

# MY THEORIES ABOUT PROPHECY

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## MY THEORY ABOUT THE COMING BEAST

Central to understanding end-time prophecy is knowledge of the Beast with the seven heads and ten horns. These heads are interpreted in the Bible as world ruling kings. (Dan 7:17) After these kings with their kingdoms have run their course, the God of heaven shall set up his Kingdom. Jesus Christ shall be King and his Kingdom shall endure forever. (Dan 7:13-14) All but the last three and a half years of the Fourth Kingdoms have already come to pass. In order to understand how the final world-ruling kingdom shall rise before the return of Jesus Christ, we must look at the Beast structure from the beginning...

The First Beast - Babylon - 1 head = Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 2:37-38; 7:4)

The Second Beast - Medo Persia - 1 head = Cyrus (Dan 2:39; 7:5; 8:3-4,20; 11:1)

The Third Beast - Greece.- 4 wings and 4 heads (Dan 2:39; 7:6; 8:5-8,21; 11:2-3)

These four wings can be interpreted as the four divisions into which Alexander's Kingdom was divided after his death. These divisions, like wings, scattered God's people throughout the empire. They were:

1. Macedonia
2. Thrace
3. Egypt
4. Syria.

My understanding of who the Fourth Beast will be is founded on knowledge of where the Third Beast REALLY ended and the Fourth began...

Since the Roman Empire followed Alexander's Kingdom, most people just assume that the Roman Empire was the Fourth Beast and the end time Beast will be a revival of the Roman Empire. But look more closely at Daniel 11. Here is the key. If Antiochus Epiphanes (Dan 11:21-31) in 168 BC had been the last King of the North, then the Fourth Beast would have been the Roman Empire which rose after him about 27 BC. But Antiochus was NOT the last King of the North! Notice that the last King of the North is the one who rose after the long period of time (Dan 11:33). He is the king of Dan 11:36- 45 who placed the tabernacle of his palace in the holy mountain.

Following history from Antiochus's time, (168 BC) when did another King of the North arise to place his own building on the site of the temple? This was Abd al Malik a Caliph of the Moslem Empire who in 689 AD began building the Dome of the Rock there. He was indeed a King of the North ruling from Damascus just as the first King of the North, Antiochus Epiphanes had done. And, at the time the Dome was finished in 692, Abd al Malik was at war with a King of the South, Ibn Zubayer of Mecca for possession of the entire Moslem Empire including the Holy

Land. This last King of the North (who, remember, was still part of the Third Beast), did not build the Dome of the Rock until 689 AD. So the Fourth Beast could not have risen until AFTER 689 AD. The Fourth Beast therefore could not be the Roman Empire that rose in 27 BC.

The Fourth Beast arose after the Third Beast ended. So lets follow history again from 689 AD forward to see when the Fourth Beast actually arose...

Abd al Malik was part of a dynasty called the Umayyad Dynasty of Kings of the North ruling from Damascus. After this dynasty ended, a new dynasty took over the Moslem Empire called the Abbysid Dynasty. When this dynasty took over the capital city was changed. The new Caliph, Mansur, built a brand new capital city called BAGHDAD which remains capital of Iraq to this day. This was the REAL beginning of the Fourth Beast.

There is additional information in the Bible that supports this theory. In Rev 13:5 we find that the Fourth Beast is allowed to continue for 42 months.

\* Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months.

This can of course be interpreted as literal months totaling three and a half years that the end time revival of the Fourth Beast is allowed to continue. It can also be interpreted as years continuing from the end of the Third Beast. 42 months times 30 days in a month is equal to 1260 days or prophetic years. Baghdad began to be built in 764 AD. If we add 1260 years to that time we come to 2024 AD.

| The Theory of the length of time the Fourth Beast is allowed to continue |  |  |  |                                    |
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| 764 AD<br>Baghdad - 4th<br>Beast established                             | + 42 Months or<br>1260 Years<br>Rev 13:5 |  |  | = 2024 AD<br>First<br>Resurrection |

So my theory is that the final revival of the Fourth Beast will unite the Arab world and come out of Iraq conquering and to conquer three and a half years prior to 2024 AD. And, as Dan 7 says, this Beast shall be dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly, a Beast of iron viciously trampling down the whole earth. As a result of his conquering the earth and following plagues symbolized by the four horsemen of Rev 6:2-8, a quarter of the earth's population will die.

