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## The Kingdom of God and the end time Kingdoms –

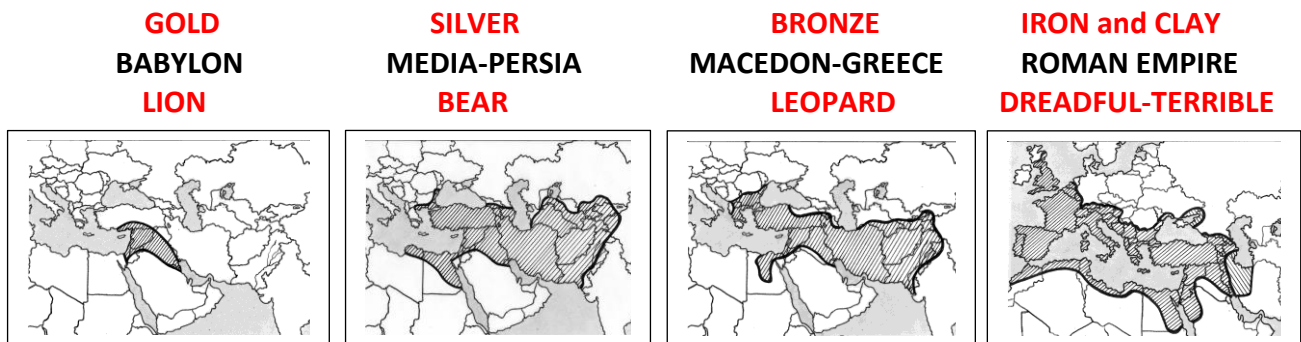
### Daniel 2 and 7 – PART TWO

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**Précis of Part One:** This first study focussed on the rise of the four ancient Gentile Empires that featured in two of Daniel’s separate dreams/visions—which were portrayed as two diverse entities:

- In **Daniel 2** these four Empires were seen as separate **parts of a giant statue**, made of different elements: *this image’s **head was of fine gold**, its **chest and arms of silver**, its **belly and thighs of bronze**, its **legs of iron**, its **feet and toes partly of iron and partly of clay**.* (Dan.2:32, 41–42)
- In **Daniel 7**, the same four great Empires were represented by **four beasts that came up from the Sea** (Mediterranean): they were the **Babylonian**, **Media-Persian**, **Macedon-Grecian** and **Roman** Empires; [plus Rome’s descendant ‘horn’ kingdoms]. (Dan. 7:3–8)  
Hence...



These four great kingdoms would successively subjugate Daniel’s people (the Kingdom of Judah) during the course of history from 605 BC → until the **State of Israel** was declared on May 14, 1948, following the Holocaust and WWII.

First, we concentrated on the lower part of the **‘metallic-man statue’** vision (**Dan. 2**), where the statue’s **legs of iron** represented the **Roman Empire**. Rome then **‘divided’** into **two separate kingdoms**: i.e., the **Western Roman Empire** in Europe, while **New Rome, (Byzantine Empire)** in Asia/Middle East **became heir to Rome**: but was afterward conquered by the **Ottoman Empire in 1453**. Out of **Rome’s two major divisions** came numerous **western iron and clay ‘toe’ nation-states in Europe**, which did not adhere to one another; however, in the **eastern** portion, the ‘toe’ nation-states (also of **iron and clay**) did not appear until after **WWI**, when in 1922–24 the Ottoman territories were divided up into nations.

Thus, the two World Wars: **WWI in 1914–18**, and **WWII in 1941–45**, involved many of the **iron/clay ‘toe’ nations** that were descendant from Rome’s divided **‘legs’** on the **metallic-man** statue. Meanwhile, the two World Wars (and the 30 year period in-between them), have since been described as the **‘graveyard of empires’** (so although the four Empires of antiquity no longer exist), the nation-states that were derived from them survive today.

