

THE BEAST AND THE THREE BROKEN HORNS : PART 1

Copyright 1994 - 2006 Endtime Prophecy Net

Last Updated : July 10, 2006

Beast And Ten Horns, Possible Identity Of The Beast, Khatami And Khamenei Of Iran, The False Prophet, The Iranian Threat To Israel, Clinton's Gamble With Hussein, Turkey And The Kings Of The East, Volatility Of Middle Eastern Politics, Geographical Location Of The Beast, The Beast's Expansion, God's Sure Word Of Prophecy, By The Power Of Satan, The Holy Covenant Broken, Hafez al-Assad's Vision, Camp David Accords Israel And Egypt, Polarization Of Arab Nations, Israel And Lebanon, Israel And Jordan, Sad Day For Palestinian Refugees

As I explain in different Endtime articles, such as 'The Kings Of The North And The South', 'The Seven Heads', 'The Great Tribulation And The Rapture', etc., it is my current belief that the coming Kingdom of Darkness of the Beast may be an Islamic Empire comprised of ten Muslim states, as well as their evil leader, which are currently in existence in the Middle East. This Biblical concept finds its origin in the following verses:

"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...And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows...And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."
(Daniel 7:7, 20, 24)

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." (Revelation 12:3)

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." (Revelation 13:1)

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns...And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns...And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast...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." (Revelation 17:3, 7, 12, 16)

At this current time, it is still difficult to pinpoint with one hundred per cent accuracy, the identity of this Endtime political and military leader known as the Beast, and the Ten Horns which will assist him in destroying Babylon the Great Whore. As I mention in the aforementioned articles, based upon my current understanding of the Holy Scriptures, my belief is that President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, seem to be the most likely candidates to fill this important Endtime position. It may be for this very reason, that the U.S.A. is so intent on removing Hussein from power. Of course; they are not about to say that their foreign policy is based upon prophecies found in the Bible, as they would be laughed to scorn.

Next to Assad and Hussein, I also consider the dual team of Mohammad Khatami, the current moderate president of Iran, and the powerful, spiritual leader, the Ayatollah Khamenei, to be high on the list of candidates. These two would form the perfect pair as the political Beast, and the religious False Prophet. While it is true that Khatami is the actual president of Iran, as I point out in 'The Seven Heads', it is common knowledge that Khamenei is the real supreme leader of that nation. Like his religious predecessor, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Khamenei is a very charismatic leader, who could easily encourage the Islamic masses to follow behind the Beast, in an Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, for the glory of Allah. We only find the False Prophet mentioned by name, three times in the Book of Revelation; although he is also implied in the thirteenth chapter of the same book, as the second Beast that rises up out of the Earth and performs lying wonders:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."
(Revelation 16:13)

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Revelation 19:20)

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Revelation 20:10)

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an

image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (Revelation 13:11-18)

Perhaps it is because of Khamenei's charismatic influence on devout Muslims, even on those living outside of Iran, that Israel fears Iran more than any other Islamic nation in the Middle East. While Israel has been able to apply some degree pressure to her northern enemy, Syria, by befriending the pro-Western nation of Turkey, which is also Syria's backdoor neighbor, this has not been the case with Iran. This Israeli fear is augmented by the fact that Iran is in possession of a very large, and growing, arsenal of military hardware. Based upon news reports I have read, with the help of North Korea, this arsenal may soon include a variety of long-range missiles tipped with nuclear warheads; some of which will of course be pointed at Israel.

While I cannot prove this conclusively, I suspect that it may also be because of Iran's growing military might, that the Clinton Administration has been hesitant to completely remove Saddam Hussein from power. To do so would create a political vacuum in the country; as well as a serious power shift in the Middle Eastern arena; which might give Iran an opportunity to dominate Iraq. In other words, if Iran is the home of the Beast and the False Prophet, the current efforts by U.S. President Bill Clinton to remove Hussein from power, could be a very foolish mistake. In short, because of his own personal desire to destroy Hussein, Clinton could very easily facilitate the rise of the Islamic Beast; that is, of course, if he, and the False Prophet, are really going to arise out of Iran.

As I mention in the series 'The Seven Heads', pro-Western Turkey also offers a possibility of being the home of the Beast. One of the reasons for this, is because the 'kings of the east' mentioned in the Book of Revelation, might pertain to the military leaders of Turkey. This is because one of the former names of Turkey, is Anatolia. This is the very same Greek word which is used in the phrase 'kings of the east'. In other words, 'kings of the east' could really be a reference to the kings of Anatolia; that is, the kings, or military leaders, of Turkey, who cross over the Euphrates River in northeastern Syria, on their way to invade Israel via the Golan Heights. Consider the following verse:

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."
(Revelation 16:12)

Allow me to remind you again, that while Turkey is currently

warming up to Israel via their military alliance, we mustn't forget that the Middle East is an extremely volatile area of the world. Conditions are constantly changing; and loyalties may only be a matter of convenience, as long as the desired benefits are being derived from them. Like other leaders of the world, Middle Eastern leaders really only look out for themselves; thus, the current military alliance between the U.S.A., Turkey and Israel, does possess the potential for changing dramatically overnight. If Muslim fundamentalists, such as former Turkish president, Necmettin Erbakan, were somehow able to regain control of the secular government, and revert it to a more Islamic-centered system, such as existed before the days of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, after whom modern Turkey is named, it is obvious that Israel would not only lose her ally, and thus her current advantage over her enemy, Syria, but she would also gain a very powerful enemy. So as you can see, Turkey is a key player in the Endtime scenario of the Middle East.

