

PART TWO - The (Scarlet) 8th Beast - The Reviving Islamist Caliphate - Revelation 17:3b - 17:10-11

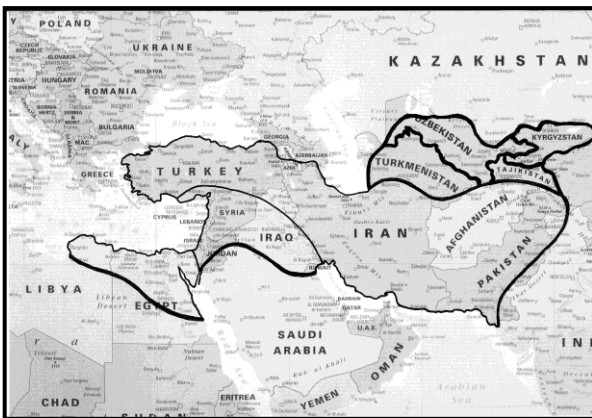
WWI and WWII ended the Age of Empires.

After the Ottoman Empire was dissolved at the end of WWI and The League of Nations was established in 1920, the era of nation/states began to be realised. The number of states increased rapidly after WWII as the sub-empires descendant from Western Rome embarked on decolonisation processes in conjunction with the 1945 formation of the United Nations. This divestment process continued until the latter part of the 20th Century. It is during this stage in the history of nations that Daniel's two visions, i.e. "the metallic man" (feet and toes) vision and the "4th beast's" (10 + 1 horn) vision, spanning the Jewish Diaspora came to an end. In 1948 the State of Israel was established as a precursor "kingdom"; the land being held in trust until the promised Kingdom of God comes in fulness at the end of the Gentile age.

The State of Israel was inaugurated on 14th May 1948 - Cf. Daniel 2:43-44a - Daniel 7:22, 27-28a

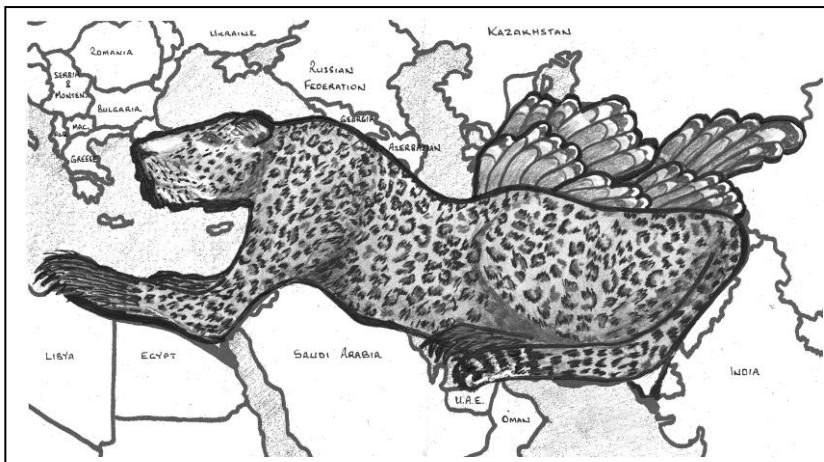
However, according to Daniel 7:11-12 and Revelation 13:1-2 and 17:8b-11, it is only after a period of time during which all "beast" empires have ceased to exist that a final 8th empire will appear on the scene. Daniel 7:11 states that although the 4th Beast (Rome) and its final "little horn" manifestation are destroyed; verse 12 indicates that the "rest of the beasts... had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time." In this verse Daniel is referring to the three earlier beast/empires from his "four beasts" vision which he described (looking forward in historical order) as a lion, a bear, and a leopard. These were the **Babylonian, Media/Persian, and Macedonian/Grecian Empires** which succeeded one another and were domiciled in Asia and the Middle East. These old empires that had "their lives prolonged..." then reappear in Revelation 13:1-2, 17:10-11 as a revived 8th manifestation of the 7th "head" on the Beast (i.e., Ottoman/Caliphate/Empire) that was mortally wounded in 1918-24. Here it re-appears in a new territorial configuration, as a combined entity at enmity with God's people.

Thus when envisaging Revelation 13:1-2, John saw a "composite beast" rising up out of the Mediterranean Sea that looked like a leopard, with the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion. From this perspective, John was looking back in history to the most recent empire before Rome, i.e. **Macedon/Greece** which looked like a leopard with four wings (Cf. Daniel 7:6), past **Media/Persia** that looked like a bear raised up on one side (Cf. Daniel 7:5), and finally to **Babylon** that had a lion's mouth (Cf. Daniel 7:4). It is interesting that when the combined geographical areas of these three ancient empires (plus attachments) are plotted on a modern map, the result produces a shape that looks like its description. Note there is no reference to the 4th Beast (Roman Empire).



It also had 10 crowned horns. These are the sovereign nations within the composite beast's domain - Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Libya.
It had four wings on its back - Islamic countries (ex USSR since 1991) Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. The same areas as the raised up side on the bear.
It had seven heads - Revelation 17:11 explains that the seven heads are the previous seven empires out of which the 8th empire comes, i.e., Babel, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Eastern Rome, and the Islamic Ottoman Empires.
The 8th Beast is a reviving radical Islamist Caliphate coming out of the 10 nations contained within the borders of the beast; rising up from the debris of the Arab Spring.

Viewed pictorially it looks like this - A leopard with bird's wings on its back; the feet of a bear; and the mouth of a lion; occupying the greater geographic territory of the Macedon/Grecian, Media/Persian and Babylonian Empires. "The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition." Cf. Rev. 17:11. On the terrorist group ISIS declared a new **Islamic State** in Iraq and Syria and **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi** was named as Caliph. When the Islamic Caliphate is finally healed of its mortal wound, it will reappear out of the 7 previous empires and the 10 horn nations to create havoc for 42 months, Cf. Rev. 13:5.



It is out of this combined territory that the Beast (Anti-Christ) and False Prophet arise. They form a coalition with "10 kings without kingdoms" who become of one mind in their desire to create a state within a state, i.e., a revived Islamic Caliphate under Sharia law. These all give their allegiance and power to the Islamic Beast Empire to make war with the Lamb, make war with the saints, and in "one hour" destroy the "great city Babylon". Cf. Rev.13:1-17, Rev.17:11-18, Rev. 18:10,17,19, Rev.19:2-3