We know that when the Fourth Beast and his "Little Horn", the False Prophet rises, he will usher in the final Great Tribulation and make war against the Saints (Dan 7:23-25; 12:7; Rev 13) A miraculously talking image of himself will be set up and all will be forced to worship it or be put to death. (Rev 13:14-15) Pressures to worship this image shall be so great at this time that brothers shall betray brothers and children shall rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. (Mat 10:21) All people will be required to accept a mark on their hand or forehead and no one will be allowed to buy or sell without this mark. (Rev 13:16)

An interesting fact is that this very thing happened in the Muslim empire towards the end of the Umayyad Dynasty.

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All people will worship this end-time Beast except those who are written in God's book of life. Those who truly love God will KNOW this world ruler is evil and refuse to worship him even though it costs them their lives.

### **MY THEORY ABOUT THE HARLOT OF REVELATION 17-18**

We are not told in Rev 17 and 18 exactly who Babylon the Great is. Some have interpreted her as a "worldwide religious system". My objection to this theory is that her fate is to be utterly BURNED by the Ten Kings.

\* Rev 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

How can you BURN a worldwide religious SYSTEM? Babylon is not said to be a system but a city.

\* Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

So some interpret Babylon as being Jerusalem. My objection to this theory is that even though Jerusalem is indeed called a harlot in Ezek 16, her fate is different from Babylon's. Babylon's fate is to be BURNED at Christ's return and never inhabited by humans again. (Rev 17:16,18:21-23) But notice in Zech 14 what happens to Jerusalem at that time?

Many interpret the Harlot in Rev 17 and 18 as Rome. The strongest evidence for this interpretation is that Rome is situated on seven hills and the Harlot is said to sit on seven mountains. So from all outward appearances this is a good possibility.

But then I noticed that Jer 50 and 51 tells us who Babylon is! She is the literal city of Babylon. In the end of chapter 51 Seriah was sent to Babylon to prophesy. When finished reading the prophetic scroll he cast it into the Euphrates River located next to the city of Babylon. Seriah was not sent to Rome or Jerusalem was he?

It is true that Jer 51:11 talks about Babylon's destruction by the Medes. But this is the first destruction of Babylon. The second is told in verses like Jer 50:39, 51:62. From this destruction Babylon will never rise again nor be inhabited again forever. In Jer 51:6 we also find similar language with Rev 18:4 telling people to flee out of the midst of Babylon. Jer 51:7 gives more similar language with Rev 17:4 saying that Babylon is a golden cup that has made the earth drunken. And again, Jer 51:13 gives similar language with Rev 17:1 saying that Babylon dwells upon many waters. So there is no doubt that Jer 50 and 51 are the counterpart chapters with Rev 17 and 18 telling us who Babylon is.

If the Bible did not already interpret itself in this matter, I would probably believe that Babylon is Rome.

Now read the scripture carefully that talks about the seven mountains on which the woman sits.  
\* Rev 17:9 And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

These mountains are not literal hills, but they are the seven heads of the Beast structure beginning with Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon. Mountains are symbolic of Kingdoms in the Bible (Isa 2:2-3, Jer 51:24-25)

There are other cities called harlots in the Bible. Jerusalem is called a harlot in Ezek 16. Nineveh is called a harlot in Nah 3:4-7 But Babylon is called the Mother of Harlots in Rev 17:5 because she is the ancient and original source of all harlotry and abominations.

So if the Beast will come out of Iraq and Babylon is the literal city located in Iraq, these two theories fit together perfectly don't they? I think it is significant that the city of Babylon, having lain under the sands for many centuries, was being rebuilt by Saddam Hussein. Festivals are held there every year to promote unification of the Arab world. So I say, Watch Iraq!

### **MY THEORY ABOUT THE 2300 DAYS OF DANIEL 8**

Daniel 8 tells us that a "Little Horn" takes away the "Daily Sacrifice" after "2300 Days" and thus the "Sanctuary is Cleansed".

This "Little Horn" comes from one of the Four Divisions of Alexander's empire according to Dan 8:8-9. Therefore he is the Little Horn of the THIRD BEAST. (Notice that the Fourth and final Beast also has a "Little Horn" - Dan 7:7-8. This will be the False Prophet of Rev 13:11-18)

Most people believe that this little horn of the Third Beast who comes from one of the four divisions of Alexander's kingdom is Antiochus Epiphanes who in Dan 11:31 took away the daily sacrifice and placed the abomination of desolation. But check further and this theory fails because there are not 2300 days between the day Antiochus did this on Kislev 15 in 168 BC and when the temple was cleansed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev in 165 BC. Please see the article, *A Problematic Interpretation of the 2300 days of Daniel 8* for a full explanation.