**Second**, in Daniel’s **‘four beast’ DREAM and VISIONS (Dan. 7)**, the same four empires are represented; but in this case the fourth **‘dreadful and terrible beast’** (in Europe) sprouted **ten horns**, and afterward a **‘little horn’**. These **‘horns’** represented the **ten + one nations** that devolved from the **Western Roman Empire, in relation to their combined involvement/membership within a group alliance**—since identified as the **League of Nations**—that came into existence after **WWI** and

continued until the end of **WWII**. I must emphasise again that the two World Wars became the **'graveyard of empires'!** See end note <sup>1</sup>

However, the first study focussed on **Daniel 2:41** → and the **'metallic-man' statue** with **'feet and toe' nations** ruled by **kings**, which devolved from the **'legs of iron'** aka **Roman Empire**. These 'toe' nations were a mixture of **iron and clay**—indicating *strength* or *fragility* in their interactions—confirming that they would not adhere to one another. Thus, when interpreting the 'metallic-man' vision, Daniel says...

***And in the days of these kings [i.e., the kings who rule the iron and clay nation-states], the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure. (Dan. 2:44–45)***

So the first question asked in PART ONE was:

**Q. 1.** Who are the kings, where are they ruling, and what is meant by 'in the days' of these kings?

The question was answered, with this summary:

It is only by combining ancient history, (by examining Daniel's metaphors carefully and prayerfully), and by understanding modern history and current events—with the help of modern cartography—that we can come to detailed and accurate conclusions about the **four empires** described in both of Daniel's visions, and point to the territorial areas they occupied on earth. (See the maps on page 1)

Thus, **the kings** referred to in question one, are the rulers of the **multiple 'nation-states'** descendant from both legs, feet and toes on the 'metallic man statue' i.e., the **Roman Empire** that was 'divided' both by its territories, by its political functions, and by the religious differences between the 'Latin' Western Roman Empire, versus the 'Greek Orthodox' Eastern Roman Empire/New Rome, that became known as the Byzantine Empire in Constantinople. The Byzantine Empire's 1,000-year legacy was subsumed into the Islamic Ottoman Empire from **1453** until **WWI**, when it was broken up into Muslim-Arab nations; proving that (EVEN TODAY) the multiple 'toe nations' (descendant from the 'divided' Roman Empire) do not adhere to one another. Therefore, I believe the reference to **'these kings'** includes the **'10 horns plus 1, nations'** that (TODAY) are descendant from the **'fourth beast' in Europe** described in Daniel 7:7–8. So, **'these kings'** are **the rulers of the nations** that make up the bulk of the modern 'mixed' iron/clay nations domiciled in **Europe, Asia and the Middle East**, who exist during these latter days.

Finally, to answer question one, Daniel has stated that **God will set up His Kingdom**—a magnificent, earth-changing, world-shattering event—**in the days of these kings...** i.e., when the **'kings'** are actively ruling over the numerous **nation-states** that devolved from **the fourth Gentile Empire, Rome**, as visualised in the 'toes' of the metallic-man statue, by Nebuchadnezzar.

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## **PART TWO will answer QUESTION 2**

In Part two of this study, the scripture being examined once again describes the **'metallic-man statue'** dream experienced by Nebuchadnezzar, recorded in Dan. 2:31–35. God had repeated the dream for Daniel (the captured young prophet from Judah), so that he could explain the meaning of the dream to the King, and his interpretation is recorded in Daniel 2:36–45. Two of those verses state:

You watched while ***a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver,***

*and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And **the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.** (Dan. 2:34–35)*

In our present day, although the Babylonian (**gold**) Kingdom, the Media-Persian (**silver**) Kingdom and the Macedon-Grecian (**bronze**) Kingdoms, **have now all passed into history**; the numerous nation-states of **iron** and **clay** that devolved from the Roman (**iron**) Empire, **are still in existence** in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Notably, because **the stone** from heaven strikes the great statue on its **feet/toes of iron and clay**, this action once again confirms that the Kingdom of God will be set up in **the days of ‘these kings’** who are at present ruling over the end time nation-states derived from Rome. Consequently, the two verses (above) are the *raison d’être* to ask the second question...

**Q. 2.** How can **ALL** four empires... i.e., the **three ancient kingdoms** [made of **gold, silver, and bronze**], which have **already ‘passed’ into history**, **PLUS** the **modern nation-states** made of **iron** and **clay** (remaining from the Roman Empire), which are still in existence ...possibly be **broken in pieces and crushed together (all at once, everything together, at the same time)**, and be **swept away like chaff, so no trace of them was found?**

The answer to this rather mystifying conundrum has to be found elsewhere—i.e., in **Daniel’s DREAM about the four beasts**—in a type of post-script statement that is embedded in two (often dismissed) transitional verses in **Dan. 7:11–12**, which we will consider one at a time...