As I also mention in some of the aforementioned articles, geographically-speaking, because they are situated to the north and to the northeast of Israel, Syria and Iraq are both potential 'kings of the north'; that is, the home of the Beast. This, of course, applies to Turkey as well. This possibility is strengthened by the fact that all three of these countries occupy territory which was formerly the northern and eastern regions of the divided Grecian Empire. Please refer to the article 'The Kings Of The North And The South' for a more in-depth explanation regarding this issue. The importance of their geographical position becomes quite apparent when we read the following verse from the Book of Daniel which describes the expansion of the Beast's Empire:

"And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land." (Daniel 8:9)

As a quick glance at a map of the Middle East will verify, all three of the previously-named countries are capable of expanding in the three directions mentioned by the Prophet Daniel; albeit, to varying degrees. In the case of Saddam Hussein, he could easily expand from Baghdad, eastward into Iran, southward into Saudia Arabia, Kuwait and the other Gulf States, and westward towards Israel, referred to here as 'the pleasant land', through either Jordan and/or Syria. Let us not forget that Hussein has already demonstrated his ability to fight a protracted war, through the long and bloody eight-year war with Iran; in which it is said that both chemical and biological weapons were used, in addition to conventional warfare. Of course, this could only happen if he possessed sufficient military might; which it seems that he doesn't at this current time, due to extended United Nations sanctions, and heavy aerial bombardments by the United States of America and her allies in 1991, as well as in December of 1998. At the same time, let us not forget the following verses:

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast...And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in

the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

(Revelation 13:3, 14)

In the case of President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey, he could also move eastward through Armenia into some of the former Soviet republics, southward towards Syria, Jordan, and eventually into Saudi Arabia, southeastward into Iraq and Iran, and south-southwestward into Israel and Lebanon. If you have been paying close attention to the news, then you might already know that Turkey has been making advances into northwestern Iraq, in order to punish the Kurds; who not only desire their own homeland, but who would also like to see the military government of Turkey replaced with an Islamic form of government. This has already become a point of contention between Turkey and Iraq; and it is also one of the reasons why the American government has claimed that it has set up a no-fly zone in northern Iraq; that is, in order to protect the Kurds from attacks by the forces of Saddam Hussein. As a matter of fact, CNN, the American Cable News Network, recently reported the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

U.S. SENDING PATRIOT MISSILE BATTERY TO TURKEY

"The United States is sending a Patriot missile battery to Turkey as a possible defense against missile attacks from neighboring Iraq, U.S. officials confirmed Friday. The Turkish government requested the Patriot unit. It will be sent to Incirlik Air Base in south-central Turkey, from which U.S. and British planes are enforcing a no-fly zone over northern Iraq."

----- End Of Quote -----

If Hafez al-Assad were to expand from Damascus, he could also move eastward towards Iraq, and eventually, even into Iran, directly southward towards Jordan, and from there into Saudi Arabia, and southwestward into Israel. If we take into consideration the current weakened state of the forces of Saddam Hussein, this may be an even stronger indication that Hafez al-Assad, or perhaps one of his successors, may be the infamous Beast spoken of by Daniel and John, and not Saddam Hussein; but again, we can't ignore the truth that the Beast will suffer military defeat, that is, be wounded by a sword, and yet he will experience a miraculous comeback which will take the world by surprise.

If we take into consideration the country of Iran, she could expand eastward into some of the former Soviet republics, as well as into Afghanistan and Pakistan, southwestward across the Persian Gulf into the Gulf States, as well as into Iraq, and westward through Saudi Arabia, on her way to the state of Israel; which of course is her ultimate prize.

In all four cases, if any of these countries were to invade Israel, it would most likely be from the northeast through the strategic Golan Heights; a small elevated area of land, which as of this writing, is still a point of bitter dispute

between Israel and Syria. It is because the Golan Heights is Israel's most vulnerable point on her northeastern border, that she refuses to return it to Syria; who may end up going to war in order to get it back. As of this date, Assad still refuses to make peace with Israel; in spite of the pressure being placed upon him by the U.S.-Israel-Turkey military alliance.

