3:7-8).

Historically, God used Babylon – the lion – to punish Israel. He also used the Greeks – like a fleet leopard under Alexander the Great – to conquer and rule over Israel. He also used the Persians to rule over Israel. And other wild beasts (nations) tore them.

In this END TIME, God will once again punish us for our waywardness and wanton sins by using the “wild beasts” – Gentile kingdoms and nations – to bring us down into subjection, slavery, and shame. He will do this during the Great Tribulation. Jesus Christ prophesied of it, saying, “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near” (Luke 21:20).

God says of our people, “They have dealt treacherously with the LORD, for they have begotten pagan [literally, strange] children. Now a New Moon [a MONTH] shall devour them and their heritage” (Hos.5:7). God declares, “For I will be like a LION to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear them and go away; I will take them 2way, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me” (Hos.5:14-15).

### ***The Third Beast***

The third Beast, like a “leopard,” is depicted as having four heads and four wings. The leopard is an animal of Africa. This depicts the Muslim nations. The four heads would possibly be Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. The Muslim brotherhood is beginning to dominate these states as it attempts to create and revive an Islamic Caliphate to rule the world! The last Moslem caliphate ended in 1924, following the end of World War I, when Turkey was deprived of all its conquests and the Ottoman Empire came to its ignominious end.

In the Jewish Talmud we read of the end of this age, fraught with war. “Those years will include wars between the sea monsters [naval powers], and the wars of Gog and Magog [Russia and China], and the remaining years will be the Messianic age. Following the Messianic age [1000 years, known as the Millennium], the Holy One, blessed be He, will destroy the world, and He will not renew His world until after seven thousand years from the creation” (*The Talmud, The Steinsaltz Edition*, volume XXI, Tractate Sanhedrin, 97B, p.9).

Says the “Notes” on this passage, “The Gemara appears to be alluding to wars that will be waged between the great powers, some of which are compared in the Bible to sea monsters. It might be referring specifically to the wars between the great naval powers that will be fought out at sea.”

### ***The Fourth Kingdom***

But Daniel’s attention is especially riveted on the “fourth kingdom.” The fourth beast is “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*" (v.7).

Notice that this "beast" here is described as being very strong, like the fourth and final part of the image of chapter 2; it also is described as having "iron" -- that is, great iron teeth; and like the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2, which "breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things" (Dan.2:40), this kingdom also "devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue" (Dan.7:7).

Daniel specifically inquired about this fourth kingdom, and was told, "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. And the ten horns are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a *time and times and the dividing of time* [three and one half years!]" (Dan.7:23-25).

Notice that this final kingdom will be "DIVERSE" from all the preceding kingdoms. It will be different -- unique! How is that? Not only will it be stronger, because it is made of IRON, but it will also be weaker -- having in it the miry "clay." It will be united for a time, but the prophecy indicates it will coalesce and come together for only a period of "a time and times and half a time" -- that is, 42 months, or 1260 days, or three and one half years. *This is the SAME LENGTH OF TIME as the BEAST of Revelation 13!*

This fourth kingdom will be destroyed by the second coming of Christ. It is pictured as an END-TIME KINGDOM! It will fight against Christ, and blaspheme His truth, and even change times and laws for a season. Daniel says of it, "But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him" (Dan.7:26-27).

Notice that this final fourth beast is comparable to the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2. It is iron; it is bestial, cruel, and brutal; it conquers and tears to pieces; and it has ten horns comparable to the ten toes of chapter 2; and it exists at the return of Christ, like the ten toes of chapter 2. Thus this fourth beast or kingdom is the same as the fourth and final resurrection of the Roman Empire of chapter 2 and also the same kingdom as the "Beast" of Revelation, chapter 13!

### ***The End-Time Beast***

What more can we know about this strange, mystifying kingdom, which is even now in the process of rising up in the modern world?

In our day there is to be one final resurrection of this ancient diabolical system, the “Roman Empire.” It will be comprised of ten end-time kingdoms or nations. But one great king will seize authority over all of them – “another king will arise, more brutal than the other ten, and will destroy three of them. He will defy the Most High God, and wear down the saints with persecution. . .” This diabolical dictator will “change all laws, morals and customs.” God’s people will be helpless in his hands for three and one half years (see Daniel 7:24-25, *Living Bible*).

Speaking of this end-time leader, Daniel says, “The ten horns are ten kings which shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings” (Dan.7:24).