First, Daniel tells us what happened toward the end of WWII...

***I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the [dreadful and terrible, fourth] beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. Dan. 7:11 (cf. verses 7–8, 19–25)***

According to these few words, Daniel correctly foretells (from his **DREAM** in the distant past) important details about the fiery destruction at the end of WWII, of the **‘horn with the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking pompous words’** (viz., **Hitler = the ‘little horn’**), together with what remained of the ‘dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong fourth beast’ in Europe (viz., **the beast = Nazi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich = Greater Germanic Empire**), which according to history, was the last manifestation of the Western Roman Empire polity, and heir to the **Holy Roman Empire!**

Thus, the political and warlike **‘little horn’ = Nazi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich** (Cf. Dan. 7:8, 21, 24–25), which devolved from the **‘dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong fourth beast’** met its fate when its **‘body’**—that was representative of the Fuhrer **Adolf Hitler** and its capital city **Berlin**—were both **destroyed and given to the burning flame** in Germany, in May 1945. This ended the **horn’s** anticipated **‘long Reich’** as a latter-day **Holy Roman Empire**, which was shortened to a **‘little reign’** of just twelve years!

**Note:** The **Nazi 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich** intended a ‘thousand-year reign’ as heir to the **Holy Roman Empire in Europe**, and although the Nazi political party was destroyed, the underlying nation of Germany continues to exist today, as do the other **‘ten horns’** (European nations) who were ‘founding’ members in the **League of Nations** (from the European half of the old Roman Empire), whose membership preceded the rise of the **‘little horn’**.

What’s more, we are told in Daniel 7:26–27 that after the ‘little horn’ had his dominion taken away, and was destroyed—in May 1945, **THEN** a kingdom and dominion will be given to **‘the people’ of the saints of the Most High**. Subsequently, the **Jewish State of Israel was declared three years later on May 14, 1948. See end note <sup>2</sup>**

So, after Daniel had foreseen and explained how the last manifestation of the fourth empire in **Western Europe** would be destroyed... he then tells us—in retrospect—what happened to the three

**former beast-empires** that had occupied the eastern Mediterranean territories **in Mesopotamia, Asia and the Middle East**—i.e., the **lion, bear** and **leopard beast/empires** of Babylon, Media-Persia, and Macedon-Greece that preceded the fourth empire (Rome).

***As for the rest of the beasts they had their dominion taken away... (Dan. 7:12a)***

Certainly, these beasts each **had their dominion taken away**—by the succeeding empire that conquered their kingdom, their armies and their king: who ‘took over’ the conquered territories by integrating them into their own empire. This process is described in Daniel 7:5–7 via the phrases—***devour much flesh, huge iron teeth, devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue***—which describe not only **the conquest** of each former beast kingdom, but the **‘ingestion’ of it and its territory** via the rapacious appetite of the conquering beast empire! Thus, the Babylonian-lion, Media-Persian-bear, and Macedon-Grecian-leopard beast kingdoms were each—in turn—overcome, conquered, and ‘eaten up’ by the fourth empire that consumed it—Rome. **See end note <sup>3</sup>**

**BUT** note...

***...yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. (Dan. 7:12b)***

Obviously, this is where the **three earlier Old Testament Empires** are resurrected from their past lives, and propelled in a **‘revived state’** into the future for a ***season and a time*** period that Daniel didn’t speculate about. Thus, even though each beast’s dominion (i.e., their political authority, and supremacy) had been consigned to history when their tenure ‘in power’ expired, yet these three beasts’ lives would be revived to continue on for ***a season and a time***, for some unexplained reason and purpose!

Daniel was obviously expecting them to appear again—at some point in the future—but because of the context of these two verses, Dan. 7:11–12 (viewed from Daniel’s perspective during Old Testament times), their revival could only happen **after** the ***little horn and the beast*** had been ***destroyed and given to the burning flame***. We know from recent history that the **Nazi 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich** was destroyed at the end of WWII, in 1945; therefore, the revival of these **three ancient beast empires (or their parts)** could **only take place post-1945**; obviously, their re-appearance is intended for the end times, when they will fulfil their ultimate destiny! But, unfortunately, Daniel has nothing more to say about these three former beast empires in his ‘four beasts’ vision, because he back-tracks on his written record, to concentrate on the **fourth beast and the ‘little horn’** in Daniel 7:19–26, which had intrigued him and grabbed his attention, causing him to ask his angel guide for more details about them. **Nor is there any other Old Testament record** to indicate where or when the lives of these **three former beast empires** would be prolonged, so they could become active again!

