

PART FOUR

The End Time Players

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Chapter Fourteen

Which Nations Involved?

"But as for you Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

Daniel 12:4

Many Spirit filled people seem to believe the rapture of the church, the Tribulation and Second Coming are near. However, most are unsure how the current world players fit into the Biblical prophetic picture. How do the United States, Russia, the Middle Eastern countries, Europe and Red China fit in?

Doesn't it seem reasonable that if we are close to the end, there has to be a transition from what now is, to what is prophesied to be? Shouldn't God have something to say about world affairs near the end? Is this confusion present because the Bible is silent on End Time events; did God choose to not tell us, or has something been overlooked? I believe the latter, and I suggest Daniel Chapter Seven holds the interpretative key.

I see the following new observations in the description of the four beasts of Daniel 7:1-7. The first is like a lion with eagle's wings which I see as the United States. The next is like a bear which represents the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), formerly the USSR. The third is described as a leopard with four wings; symbolizing the Arab/Africa coalition. The fourth is described as dreadful, terrifying and extremely strong with large iron teeth representing the ten nation European Economic Conference (EEC).

I see five reasons why this interpretation applies to Daniel Chapter Seven:

(1) This view answers the problems of the "Vestiges" interpretation, and the problems of the Fundamental Conservative View which are discussed in Appendix A.

(2) The "Lion/Eagle", "Bear", "Leopard" and "Ten-headed Beast" symbols relate closely with the present world powers; bringing life to

the scriptures in the 20th century.

(3) The C.I.S. (USSR), a current world power, whose national symbol is the "Bear", is *known* to be involved in end time events as evidenced by Ezekiel 38 and 39.

(4) Revelation Chapter 13, which is known to be prophetic, pictures contemporary nations *after* take-over by Antichrist. But Daniel Chapter Seven pictures the same nations *before* take-over by Antichrist (4th Beast). Thus, they are linked.

(5) Many times in scripture God speaks through a "type" picture. The "type" I see here, answers the time problems of the popular conservative view. It gives more truth about Daniel Chapters 2,7, and 8 than is now accepted, and it decodes the figurative language of those chapters. We will look at that type first.

The Type Picture

We read in Daniel Two how Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, dreamed one night of a great statue. The statue had a head of gold, chest of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay. As the king watched, a rock not cut with hands struck the statue on its feet. The statue collapsed and the rock crushed it to powder which blew away with the wind. Then the rock grew until it filled the whole earth.

Daniel interpreted the dream for the king which goes as follows:¹ He said Nebuchadnezzar, was the head of gold. Then another inferior

1. Daniel 2:37-45

kingdom of silver would come, and yet a third kingdom of bronze would rule over the earth. Then a fourth empire of iron which would be strongest of all. And after a time, the iron would mix with clay to form the feet. The feet would be strong but brittle. Then during the days of the iron and clay empire, the God of Heaven (Jesus Christ) would set up His kingdom on earth. That kingdom would crush all others and expand its influence over the whole world.

Conservative expositors believe the four kingdoms represent all the world class empires since Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. I am also convinced the great statue dream and interpretation in Chapter Two represent all of the world class empires (Times of the Gentiles) as is the popular conservative view.

I would like to point out that modern countries represented by the Gold, Silver, etc. must be present at the Second Coming of Christ. That is because Daniel 2:35, 45 requires the Gold, Silver, etc. be crushed "at the same time" by the "Rock" at the Second Coming.

However, we also read verses 38-41 which imply the ancient empires are represented by the Gold, Silver, etc. So how can ancient empires be present at the second coming, and us still offer a literal explanation?

I believe the answer is that Daniel 2 has a double fulfillment. I observe that the visions of Daniel Chapters Eight and Seven explain the conflict between these opposing ideas. Chapter Eight has its fulfillment in ancient history, and Chapter Seven has its fulfillment in modern history. The two together fulfill the vision of Chapter Two.

In Chapter Eight, Daniel relates the vision of the ram and goat followed by the interpretation. According to conservative scholars, the vision goes like this: A ram (Medo-Persia) goes about butting this way and that until he runs into a one-horned goat flying through the air (Greece, under Alexander the Great). The goat battered the ram until he was trampled into the ground. The male goat then magnified himself but soon his horn (figurative term for power) was broken.