This year in the Middle East, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt has been overthrown by Obama and NATO working with the Muslim brotherhood. Qaddafi of Libya is on the ropes, about to be overthrown. He is in hiding, at last report. This will make two horns being plucked up. Fighting is also raging in Syria, whose government may topple. Prime Minister Erdogan of Turkey, an ally of Obama and the Sunni Muslims, has sent troops into northern Syria. Syria could be the third horn to be overthrown and brought into compliance with the Muslim brotherhood.

The stage is being set. The final actors are appearing in the wings, rehearsing their parts. The final curtain is about to rise, and the end-time drama about to begin, with a clashing, cacophonous overture!

### ***The Coming of the Messiah***

Daniel declares, “I kept looking until thrones were placed (for the assessors with the Judge) and the Ancient of Days (God the Father) took His seat. His garment was white as snow, the hair of his head like pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame; its wheels a burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands (millions of angels) ministered to Him and ten thousand times ten thousand (billions) stood before Him. The court was seated (was in session) and the books were opened. I continued to watch because of the sound of the pompous words which that little horn was speaking. I watched until the beast was slain, and his body was destroyed – thrown into *the burning flame!* As for the rest of the beasts (governments), they had their power of dominion taken away (stripped of their authority), yet their lives were prolonged (for the duration of their lives was fixed) for a season and a time” (Daniel 7:9).

This pictures the throne of God the Father in heaven!

Daniel continues: “I saw before me coming on the clouds of heaven, one like the Son of Man. He approached the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him (God the Father). To Him (the Messiah) was given authority (sovereign power), dominion, glory and a kingdom that all *people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall never be destroyed*” (Daniel 7:13-14).

Here Christ the Messiah is given authority and kingship over all the nations of the world including the end-time empire of the “Beast” – the New World Order!

### *The King of Assyria*

The ruler of this end-time Beast kingdom is called, in some prophecies, “the king of Assyria.” Why is that? Ancient Assyria was known for its barbaric cruelty. It impaled and slaughtered prisoners.

The old Worldwide Church of God thought that Assyria was Germany, because some of the historical research indicated that some of the Germans originated from Ancient Assyria. However, that research was very incomplete. And very misleading!

Notice what the Word of God has to say on this subject. We read in Ezra 6:22 that in the days of Ezra the Jews were keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, “for the Lord made them joyful because he turned the heart of the *king of Assyria* toward them to strengthen their hands in the work of the House of God, the God of Israel.” This is talking about *king Darius of the Persian Empire*, not ancient Assyria – here the king of the Persian Empire is called the “king of Assyria.”

Also in II Kings 23:29 we read: “In his days, Pharaoh Necho King of Egypt went out to attack the *king of Assyria* through the River Euphrates.” King Josiah of Judah went out against him and Pharaoh killed him at Megiddo when Josiah confronted him at the River Euphrates. Euphrates is where *ancient Babylon* stood. The king of Assyria at this time was Babylon, not the ancient king of Assyria of a previous age. This verse is *talking about King Josiah* who was a contemporary of the prophet Jeremiah of Judah (before king Nebuchadnezzar invaded the land of Judah). Ancient Assyria no longer existed, because it perished with the fall of Nineveh in 612 BC.

In II Chronicles 33:11 we also read about a contemporary “king of Assyria.” King Manasseh of Judah had seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than all the nations that the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel (see verse 9). The Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen to the prophets “Therefore the Lord brought upon them the *captains of the army of the King of Assyria* (the Babylonians) who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and *carried him off to Babylon.*”.

The Babylonians attacked King Manasseh and bound him and *carried him off to Babylon*. So you see that the king of Assyria is a “*nome de plume*” a name given to the world empire that reigns. It was at one time Assyria, then Babylon, then Persia, then Greece and Rome, and in our day it will refer to the “Beast” – king of the “New World Order,” or the “Final Caliphate,” as the Muslims will call it!

All the “world empires,” in Biblical terms, are “Assyria.” Notice! The first “world empire” was begun by Nimrod, the son of Cush. We read in Genesis 10:8--“Cush begat Nimrod, (a black man and son of Cush). He began to be a mighty king, hunter and *tyrant upon the earth* before [against] the Lord. Therefore, it is said like Nimrod” – which in Hebrew is from the root *marad* that means “he rebelled.” Nimrod led the world into rebellion against God. We read, “the beginning of his kingdom was Babel (or Babylon)

in the land of Shinar (land of Mesopotamia) and from that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh (the *capital of Assyria*), Rehoboth and Calah, and Resen between Calah: the same is a great city” (Gen.10:9-12).

