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Bible Prophecy

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- 2) The USA will be one of three nations that rebels against the Antichrist before being subdued (Dan 7:6-8)

Dan 7:6-8

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, **like a leopard**, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: **it devoured** and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were **three of the first horns plucked up by the roots**: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Rev 13:2

And **the beast** which I saw was **like unto a leopard**, and his **feet were as the feet of a bear**, and his mouth as **the mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

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Arguments For

- Some interpret verses 17-18 to teach that the kingdoms represented by the four beasts (v.17) will all be present at the time of the Second Coming of Christ (v.18)
- Since the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman empires no longer exist, the four beasts cannot represent these empires but must represent nations-empires of the last days
- The Babylonians, Medes/Persians, Greeks, and Romans came to power by conquering their predecessors
- The first three beasts represent the “Big Three” of the World War II era- Britain, the Soviet Union, and the USA
- The LION is a historical symbol of ENGLAND and the BEAR of RUSSIA
- The LEOPARD represents the USA in that the leopard is an integrated animal (i.e.- yellow body, white belly, black spots) and the USA is a racial and ethnic melting pot

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- The American empire followed the Soviet empire (with the fall of the Soviet Union in 1990, the USA became the world's sole superpower)
- As the language and culture of the Greek empire (the traditional interpretation of the leopard) dominated the world, so the language and culture of America has dominated the world in these last days
- The fourth beast represents the Antichrist's empire which will follow the American empire
- The Antichrist's empire is pictured as a beast that is a combination of the first three beasts of Daniel 7 (Rev 13:2)- it is primarily a leopard, but has the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion
- This pictures the Antichrist's kingdom devouring (Dan 7:7) the first three kingdoms (i.e.- England, Russia, and the USA) but looking primarily "American"
- These three beasts equate to three of the 10 horns (Dan 7:7-8; Rev 13:1)
- England, Russia, and the USA will rebel against the Antichrist after his initial rise to power and attempt to form the Revived Roman empire

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- In the popular *Left Behind* series, authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins portray the USA and England as two of the three nations that rebel against the Antichrist and are defeated (the other is Egypt)

Arguments Against

- The image in Daniel 2 represents FOUR (and only four) kings and kingdoms and the four beasts of Daniel 7 are said to represent FOUR (and only four) kings (v.17) and kingdoms (v.24)
- The final form of the fourth kingdom in Daniel 2 is represented by 10 TOES, and the final form of the fourth kingdom in Daniel 7 is represented by 10 HORNS
- The four kingdoms in these two chapters are the same Gentile powers (i.e.- Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome) just viewed from a different perspective- from man's perspective in Daniel 2 they are METALS but from God's perspective in Daniel 7 they are BEASTS
- They are the FOUR (and only four) Gentile world powers of the “**times of the Gentiles**” (Luke 21:24)
- The wording of verse 17 does not require that all four of these beasts are in power at the time of the Second Coming (v.18)

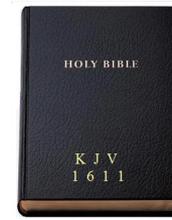
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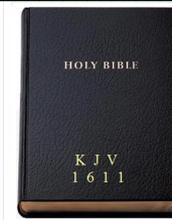
- It is simply stating that these four beasts will rise to power (in succession) over the course of time, culminating with the Second Coming
- The kingdom taken at the Second Coming is the one in power at the time, which is the final form of the FOURTH kingdom (i.e.- Rome)
- While each of the first three beasts have their POWER taken away by their successor, they continue to have a PRESENCE thereafter (v.12) as evidenced by the fact Babylon (Iraq), Medo-Persia (Iran), and Greece exist even to this day, but this is not said of the fourth beast because Rome is completely destroyed by it's successor at the Second Coming (v.11)
- The similarities between the first three beasts and England, Russia, and the USA supports a degree of APPLICATION, but the INTERPRETATION is that they represent the same empires represented by the first three metals on the image of Daniel 2 (i.e- Babylon; Medo-Persia; and Greece)
- The 10 horns on the fourth beast represent the final form of the fourth empire (Rome)
- It is possible that England, Russia, and the USA will comprise three of the 10 divisions of Revived Roman empire and rebel against the Antichrist but not because the three horns represent the same kings as the first three beasts

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- Russia's judgment is directly at the hand of the Lord (Eze 38:2,18-22; 39:1-6) and not the Antichrist
- One of the reasons the USA was formed was because the people did not want to be subject to the authority of a KING
- Historically, the notion that the USA would ever be subject to a leader with dictatorial powers is unimaginable, but that has dramatically changed since the Obama administration



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