Four other horns rose up in place of the one-horned male goat (Alexander's four generals). From one of the four horns arose a small horn which grew large toward the south, the east and the beautiful land (Israel). It removed the regular sacrifice, and for 2300 evenings and morn-

ings the Holy Place was unclean. At the end of that time, the Holy Place was restored. The fundamental conservative interpretation follows.

At the beginning of this vision, Babylon has fallen and Nebuchadnezzar has already died. The scripture now describes the Medo-Persian (ram) and Greek empires (goat). Verses 21 and 22 relate what turns out to be the empire of Alexander the Great (goat) and his four successors.² The four generals, Cassander, Ptolomy, Lysimachus and Seleucus split the territory among themselves.

They and their descendents ruled for some 150 years as a fourth divided empire. Then, from the lineage of General Seleucus, came one Antiochus IV, Epiphanes, who took control of Ptolomy's territory plus his own Selucid Empire.

The other two territories fell to the up coming Roman Empire. Antiochus invaded Palestine, persecuted the Jews, desecrated the Temple and eventually got driven out by one Judas Maccabeus.

Antiochus, this "antichrist", stayed in power for a precise period. Quoting M.R. DeHaan,

"From the time the temple was desecrated and Antiochus slaughtered a swine upon the Altar in Jerusalem, until the time of the deliverance of Jerusalem under Judas Maccabeus was exactly 2300 days."³

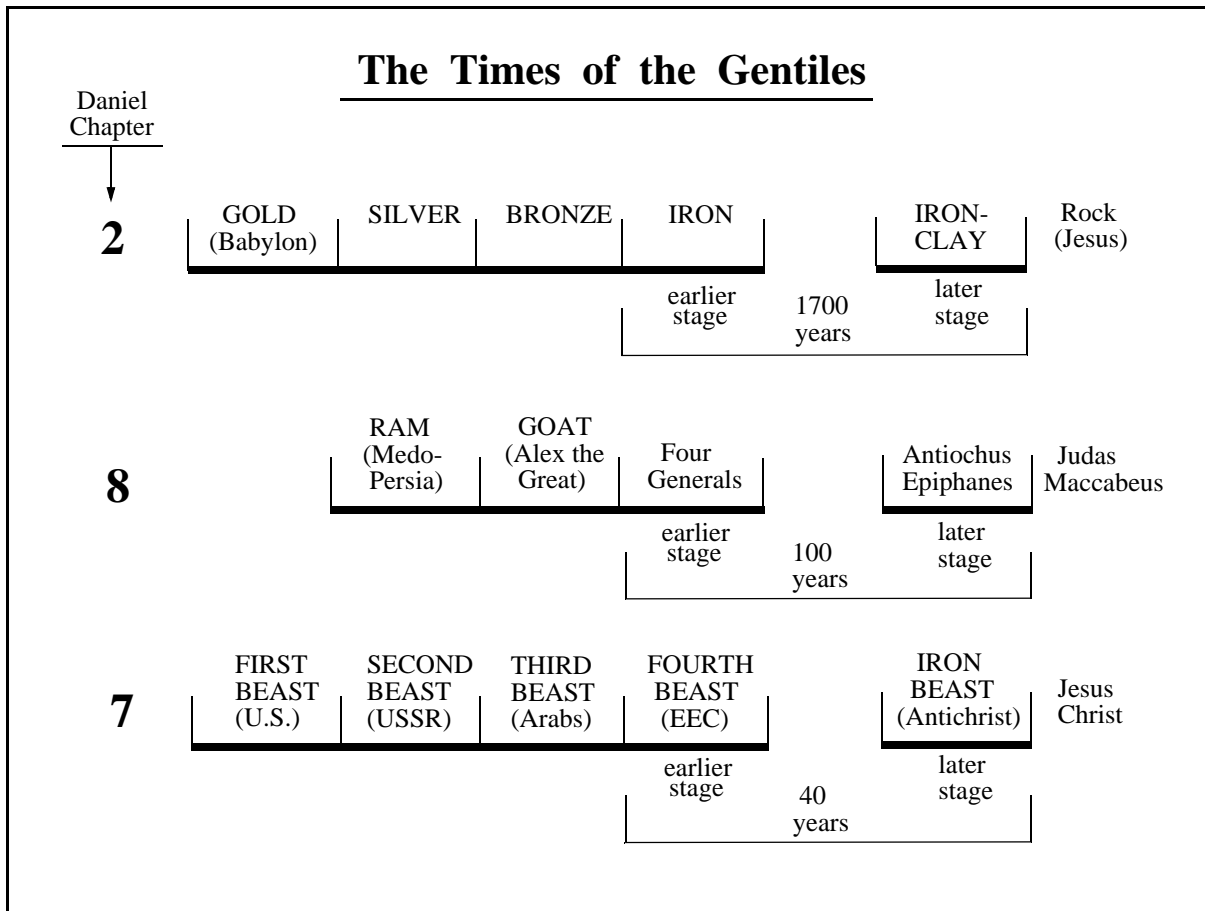
This fulfills the prophecy of Chapter 8:14-26. To sum up Daniel Chapter Eight, we see three empires; Babylon (understood as coming previously), Medo-Persia (ram), and Greece (goat). The third is divided; Alexander's empire goes to his four generals. The four generals and their descendents formed a fourth divided empire. Now this fourth empire changed form by the hand of Antiochus and the Romans.