So, why—in Daniel’s vision of the ‘metallic man’ statue (Dan. 2:35)—does he clearly state that the metals etc., that make up the **gold, silver, bronze, iron and clay** parts on the statue (representing these four major empires) will be ***crushed together*** at the same time, and become ***like chaff from the summer floor***, which is ***carried away by the wind, so that no trace of them was found!*** Surely, if the **kings** from the **iron** and **clay modern nation-states** (Dan. 2:43–44), are to be ***crushed together*** with the **ancient gold, silver, and bronze**, parts of the great statue, **THEN**, one would expect to find evidence of those **three metal-based empires** being recorded somewhere in the scriptures, to explain how, when, and why they are to reappear?

Well, having searched the scriptures, it seems they don’t re-appear vis-à-vis their **first metaphorical arrangement as metal-based empires**, but they **do reappear vis-à-vis their alter egos as wild beasts in Revelation 13:1–2**, albeit in a tripartite combination! (Cf. maps on page 1)

Fortunately, the missing information about **the rest of the beasts** was revealed to John, the author of the Book of Revelation, a long time ago: he was inspired by the Holy Spirit to record how those **three beast entities** would be revived for a short-lived 'after-life' in the end time! Consequently, in Revelation 13 these **three beasts** reappear (in their most recent historical order) in the form of a **tripartite, composite beast** that carries traits from the beast's three forebears that were previously depicted in the Old Testament in Daniel 7:4–6. Their re-appearance brings them into the New Testament era, and into John's end time narrative. **See end note <sup>4</sup>**

Accordingly, it is **one strange chimera-type beast**—composed of **leopard, bear and lion parts**—which rises out of the Mediterranean Sea, and onto the shores of the territories previously occupied by its three namesake empires.

*... 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. (Rev. 13:1b–2)*

So, Daniel's Old Testament verse (Dan. 7:12b), which tells us that the **three former beasts will have their lives prolonged** (somewhere?) **for a season and a time**... can now be combined with these two verses from Revelation 13:1–2. When read together, these verses provide 'part of the answer' to the second question: showing that these three ancient empires are amalgamated into **one beast** that **rises from the sea** onto the home turf previously belonging to the three ancient empires' in **Asia, Mesopotamia, and the Middle East**; only thus, they can reappear in the end time. **See end note <sup>5</sup>**

In fact, **two different metaphors** (metals and beasts) **have been used in Daniel's two visions to depict the same three empires**; but only '**one beast**' appears in Revelation that incorporates all **three former empires, and their own descendant nation-states**. This **duplication of metaphors** has caused confusion, (intentionally, I believe), to deter our understanding of the end time participants, until the end time approaches!

Furthermore, because **those metaphors** have been 'switched' in Revelation 13:1–2, from the **metal-based kingdoms** in Daniel 2:32, to focus on **the three beasts** from Daniel 7:12, which re-appear as the **tripartite beast**, it has not always been clear to Bible scholars that the three kingdoms of antiquity that were presented as **bronze, silver and gold** in the **metallic-man statue**, are exactly the same three kingdoms presented as an agglomeration in the '**composite beast**'—i.e., the revived **Macedon-Grecian (bronze) Leopard beast**, the **Media-Persian (silver) Bear beast**, and the **Babylonian (gold) Lion beast**.

So, '**these kings**' who rule over the **iron and clay modern nations**... can now be crushed in one place at the same time, with the **bronze**, the **silver** and the **gold empires of antiquity**, (because the three empires from the '**metallic man**' statue), have since been **incorporated into the composite beast!**

**Note:** It would hardly seem appropriate (in the Biblical narrative) to show '**the kings**' of today, being crushed together with **Daniel's three 'revived' beasts** into dust-like chaff, so, you would think one or other of Daniel's metaphors ought to be changed... (hence, the alternative crushing of metals in Daniel 2:35), but no! This crushing of kings and beasts together in one place, is exactly what is shown in Revelation!

