

AMOS 3:7 says, "Surely Adonai YHVH will do nothing unless He reveals His secret unto His servants, the prophets." So why not seriously study the prophets? Believers in Yeshua

are expected to know YHVH's outline of history and therefore be able to understand current events of significant magnitude. This is a key part of our witness and our joy in Him, our confidence in being insiders in His family, knowing His secrets!

The talmidim (disciples) knew prophecy, for they asked Yeshua, "Adonai, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"¹ The answer was "No, not at this time, for you must first be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." So what is your involvement today to bring His Message to the ends of the earth? This task is not finished yet!

For 40 years I have understood and taught Daniel/Revelation as showing that Islam will be the dominant world power in the last days. Feedback on the following summary points will be appreciated.

Daniel 2 gives the basic sequence of world powers with the image of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and iron & clay, known to be Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece/Macedonia, Rome, and the breakup of Rome. These kingdoms passed off the stage of history long ago.

However, some key words are often overlooked. Daniel 2:34-35 says that the stone cut out without hands will smash this image in the feet, and that the iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold were crushed all at the same time! This requires a second image sometime in the future composed of the same kingdoms all existing at the same time, not sequentially as before, and only then will the stone-cut-out-without-hands kingdom be established.

This is further verified by Daniel 2:44, "And in the days of those kings...", not in the days of the last king, Rome, as so many think. This occurred only recently, beginning with Italy (Rome/iron) becoming an independent nation by throwing off the yoke of the pope in 1870, and, by the WW I defeat of the Ottoman Empire, Iraq (Babylon/gold) became independent in 1932, Iran (Persia/silver) in 1942, and Greece (Greece-Macedonia/bronze) in 1944.

¹ Acts 1:6

ISLAM: THE FINAL WORLD POWER?

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With these "kings" in place again, so then "in the days of those kings will the God of heaven set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed..."

The rebirth of Israel, declared May 14, 1948, is indeed the doing of YHVH! I see Israel as the "stone cut out without hands," a work not of man, a small part of the kingdom area that YHVH promised to Israel.

This is the beginning stage of what He is going to do. As Islam and the world try to destroy Israel, YHVH works behind the scenes to help Israel. So far the government of Israel fails to see this, and fails to recognize Him. When they do recognize Him, and definitely when Yeshua returns, then "...it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

Daniel's dream in chap 7 gives the same information, but with carnivorous animals instead of metals. Babylon (Iraq) is a lion, Persia (Iran) is a bear, Greece/Macedonia is a leopard, and Rome (Italy) is a terrible beast. There is **much** more in this chapter, but not particularly that this 4th kingdom is different from the first three, that its king will change the Torah and Moadim (Appointed Times/Festivals of Lev 23) and persecute the saints. This indicates the transition from Imperial Rome to the Holy Roman Empire, or Vatican, which will be destroyed before the first three kingdoms. Constantine, as emperor and Pontifex Maximus, began the process of officially changing the Torah and Moadim, which later popes have continued and enforced.

Revelation 17 shows that the kings of the earth collaborate with the religions (from the great harlot) of the earth to deceive and manipulate the people of the earth to do their bidding. This has been the tactic of governments since early times, beginning with Nimrod, and seen in suicide bombers today. The "beast that was" seems to be Nimrod's empire that built the tower of Babel. This beast carries the woman, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth," which also sits upon "peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."

This woman (great harlot/religions) rides upon all the seven successive empires of the world, providing the motivation for their oppressive rule and persecution of Israel. John is



told that five empires have already passed, and therefore he is living in number six, Rome. These seven are: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the Vatican.

Vatican City is sovereign territory, a nation, that sends ambassadors (papal nuncios) to its embassies in nearly all countries of the world. Roman Catholicism is its religious part to motivate and control its adherents in its attempt through history to control the world. You know already that "Christianity" has been the worst persecutor of the Jews since Constantine, with Islam coming in second.

There is also an eighth kingdom, which is out of the seven, or a composite. This is identified in Revelation 13:1-2 as the final beast kingdom empowered by Satan himself, and its leader must be the "seed of the serpent" from Genesis 3:15, one of the *Nephilim* ("fallen ones," translated as "giants" in the KJV) as in Genesis 6:4. This number eight has "a body like a leopard, with feet like a bear, and a mouth like a lion..." Symbols and figures of speech do not change meaning in the Bible unless clearly indicated. Therefore, the leopard body is the extent of Alexander the Great's empire, from Macedonia to the borders of India, with Iran (feet like a bear) providing strength and mobility and Iraq (mouth of a lion) as the spokesman. Usually a mouth is in the head of an animal, so maybe leadership is included. And by the way, ancient Babylon has already been rebuilt by Saddam Hussein, styling himself as Nebuchadnezzar II!

Today this area is solidly Islamic, except for Israel, Greece, and a few Christians in Lebanon and Egypt. This is the basis of my conclusion of the last 40 years that Islam will be the final world empire, with the false messiah at the head. Islam since its beginning has been a warrior, dominating political system, using a contrived religion to motivate its followers. Now it is showing itself to be satanic in that its leaders are complete liars and deceivers, haters of YHVH and His people Israel, and motivating its adherents to glorify death for its political agenda.

It is sad that most of the world is deceived by the Islamic lies, but we might expect that based on 2 Thessalonians 2:11, "...God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie." "The lie" is from the Garden of Eden, that Satan is the good guy who lets you do what you want and YHVH is the bad guy who puts restrictions on you. The definite article "the" is there in Greek, meaning a particular lie, not just lying.

The power of the Vatican is still immense, but not quite like years ago, while the power of Islam has increased tremendously in the last century with the control of petroleum supplies, trillions of petro dollars in the world economy, and terrorism. Muslims are spreading all over the world, to be in place to exercise power when the time comes. Since the Vatican is kingdom #7 and it seems that Islam will be #8, then we are in the transition stage from #7 to #8. The Vatican has always wanted Jerusalem and Islam wants Jerusalem, to prevent the Return of Yeshua. Arafat visits the pope frequently, so what kind of deal are they planning? This will be very interesting to watch!

Could the pope be the false prophet of the last days, to back up the false messiah? It will be very interesting to see who the next pope will be and what name he will choose! If it is the Jewish cardinal, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, and he chooses the name Peter II, then he might be the one. Never has a pope chosen the name Peter. A devout Catholic told my Dad many years ago that the final, last pope will take the name of Peter. Whether this will happen or not remains to be seen, but at least it is interesting to note and to watch.

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The Most Famous Man Who Ever Lived

One day at kindergarten a teacher said to the class of 5-year-olds, "I'll give \$2 to the child who can tell me who was the most famous man who ever lived."

An Irish boy put his hand up and said, "It was St. Patrick." The teacher said, "Sorry, Sean, but that's not correct."

Then a Scottish boy put up his hand and said, "It was St. Andrew." "I'm sorry, Hamish," the teacher said, "It wasn't him either."

Finally a Jewish boy raised his hand and said, "It was Jesus Christ."

The teacher replied, "That's absolutely right, Marvin. Come up here and I'll give you the \$2."

As the teacher was giving Marvin the money, she said, "You know, Marvin, since you are Jewish, I was very surprised when you said Jewish Christ."

Marvin replied, "Yeah. In my heart, I knew it was Moses, but business is business..."