Antiochus persecuted the Jews as a type of antichrist, and he was soon driven out by Judas Maccabeus; a type of Jesus at His Second Coming. Thus, we see a type picture of the end time coming of Jesus in power and great glory which the Jews dreamed of at His First Coming.

Chapter Seven, Verses 1-7, offers a similar setting to Chapter Eight except I see it in a modern day setting. We see three beasts (nations)

2. "Daniel - Key To Prophetic Revelation", p.197.

3. "Daniel - The Prophet", p.230.



the U.S., C.I.S., Arab/Africa alliance arise from the sea (gentile world), who is trampled by a fourth empire of a multiple nature (European Economic Community), from which the 20th Century Antichrist comes. He desecrates the Jewish Temple (not built yet), and after a precise period of time, Jesus, "the rock not cut with hands", establishes His kingdom on earth.

The precise period is given in Daniel Chapter 12. Turning to verses 11-12, we read, "and from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the Abomination of Desolation is set up (happens), there will be 1290 days." Verse 12, "How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1335 days!" I take this to mean there will be 1335 days between the end of sacrifices and the "blessed day" (Second Coming). If this is the correct interpretation of this passage, then we see a similar picture to Chapter Eight in its entirety.

The popular conservative view of Chapter Two suggests empires represented by the

head of gold, chest of silver, belly and thighs of bronze and legs of iron, existed in ancient history. They also say nations represented by the feet of iron/clay will exist in the future (to 2008). I fully agree. This duality is easily explained with the concept of the repeating type picture.

The statue image of Chapter Two is seen stretching from Babylon to the Second Coming. In Chapter Eight, we see the ancient kingdoms represented in a story which is a type of the end time world ruler. In Chapter Seven, we see the modern kingdoms represented in a story which is also a type of the end time world ruler. Between the two chapters, we also see the overall Chapter Two picture fulfilled. See the chart on the previous page. I suggest it is necessarily fulfilled by Chapters Eight and Seven because the verses in Chapter Two demand the gold, silver, etc. be present for the Rock to crush at the Second Coming. I cannot see any other reasonable explanation which fits *all* the facts.

The British Lion and American Eagle

Now, we want to look at the second reason this interpretation applies to Daniel Seven. It is because Daniel's descriptions closely resemble the major empires present in the world today!

In Verse Four, Daniel paints the first beast as being, "like a lion and having the wings of an eagle." I observe that the United States, one of the major world powers, could easily be described as a lion with eagles wings. We had our origins in Great Britain, whose national symbol is the lion, and we are like them in language, custom, government and, most important, religion. We are presently allied with them through NATO.

How about the fact that the eagle is our national symbol? Our ICBM's and Air force are a primary power in the world today. The threat of nuclear war between the U.S. and the C.I.S. is the subject of much wonder at what fate lies in wait for this world. Daniel's next sentence comments on the fate of the first beast.