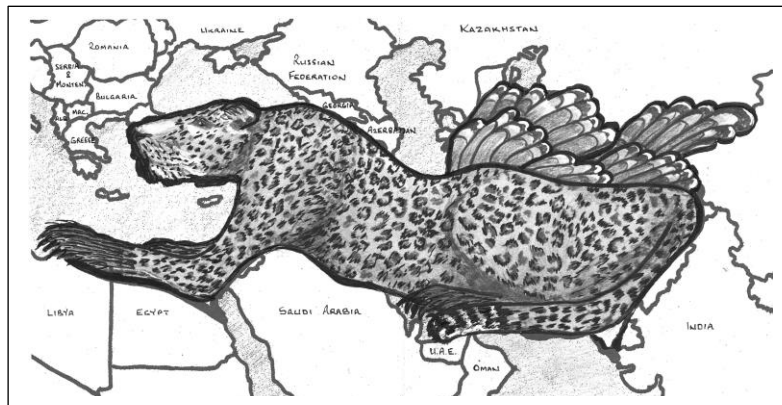
So, since we have already identified '**the kings**' from the **Western Roman Empire**, who will rule over the '**toe** kingdoms composed of '**iron and clay**' (Dan. 2:44), we can now answer **question 2**. However, you might well ask... where is this end-time '**crushing together**' of kings and beasts portrayed in the Bible? Well, it is right here...

*And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the [leopard, bear, lion] **beast**, and out of the mouth of the false prophet*

**[second beast Rev. 13:11]. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (Rev. 16:13–14)**

So, ...**in the days of these kings...** i.e., in the end time, the **ruling kings** from the '**iron and clay**' toes of the **Western Roman Empire** will engage with Daniel's **alternative metaphor** (used by John in Revelation), to show that the '**rest of the beasts**' i.e., the **bronze leopard**, the **silver bear**, and the **gold lion** that had **their lives prolonged for a season and a time**, are present in the **the tripartite beast**, and they will fulfil the events described in Revelation chapters 13–17 and 19. **See end note <sup>6</sup>**

Thus, the kings and people (descendant from all of these nation-states) will all be together, in one place, at one significantly critical moment in the history of the world, attending **the battle of that great day of God Almighty...** in **the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon**. This is when the modern **kings of the whole world**—come into conflict with the **composite beast from the Middle East**, whose ancient parts (in reverse historical order) looked **like a leopard, with the feet of a bear, and a mouth like the mouth of a lion**. (Cf. Rev. 13:2 with Dan. 7:4–6.)



Thus the **composite beast** re-appears on the same territories occupied by its ancient beast predecessors in the **Middle East**. (Cf. the first three maps on page 1) This **tripartite beast** is the **God-opposing political and military entity** that rises up in the end time to make war against the Saints of the Most High, and against the Lamb and his chosen, faithful followers (Rev. 17:14).

***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 and against his army. (Rev. 19:19)***

***But the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings. (Rev. 17:14)*** The opposition will be crushed together on that great day of the Lord. Any memory of those four great nations, kings and kingdoms will be **blown away** so that **no trace of them is found**, when Jesus fulfils His promise to establish His kingdom...

***'Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. (Rev. 16:15)***

Maranatha,  
Blessings to all the Doves,  
EAR

PART THREE will answer Question 3:

**3. What exactly is the *stone kingdom 'cut out without hands'* that **will consume all these kingdoms; ...fill the whole earth, and... stand forever?****

## End Notes:

<sup>1</sup> It is notable that Daniel's futuristic narrative—about the fourth beast that has ten horns, and a little horn (Germany etc.)—that makes war against Daniel's 'Saints of the Most High'—is recorded in CHAPTER 7 in the Old Testament book of Daniel (that is read by Jews), although those events did not occur until the 20<sup>th</sup> Century New Testament era. The details concerning WWII and the Holocaust are incorporated into Daniel's O.T. narrative for the Jews to read (for their own sake), for the obvious reason that Jews do not read the New Testament! Besides, the fourth beast's tenure on earth, and its persecution of the Jews and the Kingdom of Judah lasted a very long time—stretching from 63 BC to AD 1945—covering both O.T. and N.T. eras. Daniel's narrative also outlines details about the little horn's rise to power against three of the other horn nations (Dan. 7:8, 24b), which occurred at the beginning of WWII.