### **“Assyria” in Prophecy**

Nimrod founded the original World Empire. It included Babylon and Assyria.

God’s Word thunders, “Ah, Assyrian, the rod of my anger – the club in their hands is my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him, to take spoil and to seize plunder, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets” (Isa.10:5-6, NRSV).

Today, all of Western Europe is dominated by the industrial, scientific, and financial strength of Germany. Germany effectively rules the economies of nations, especially most of those in the European Union. It is growing in power. By extension, therefore, one might say that “Assyria” today includes all of Continental Europe that is part of the European Union!

Isaiah prophesied of an end-time assault by the king of Assyria on the Middle East! We read, “so shall the king of Assyria lead away the *Egyptians* as captives and the Ethiopians as exiles, both the young and the old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered to the shame of Egypt” (Isaiah 20:4). Read the entire chapter.

Daniel foretold of this same calamity, saying, “At the time of the end the king of the south [Egypt and her Muslim allies] shall attack him [the king of the north – Assyria/Europe and the United States – the “Western Alliance”]. But the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, *and with many ships*. He shall advance against countries and pass through like a flood. . . He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and of all the riches of Egypt; and the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow in his train” (Dan.11:40-43).

Notice that the military forces under this end-time “king” will possess “many ships.” This indicates that the northern alliance INCLUDES the nations of France, Great Britain, and especially the United States!

God’s Word predicts that in the days to come, Europe, and the United States – under the auspices of the United Nations – will make a league, a pact, a treaty with various nations in the Middle East which control the oil flow into western nations.

We read in prophecy: “For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are *confederate* against thee:

“The tabernacles of Edom [Turkey, Italy, Spain], and the Ishmaelites [the Arabs]; of Moab [Jordan], and the Hagarenes; Gebal [Lebanon], and Ammon [Jordan],

and Amalek; the Philistines [Palestinians] with the inhabitants of Tyre [the United States of America!]; *Assur [New World Order]* also is *joined* with them. . .” (Psalm 83:2-8).

The New World Order, or “End-Time Assyria/Babylon”, comprised of America and the European Union, the United Nations, and Arab nations in the Middle East, in order to secure their vision of “world order” and “peace,” will turn against the nation of Israel.

Bible prophecy declares that Europe, the United States, Germany, and the western world, will forsake their friendly ties with Israel and cave in to the Arab-Muslim oil-producing states – Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, and others. They will sell their soul for oil, the most precious commodity for the industrial modern world.

In trade for Arab oil, the West will sell out the Jews!

In the future, as in days of old, the king of Assyria will once again invade the Middle East, largely to insure their oil flow and supplies. Note that modern Europe and Russia are NORTH of the Middle East, just as in Biblical times ancient Assyria lay to the *north!*

The “king of the north” with his allies will invade the Middle East, with a whirlwind, many chariots, and troops (Dan. 11:40). “Many countries shall be overthrown” — “and the land of Egypt shall not escape” (vs. 41, 42).

But notice which nations WILL escape! “Even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon” (v.41) – *the very countries in alliance with Europe and the United States!*

Daniel says, “He shall enter *also* into the glorious land” (Dan11:41). The glorious land is the land of Israel. He will occupy Jerusalem and establish his headquarters there (Dan. 11:45; Zech.14:2).

This “king of the north” mentioned in Daniel 11 will be the KING OF end-time “ASSYRIA” — the head of the NEW WORLD ORDER!

### ***Isaiah 19***

Egypt will not escape. Notice Isaiah 19: “The burden of Egypt. . . .And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof . . . *And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a FIERCE KING shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts*” (Isaiah 19:1-4).

Who is this “cruel lord,” this “fierce king”? The HEAD of the New World Order! Notice: “*So shall the KING OF ASSYRIA* lead away the Egyptian prisoners, and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks

uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory” (Isaiah 20:4-5).

“And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the *king of ASSYRIA*: and how shall we escape?” (Isaiah 20:6).