"I kept looking until its wings were plucked, ..." Looking at what *could* happen, isn't it strange that empty missile silos resemble the holes left in a bird's wing after plucking the feathers? Without feathers, can a bird fly? Since our ultimate power lies in our missiles, if they are used or destroyed in an exchange, we would be empty of world power. Our "wings" would be "plucked."

The other major strength we possess is our industrial capacity. Our ability to produce is tied closely to the economic structure. Our economic structure is so well balanced that if part of our industrial capacity was blown away in a missile exchange chaos would result. Thus, our "wings" would be "plucked".

Daniel goes on to say: "and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind was given to it". Remember, this is a "beast" being referred to here. God's use of the word "beast", as I see it, denotes the degeneration of man, as God would have him to be, to something more base in nature and character.⁴

If someone were to commit a filthy immoral act, we might call them an "animal". And that is what God means by a beast. The United

States is a beast, as I said in the beginning of this book, because of her national sins.

God's definition of a "beast" is aptly described in Daniel, Chapter Four. King Nebuchadnezzar exalted himself above God; and to teach him a lesson, God took away his power and gave him the mind of a beast (verse 16). Seven years later, the king recognized God as sovereign, and that it is He who bestows power on whomever He wills (Verse 34-35). So it will be with the U.S. God will allow the United States to be invaded and our world power taken away. But there is hope!

When King Nebuchadnezzar repented, his mind was returned to him (verse 34). And so I believe it will be with the United States of America. When our "wings" are "plucked", so shall we begin to see that we need God, and by the end of the seven years of tribulation, so shall we repent as a nation to be "stood up on two feet like a man; a human mind also being given to it" (Daniel 7:4). The action of humbling ourselves before God will cause Him to see the remnant people of the nation as men and not beasts. Thus the Lion / Eagle symbol is appropriate. Therefore, here I see the United States mentioned in scripture.

If you think this connection between the U.S. and the Bible is unusual, then you will really think it unusual that George Washington, the father of our country, had a vision which said basically the same thing! You can read about this in Appendix C.

As we said right up front, shouldn't God have something to say about the U.S. if we are involved at the end time? Most conservative scholars do not interpret scripture as relating to modern nations except maybe the C.I.S. relating to Ezekiel 37,38. However, I would like you to consider the following Biblical and historical evidence.

Ezekiel 27 makes reference to Tarshish (Tyre) trading manufactured goods to others for raw materials. In Verse 3, they are called "... merchant of the peoples to many coastlands," We see similar statements in Verses 15 and 25. These references open the possibility that Indians of North America were trading with the Merchants of Tarshish. This possibility becomes a probability with the following.

According to Dr. William McBirnie, the prophet Ezekiel alludes to our presence (young

4. .II Peter 2:12

lions) in the 38th Chapter of his book:

“‘The Merchants’ (traders of nations who were settled by the traders of Tarshish) “with all its young lions ...” (Vs. 13). This may seem to be a faint reference and difficult of (sic) explanation. Far from it! The sea traders of Tarshish were Phoenicians of whom Ezekiel wrote extensively in Chapters 27 and 28. They have now been proven by recent discoveries to have been not only traders based in Spain, but also to have been extensive colonizers. In brief, the Phoenicians, based in Tarshish, Spain - were the main colonizers and civilizers of all of the Atlantic nations of Western Europe! The phrase ‘young lions’ in the original Hebrew means ‘cubs’ or offspring; i.e., colonies. But there is much more. Dr. Barry Fell, of Harvard, has conclusively identified the North American Continent as also having been settled by these same Tarshish-based phoenicians at least 400 Years before Ezekiel wrote. Dr. Fell’s book, ‘America, B.C.’ which was condensed in the Reader’s Digest, February 1977, (sic) demonstrates the extensive Phoenician settlement in various parts of what is now the United States!”⁵

Dr. Fell comments from his own book.⁶

“By the eighth century B.C. a group of Syrian colonists had settled the lower reaches of the valley of the Guadalquivir River in Andalusia, southwestern Spain, where they were engaged in trading for metals mined by the natives, who seem to have been mainly Basques. Eventually invading bands of Celts in ever-increasing numbers came down from the north, and by 500 B.C. they had overrun the whole region. Thereafter we hear no

more of Phoenicians in this part of Andalusia. Now, however, we have found their inscriptions in America.