**N.B.** Daniel's **PROPHETIC DREAM** (set during the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BC), previews future events, and visualises the persecution and war perpetrated by the Nazi 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich against the Saints of the Most High (Daniel 7:20–22 and 24–26), which did not occur in history until AD 1941–45. Thus, Daniel's DREAM (Chapter 7) is a **FUTURISTIC PORTRAYAL** of the 'little horn' from the **fourth 'dreadful and terrible' beast** (aka Western Roman Empire), and describes his/its activities before it is destroyed.

<sup>2</sup> Embedded in this dream, Daniel ALSO sees a **pre-incarnation** vision of the **One like the Son of Man** (cf. Dan. 7:9–10 and 13–14) who is brought before the **Ancient of Days** to receive His kingdom reward (following His successful incarnation). An earthly kingdom is **then** given to '**the people**' of the **Saints of God** (i.e., in 1948, according to history), and given to them ('in trust' according to Dan. 7:27a), until the **Son of Man** returns to establish **His everlasting kingdom**, when **all dominions shall serve and obey Him** (Dan. 7:27b). Thus, the earthly 'kingdom' given to '**the people**' belonging to the '**Saints of God**', is a precursor to the Kingdom of God being fully established on earth.

<sup>3</sup> Most of the territories belonging to the **three former Empires in Asia and the Middle East**—i.e., the **Babylonian, Media-Persian, and Macedon-Grecian Empires**—were '*conquered*' and '*digested*' by the Roman Republic when Pompey the Great defeated the (Hellenistic/Greek) Seleucid Empire (Syria included) in 66–64 BC; afterward the whole region became a Roman Imperial province (c. 64 BC–AD 285). Subsequently, when Emperor Diocletian established the Tetrarchy in AD 285, he divided the Roman Empire into two administrations, the most senior capital was in Nicomedia/Izmit, and he ruled his seat as the Augustus of the east. The Syrian region became part of the 'eastern leg' of the Roman Empire, which was later ruled by Constantine the Great who based his capital in Byzantium and called it New Rome, and then Constantinople. The Byzantine Empire/Eastern Roman Empire lasted for a thousand years (c. AD 330–1453) until conquered by the Ottoman Empire (c. 1453–1922).

<sup>4</sup> The Ottoman Empire was eventually conquered by the Allied Powers during WWI. After multiple Treaties and Conferences: i.e., Sevres and San Remo in 1920, League of Nations Council in 1922, and Lausanne in 1923, the Ottoman lands were eventually divided up into Arab and Muslim states, some of which were placed under mandates with Britain and France. Then, after the inter-war period of turbulence, when borders were altered, countries names were changed, and some Arab nations achieved independence, WWII intervened and the Holocaust became the *raison d'être* for creating the State of Israel.

In 1947 the United Nations recommended the creation of independent Arab states in the Middle East, and a Jewish state in Palestine, while Jerusalem would be placed under international administration. However, when the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end on May 14, 1948, Israel declared itself to be a Jewish State, and was immediately attacked by the surrounding Arab nations, resulting in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. The beast was reviving...

<sup>5</sup> However, even after the realignment of national boundaries in the Middle East after WWI and WWII, by the mandate nations (U.K. and France) and the nations belonging to the United Nations, the final morphing of Middle Eastern Arab and Muslim nations into the shape of the **composite beast from the east** (as described in **Revelation 13:1–2**), did not definitively conform to that shape until after the demise of the USSR in 1991. This was when **four wing-shaped nations** appeared on the world map, situated on the **back of the 'leopard beast'** (Dan. 7:6), which had separated from the USSR as the Independent Sovereign States of **Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan** and **Kyrgyzstan**. Thereafter, the **tripartite, composite beast** occupying **all or parts of**

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**the territories** that previously belonged to the three ancient empires of **Macedon-Greece, Media-Persia** and **Babylon**, was complete, taking on its final identity and form.

Thus, the 10 sovereign Muslim nations that comprise the ‘ten crowned horns’ on the beast in Revelation 13:1, reflecting the shape of the composite beast today, are: **Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Libya.**

<sup>6</sup> These kings who are called to the battle of that great day, are likely to rise up from iron and clay ‘toe’ nations from the Western ‘leg’ of the Roman Empire, and from the ten ‘horn’ non-Islamic countries in Europe that have already featured in Daniel’s prophecy, i.e., Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, U.K. Holland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium, Italy, U.S.A., together with their allies.