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What does the Little Horn of the Third Beast do? He takes away the "Daily Sacrifice" (Dan 8:11) Most people have assumed that the Daily Sacrifice is sacrifices performed at the temple which are made to cease. However Dan 8:11 tells us that the Daily Sacrifice is a PERSON because the place of HIS (the Daily Sacrifice's) Sanctuary is cast down. Also notice that the Daily Sacrifice is "taken away". There is only one Daily (or Yearly) sacrifice that is "taken away" rather than killed and that is the Scapegoat of the Day of Atonement. (Lev 16:5-10) So the Daily Sacrifice of Daniel 8 has to do with a PERSON who is TAKEN AWAY on the DAY OF ATONEMENT.

When does the Little Horn do this? After 2300 days (Dan 8:14) The beginning of the 2300 days or years is the beginning of the Four Divisions of Alexander's Kingdom.

\* Dan 8:9 And out of one of them (the four divisions) came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant [land].

Historical research gives us the following information: After the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC, Ptolemy Lagus killed Perdicas, chief contender to Alexander's throne, secured the government of Egypt and became the first "King of the South". He took Jerusalem in 321 BC, it is said on a Sabbath day. If you add 2300 days or years to 321 BC, you arrive at 1979 AD. The 2300 days is the key that points to the "Little Horn" of the Third Beast who takes away the "Daily Sacrifice" on the Day of Atonement in 1979 AD.

| The Theory of the 2300 Days of Daniel 8              |                                    |  |  |  |
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| 321 BC<br>Beginning of the<br>4 Divisions<br>Dan 8:9 | + 2300 Days<br>(Years)<br>Dan 8:14 | = 1979 AD<br>Daily Sacrifice<br>taken away |  |  |

Where is the Sanctuary in 1979 AD? There is no temple in Jerusalem, but God's people are spiritually called the temple of God in 2Cor 6:16. On the Day of Atonement, 1979 AD, Mr. Fred Coulter, a minister in the Worldwide Church of God was "taken away" or "cast out" of that church for righteousness sake thereby fulfilling the role of the Scapegoat and this prophecy of Daniel 8. I was personally in the congregation on the day this happened.

Lev 16:30-33 tells us that the sacrifice of the Day of Atonement is for "Cleansing of the Sanctuary". Notice in Dan 8:12 that the Little Horn gathered a host against the Daily Sacrifice and cast the truth down to the ground. Because the truth was cast down in the church, those who wished to preserve the truth and be "cleansed" from the corruption had to depart. Many brethren besides Mr. Coulter were either cast out or left Worldwide. Thus the Sanctuary was cleansed.

**MY THEORY ABOUT THE DAYS OF DANIEL 12**

Dan 12:11 From the time that the Daily Sacrifice shall be taken away and the Abomination that Makes Desolate shall be set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand three hundred and thirty five days.

Dan 12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Many ministers object to setting dates for the first resurrection and return of Jesus Christ. But there are two sets of scriptures in the Bible that seem to exist for no other reason than to count days toward this event, the Days of Daniel 12 and the Days that the two witnesses prophesy.

The Days of Daniel 12 point directly to the First Resurrection because Dan 12:13 says that Daniel shall "rest" (in his grave) and "stand" (in the Resurrection) at the end of these days.

As I see it the 1290 days and 1335 days could be interpreted as years.

Daniel 11:31 tells us that the original Abomination of Desolation was placed by the first King of the North, Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 BC. However, this is not the Abomination that the days should be counted from because Dan 11:35 tells us, "it is yet for a time appointed, the time of the end". Thus, we should count the days from the time that the final King of the North, Abd al Malik placed HIS abomination, the tabernacle of his palace in the holy mountain. (Dan 11:45) If you add 1290 days or years to 689 AD when the Dome of the Rock began to be built, you arrive at 1979 AD. How amazing that this was the year that the Daily Sacrifice was taken away on the Day of Atonement. (See the above section on Daniel 8 and the 2300 days.)

If you add 45 more years to 1979 AD, you arrive at the total 1335 years ending in 2024 AD, the year of the first resurrection and return of Christ.

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The days could also be counted as literal days from the date that the end time abomination is placed to the day of the first resurrection. In this case the days are impossible to estimate at this time since we do not know as yet the date the abomination will be placed.

But finally, as years, notice how all these theories fit perfectly together!

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