“The city built by people in Spain was called Tarshish, and it is referred to by that name in the Old Testament. The Greeks called the city Tartessos, and from this name comes the word Tartessian, used by epigraphers to describe the special script and dialect employed by the men of Tarshish. The alphabet has been deciphered in part by Spanish epigraphers, and most of the residual letters have now been assigned their phonetic values as a result of the discovery of Tartessian inscriptions in Central and North America. This language can now be read with relative ease, for it proves to be no more than a dialectal variant of Phoenician. In fact, one wonders why the Tartessians bothered to devise their own script, seeing they could equally well have employed the script of Phoenicia itself.

“The first Tartessian inscription discovered in America is engraved on a rock on the seashore of Mount Hope Bay, Bristol, Rhode Island. In 1780 it was described and recorded by Ezra Stiles, who later became president of Yale College.

“Under the outline carving of a hull appears a single line of Tartessian Punic, reading from right to left, to yield: *VOYAGERS FROM TARSHISH THIS STONE PROCLAIMS*. The script cannot of itself be accurately dated, but a likely estimate would perhaps be about 700 or 600 B.C. The voyagers were probably not explorers but rather merchants trading with the New England Celts who, by that date, would already be well established fur trappers, and very likely also mining precious metals on those sites where ancient workings have been dis-

5. “The Shape of the Future in the Middle East!”, pp.19-20.

6. “America B.C.”, pp. 93, 98, 100-101.

covered.

“The periodic arrival of Phoenician ships on the New England coast is attested by the Ogam inscription of Monhegan Island, off the coast of Maine (page 58). It is obvious that the flat-topped rocky islet would not have been set aside for the loading and unloading of Phoenician ships were they not regular visitors to America, with a predictable timetable of ports of arrival and departure at expected dates. It is also clear from the fact that the Monhegan inscription is given in the old Goidelic tongue of the New England Celts, that it was primarily intended as a notification for native American Celts who had goods for sale or exchange, to inform them where to bring their merchandise in order to be sure of meeting with customers from Phoenicia.”

This shows Biblical and historical evidence that the United States is alluded to in scripture.

The Russian Bear

Daniel 7:5a. “And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear.”

Would you care to guess what country is second most powerful in the world today whose national symbol is the bear? It doesn't take much deductive power to see that his initials are C.I.S. All you have to do is look at the “Bear” on the cover of Time Magazine, January 15, 1979 issue.

“And it was raised up on one side, ...”

This connotes a position taken by an animal ready to attack. The raised paw is ready to slap the terrorized victim. The C.I.S. is responsible for much of the terrorism in the world today. Can Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Israel be more than lambs for the Russian Bear to crush?

“And three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’”

I perceive the word “meat” as figuratively used to mean territory or countries. We see this idea confirmed in Ezekiel 38 and 39 where Russia attacks Israel. In Isaiah 19:23-25, a description is given of a triad of countries at the center of the world, blessed by God.

“In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

(24) In that day, Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

(25) whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, 'Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.’”

Has this prophecy been fulfilled? Quoting Halley's Bible Handbook, p.295:

“At the time of Christ's appearance the Hebrew nation was composed of three main sections, with connecting highways: Palestinian, Egyptian and Mesopotamian: making Israel to be a sort of three fold nation.”

Do you see the beautiful picture? If this fulfillment is a type word picture, then very possibly a treaty could bring these same countries together again. Is not such a treaty the wish of most Middle Eastern people at this moment, and that which is prophesied in Daniel 9:27 as being seven years long? We read that the Tribulation will occur during this period. Don't we also read in Ezekiel 38 and 39 that the C.I.S (Bear) will invade Israel and the Middle East?

The bear not only wants to devour Israel and Egypt but Assyria also; comprising the modern countries of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq. Already Syria, Lebanon and Iraq are under the domination of C.I.S. How descriptive a picture are the three ribs when you think of them as the highways connecting the several countries which they do to this day. Praise God for His wonderful engineering of the Holy Scriptures!