Egypt and Ethiopia shall both fall to the “King of the North” (Daniel 11 :42-43). This means the King of the North mentioned in Bible prophecy is also the “KING OF ASSYRIA” – that is, the ruler or “king” of the WESTERN ALLIANCE – the head of the European-American confederation – or the FUTURE HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS!

A number of church groups and Bible students, when they think of “Assyria,” think only of “Germany.” They identify the prophecies of “Assyria” with modern Germany, and so they come to the erroneous conclusion that GERMANY will attack the United States, and lead Europe to initiate a thermonuclear war with America and Great Britain. This scenario is ridiculous to the extreme – utterly foolish and absurd!

Where have they gone wrong? They think only that “Assyria” means “Germany.” What they fail to realize is that in the Scriptures, the world kingdoms of Babylon and Persia were also called “ASSYRIA”!

Thus “Assyria” is a name for the GENTILE DOMINATED WORLD EMPIRES, down through history!

### *Isaiah’s Warning*

Notice what it says in Isaiah 30 which is a prophecy for our day and the end-time. God warns, “Do not put your trust in human allies. This is a rebellious people, children who will not hear the law of the Lord—don’t want to think about it. Because you despise the word of God and trust in oppression and perversity today, and rely on them your breaking will come suddenly like a bulge in a wall. The day of great slaughter is coming, when the towers [like twin trade towers] fall” (Verses 8-25).

God thunders, “The word of the Lord comes from afar, burning with His anger, his lips are full of indignation and His tongue like a devouring fire. His breath is like an overflowing stream which reaches the neck” when He comes.

“The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard and show the descent of His arm with the indignation of his anger and the flame of devouring fire. Through the voice of the Lord, *Assyria*, [*the end-time Babylonian Empire (conglomerate of ten end-time nations)*] will be beaten down”—literally, “shattered” (Isaiah 30:30-31).

Just like Daniel 2 says, the stone (Messiah) will strike the feet and toes of the image (end-time empire--N.W.O.) and shatter them. “And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, it will be with tambourines and harps; and in battles of brandishing [waving ] he will fight with it. For Tophet [another name for Gehenna Fire] is established of old, yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made

it deep and large; its pyre is fire with much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it” (Isa.30:32-33).

### *Who is “the Assyrian”?*

Isaiah prophesies of the end-time “king of Assyria” saying, “Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey [seize the money and assets and enslave the people], and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Yet he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations” (Isa.10:5-7).

Isaiah continues: “Therefore it shall come to pass, when the LORD has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, ‘I will punish the fruit of the *arrogant heart* of the *king of Assyria*, and the glory of his haughty looks.’ For he says: ‘By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I am prudent; also *I have removed the BOUNDARIES of the people [i.e. forced Israel to give up land to the Palestinians!]*, and have robbed their treasuries; so I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man. My hand has found like a nest the riches of the people, and as one gathers eggs that are left, *I have gathered all the earth*; and there was no one who moved his wing, nor opened his mouth with even a peep” (vs.12-14).

Who is this end-time ruler, leader, who destroys nations, who will rule the earth with an iron cruel fist?

The Moffatt translation says, “Woe betide this Assyria! He is my club in anger, the rod I wield in wrath; I speed him against an impious nation, a people with whom I am wroth, bidding him plunder and spoil them, trample them down like mud in the street” (Isaiah 10:5-6).

Interestingly, that is precisely what Barack Hussein Obama has done to America with his devastating policies, debt accumulation, job losses, economic absurdities, and intolerance toward those who do not support him.

But his ambitions go beyond destroying America. God says, “But other plans has he, and other aims! His thought is to exterminate the nations far and wide” (v.7).

But God says “he will punish the audacious vaunting of the king of Assyria and the arrogance of his pride” (v.12).

This king will be power-mad. He says in his heart, “My strong hand did it all, my clever strategy; I shifted the boundaries of nations I plundered their treasures, I reduced them to ashes, and felled their folk like a bullock; the wealth of nations, I rifled it all, like the nest of a bird, I ransacked the wide world as a man who gathers eggs, till not a wing fluttered, none dared cheep or chirp” (vs.13-14).

Could this be a prophecy of the rising up of Barack Hussein Obama?

Not only is he the leader of the rapidly rising “New World Order,” and the head of the end-time most powerful nation on earth, but astonishing new insight tells us vividly with proof the identity of this proud, cruel man who has no regard for the people.