Since Ezekiel describes the invasion of Israel and it has not happened yet, and if the Isa-

iah passage is a type, then we can conclude the description in Daniel 7:5 (bear devouring something) is yet future and therefore is not in history.

If the above statements do show the "bear" of Chapter Seven to be the modern nation of the C.I.S., then we have shown one more reason why Daniel Seven is a description of modern empires.

The Arab-African Leopard

As we continue to read Daniel Seven, we note a third kingdom. Verse Six, "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one (beast), like a leopard, ..." God is so accurate in His prophecy and clear in His descriptions!

What third world countries are symbolized by the leopard? Western and Asian civilization dominate the world today but Africa is fast becoming a factor in world affairs. Several heads of state wear leopard skin as a part of their uniform of royal office. Among them are: Mobutu of Zaire, Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya and former Emperor Haile Salassi of Ethiopia. I understand King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has several leopards on leashes which accompany him at royal functions. These are all symbols of Arab / African identity.

Daniel goes on to say in verse six; "... which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it."

According to Unger's Bible Dictionary, "wings" connote defences or protection. Since it is natural for a bird to have two wings, it appears the protection comes from two sources.

Four heads refers, as we have seen before, to four heads of state. These represent four nations which are in some kind of union. Ezekiel, in Chapter 38, mentions Ethiopia and Put (Somalia) as African nations involved in end time events. There is a second passage where these two nations are mentioned with other nations in some kind of union, and all four are involved in last day events.

In Ezekiel 30:3-5, we read a passage confirming Daniel 7:6.

"For the day is near, Even the day of the Lord is near, it will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations.

"And a sword will come upon Egypt,
And anguish will be in Ethiopia, When
the slain fall in Egypt, They take away
her wealth, And her foundations are torn
down.

"Ethiopia, Put (Somalia), Lud
(Libya)⁷ all Arabia, that is in league will
fall with them by the sword."

Couldn't these four nations, Ethiopia, Somalia,
Libya and Egypt be the four heads of Daniel
7:6?

The Ten-Headed European Beast

We are still looking at how the present world powers fit the Daniel passage. Now let's examine the nature of the fourth beast destined to produce the "real" Antichrist.

"After this I kept looking in the night
visions, and behold, a fourth beast,
dreadful and extremely strong; and it had
large iron teeth."

We see the prediction of a world class power coming into being with conquest in mind.

"It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; ..." Reference is made to controlling the previous three empires which is in effect the rest of the world.

"... and it was different from all the
beasts that were before it, and it had ten
horns."

The ten horns mean ten nations band together to form one empire. Daniel Chapter Two originates this thought in the picture of the ten toes. On interpreting Chapter Seven, Mr. Walvoord says,

"Premillennialists offer a third view,
providing literal fulfillment: ten actual
kingdoms will exist simultaneously in
the future consummation."⁸

We observe this happening before our eyes as Greece became the tenth nation of the EEC

7. "Who's Who in the Bible", p.253

8. "Daniel - The Key to Prophetic Revelation", p. 162.

(European Economic Community).

This group of countries is united economically, but when they become united religiously and politically as well, an "extremely strong" union will result. They will have "productive capacity close to equaling that of the United States."⁹ Hal Lindsey and others have done a good job of showing the connection between the EEC and: (1) the ten horns of Daniel 2:31-35, (2) the ten horns of Daniel 7:7 and, (3) the ten horns of Revelation 13:1 and 17:3-16.¹⁰ Therefore, I will not say more about it.

The EEC summation: It is a world power of awesome potential, nearly but not completely, solidified. When "Antichrist", the political leader, and "False Prophet", the religious leader, come to power (Revelation 13), we will see the EEC take over the world. The demise of the U.S. and the C.I.S. is all that prevents it.

Let's sum up our thoughts. When we look at the world powers today, evaluate their national symbols and compare them with Daniel Seven, we have a definite match. Thus we can believe modern empires apply to Daniel Seven.

The Prophetic Parallel Passage

There is yet another reason this interpretation applies to Daniel Seven. Let's look at another scripture, known to be prophetic, having similar descriptions and interpretation, that shows Daniel 7:1-6 to be current history.