### *The Obama Factor*

In a new book *The Obama Error*, author and attorney Stephen Pidgeon exposes Obama for what he really is. He writes:

“The enactment of an agenda is underway, and this book will close the links concerning the role in all of this by he who calls himself Obama. While this strategy has been contemplated by the shadow government for well over a century, the person placed with the responsibility of bringing forth the reality of the emergence of the neo-Ottoman empire is Obama . . .” (p.34).

Says Pidgeon:

“In short, the Caliphate could not rise without the systematic betrayal of the West within. Enter the Ikhwan, Barack Hussein Obama—stealth jihadist, Muslim Brother, Sunni agentur, and betrayer of the free world. He *is* the lawless one” (p.35).

An “Ikhwan” is a “brother” in the Muslim Brotherhood.’ Obama has deep ties with the Muslim Brotherhood. He is truly a “Trojan Horse” placed in America to destroy opposition to the coming New World Order/Muslim Caliphate Empire destined to arise in the ‘last days’!

Pidgeon discloses:

“Although he has claimed to be a ‘Christian’ in word, he is a Muslim jihadist in deed. Better stated, his is an *Ikhwan* in deed – a latent and undisclosed member of the Muslim Brotherhood whose identity has been concealed (although he revealed it in Cairo in the Arabic language). Muslims in furtherance of *jihad* may use *taquya* – lying to infidels -- to further jihad and the promotion of Islam, and Obama has done nothing but lie to the American people since well before entering the Presidency. While all politicians stretch the truth, Obama’s lying is at pathological levels” (p.76).

Obama’s biological father was a Muslim; his adoptive father was a Muslim; his mother married two Muslim men and spent her life working in Muslim Indonesia and Muslim Pakistan. Obama’s friends and roommates in college were Muslims, as well as his traveling buddies. But even more than that – he is “currently engaged in organizing communities in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Libya, Syria, Lebanon, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, Pakistan. . . and now Saudi Arabia” (p.88).

Obama is the greatest mistake in American history. He is ineligible for the office of President, yet there he is. Says Pidgeon, “The nation has been captured however, by a foreign mindset; a mindset of cronyism, backroom politics, and loyalties outside the oaths declared, where public servants give one oath publicly to support the hallowed

Constitution of the United States, and then work privately to overthrow every last letter of it in favor of an international order . . .” (p.40-41).

Declares Pidgeon, “This would-be messiah has done what he was trained to do: engage in a communist overthrow of the United States” (p.41). Pidgeon concludes:

“To summarize: by 1983,[Obama] was either an Indonesian citizen, or a Commonwealth citizen. One thing is certain: nothing on the record establishes him as an American citizen.

“Barack Obama is the name Barry Soetoro took when he ran for president, but Barack Hussein Obama is the name he took to assume office, although his birth name is allegedly Barack Hussein Obama II and his legal name is Barry Soetoro.

“The president is without any lawful citizenship without a lawful birth, without a lawful ancestry, without a lawful faith, and is holding office of President under an assumed name. He is truly the lawless one” (p.65).

Is Barack Hussein Obama the “Assyrian” prophesied for the last days in the Scriptures?

Writes Stephen Pidgeon, “Barak Hussein Obama II, the biological son of the first American martyr for the Nation of Islam[there is evidence that his true biological father may have been Malcolm X], the birth son of a Muslim Kenya Communist, the adopted son of a Muslim Indonesian intelligence asset, and the *grandson of a Muslim itinerant worker and his PALESTINIAN/ASSYRIA WIFE*, is the foremost agent in the world for the bringing of Islam to the nations” (p.88).

Notice this amazing fact! By his own pedigree and ancestry, Obama is descended from the Assyrians! That makes him an “Assyrian” by birth as well as by his title as head of the New World Order, if he is indeed “the one”!

Notice what Revelation 13:5 says about this beast: “there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given to him to *continue* 42 months (3 ½ years). My Bible margin indicates the word *continue* as meaning to make war. The Amplified Bible says “given freedom to exert his authority and to exercise his will for 42 months.”

John in Revelation further reveals, “The beast who once was, and *now* is not, he himself is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and he goes to perdition [damnation or destruction]. The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not received any kingdom yet, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour as kings with the beast. They have one mind [common policy, opinion, purpose] and will give their authority and power to the beast. They will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them for he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called (elected) and loyal and faithful followers” (Revelation 17: 11-14).

And so this evil man will come to his end, and no one can save him.