The descriptions, "Lion", "Bear", and "Leopard" of Daniel Chapter Seven also appear as part of the descriptions of the beast in Revelation 13:1-2 which we know exists at the time of the end.

We also know the fourth beast of Daniel Chapter Seven and the beast of Revelation 13 are one and the same; as is pointed out by Strauss, Halley, Walvoord and others.¹¹ It appears clear in the scripture and confirmed by competent scholarship, that the beast of Revelation 13 and the Fourth Beast of Daniel Seven are the same beast.

The empire of Revelation 13 is composed, at least partially, of nations represented by a lion, bear and leopard. And, any empire that is composed of other nations, must be contemporaries of those nations. If the Lion, Bear and Leopard of Revelation 13 are contemporaries of the beast of Revelation 13, and it is the same beast as the Fourth Beast of Daniel Seven; Therefore, the Lion, Bear and Leopard of Revelation 13 must be contemporaries of the Fourth Beast of Daniel Chapter Seven!

This logic sequence reveals four important conclusions: (1) The "Lion", "Bear", and "Leopard" descriptions apply, at least, to the end time kingdoms. (2) Revelation 13 describes absorbed nations from *after* the fact, and Daniel Chapter Seven describes absorbed nations from *before* the fact. (3) The first three beasts of Daniel Chapter Seven are the ones Absorbed/trampled, and therefore is the identity of the "remainder" mentioned in verses Seven and 19. (4) The kingdoms of the "Lion", "Bear" and "Leopard" of Daniel Chapter Seven must be contemporaries of the Fourth Beast.

Because Daniel Chapter Seven and Revelation 13 describe the same beasts, we can conclude they are probably modern contemporary nations. These observations by themselves bring a strong case but when coupled with the rest of the evidence, more of which we will look at, makes this interpretation highly probable.

The End Time Bear

The fifth and final reason why Daniel Chapter Seven is describing modern contemporary nations is the C.I.S., a current world power, whose national symbol is the "Bear", is known from *other* scripture to be involved in end time events.

Quoting Halley in his commentary concerning Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39,

"Whatever may be the exact identification of these peoples, (Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Rosh) Ezekiel speaks of them as dwelling in 'the uttermost parts of the north' (38:6, 15; 39:2), and there can be little doubt that he means nations beyond the Caucasus

9. "US News and World Report", June 11,1979

10. "The Late Great Planet Earth", pp.83-86

11. "The Prophecies of Daniel", p.211; "Halley's Bible Handbook", p.346; "Daniel - Key to Prophetic Revelation", p.175

(mountains). A glance at the map makes it plain that he has in mind that part of the world known as Russia.”¹²

From the rest of Chapters 38 and 39, we see evidence of Magog and its associates invading Israel and being destroyed. Since no similar circumstances have occurred in history, we can conclude that it is yet future and therefore, a part of end time events.

Objectives Accomplished

I have shown that all four beasts of Daniel Chapter Seven are not all historic or all prophetic.

I have shown that the four beasts of Daniel Chapter Seven are the same as the composite beast of Revelation 13. Since we know the beast of Revelation 13 is future, that means the four beasts of Daniel Chapter Seven must be modern and contemporary.

It is widely believed that the Russian "Bear", mentioned in Ezekiel, has a part in end time events. I am also saying they have a part and a further description of their part can be found in Revelation 13. The blatant fact is the Russian "Bear" in Asia matches the Revelation "Bear" which matches the Daniel Seven "Bear". These facts should give you a basis to believe in this interpretation.

When we view the Gold, Silver, etc. of Daniel Two as types, with two fulfillments in history, all the scriptural passages involved make more sense. We can see Daniel Chapter Eight as the fulfillment in ancient history and Daniel Chapter Seven as the fulfillment in modern history. These smoothly integrate with the outline of Jesus establishing His fifth and final kingdom (over the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron) on planet earth.

We are therefore, witnessing the concluding events of history as described in Daniel Chapter Seven, Revelation 13 and other passages. And in the next chapters, we will look at Tribulation events which lead to the climax of history; the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

12. "Halley's Bible Handbook", p.333