At this point in time, it is rather difficult for me to see how any of the aforementioned countries could possibly carry out such a massive invasion and conquest, as is described in the prophecies of the Books of Daniel and Revelation. While there have been news leaks of the possible covert formation of an Arab Alliance, similar to the Western NATO Alliance, as of this time, the Arab world is still very much divided in its politics. If Western news sources are to be believed, it seems that some Arab leaders must muster all of their strength and political savvy, and even resort to brutality and oppression, just to remain in power. For some of us, such a tale of widespread war and conquest which engulfs so many nations, seems like a thing of the past; at least to the days of Hitler's Germany. To even envision a conquering empire like Assyria, Babylonia, Medo-Persia, Greece or Rome in our modern day, seems totally foreign to us.

Despite this difficulty on our part to imagine such an event happening in our current day, as Christians, we know that it will indeed happen, simply because God's Word says that it will happen. No matter how impossible it may appear to us at this current time, in the Lord's chosen time, ten Islamic nations known as the Ten Horns, are eventually going to unite their power under the Beast, and invade Israel. There is going to be a powerful leader in the Middle East who will accomplish everything which has been prophesied concerning him. God's Word assures us of this; and as we all know, He cannot lie. Consider the following verses which I've shared on other occasions:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"
(Numbers 23:19)

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."
(Ecclesiastes 3:14-15)

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" (Isaiah 46:9-10)

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."
(Romans 3:4)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (2 Timothy 3:16)

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" (Titus 1:2)

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:...For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:19, 21)

While this coming takeover of the Middle East by the Beast may catch the world by surprise, as faithful students of His Word, we should not be surprised by such an event; we should be expecting it; and we should be looking forward to it as yet another sign that the End of this current age of man is drawing near. While the Beast will undoubtedly receive some help from his Arab friends, and possibly even from Russia, we need to recognize that, aside from the fact that these things are ordained of God, he will be directly inspired, as well as empowered, by none other than Satan himself. This is why what may now seem impossible, is really going to happen; because it will be by the power of Satan, and not just by human military might and political savvy. Allow me to remind you of a few verses I share in other Endtime articles:

"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." (Revelation 13:2)

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people." (Daniel 8:24)

With this review of some of the information which is found in my other articles, perhaps you can now see why it is not an easy task to say with any degree of certainty, who the Beast might be at this current time. It is simply too early to make a positive determination; but that may change soon. It is my belief that once a Middle East agreement is signed, which will include certain clauses which will guarantee the safety of Israel, and thus make possible the construction of the Third Temple in Jerusalem, not only will we know that we have entered the beginning of the Last Seven Years, but we should also then be able to fully recognize who the Beast is, as well as the Ten Horns who will eventually give their power to him.

Assuming for the moment that Hafez al-Assad of Syria is the Beast, or 'the king of the north' as Daniel calls him, let's take a closer look into the mind of this Arab leader. As I make clear in quite a few of my Endtime articles, the coming seven-year peace accord with Israel will be broken by the Beast after being in effect for only three and a half years. This will occur, because the Beast's heart will be against the Holy Covenant from the very beginning; and he will only

be using it as a vehicle in order to achieve his personal objectives. Please consider once again the following verses:

"Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land...For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant...And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." (Daniel 11:28, 30, 32)

So as you can see, while the world at large may possibly be surprised by this sudden obstacle in the Middle East peace process, it seems that it will have been a strategic move planned in advance by the Beast. In the Middle East, it is common knowledge that President Assad's personal vision for Syria extends beyond just re-acquiring the Golan Heights in northeastern Israel. His goal is to reclaim the power of the ancient Assyrian Empire; which included the northern half of modern-day Iraq, possibly a small part of Turkey, Lebanon, and northern Israel. In fact, I believe that Assad has an interest in conquering Egypt as well; based upon what is written in the prophecies of Daniel.

If Syria chooses to go to war against Israel over the issue of the Golan Heights, as has happened in the past, Israel's other three neighbors, Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan, are going to have to decide which side of the fence they are on; for as the old adage states, there are no neutrals. In other words, everyone shows their true colors when the heat is on. While these three Arab nations have sided with Syria in past conflicts against the state of Israel, since that time, they have all negotiated various peace initiatives with Israel; and in some cases, these are full-fledged agreements.

The first to do this was the nation of Egypt. In September of 1978, Egyptian President, Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, signed the historic Camp David Accords, in the presence of American President, Jimmy Carter. As a result of his peace overtures with the state of Israel, Anwar Sadat was assassinated not too long after that. I can only wonder why Hosni Mubarak, the current president of Egypt, hasn't yet met with the same fate as his predecessor. Even as I write this, there are fundamentalist Islamic elements in Egypt, whose objective is to overthrow Mubarak's government; and this same Islamic tide has begun to sweep other Arab and non-Arab nations of the world as well; including the United States of America.

As a clear sign of how far Egypt has strayed from the inner core of Arab thought, due to American financial and military aid, consider the fact that following the bombing raids on Iraq this past December by the United States of America and Great Britain, President Mubarak openly criticized Saddam Hussein; stating that Hussein had brought these things upon himself. Since Mubarak made his comments, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, has had nothing good to say about the Egyptian president. In fact, as will be clearly seen by the

following newsclip taken from CNN, the Arab countries are beginning to polarize as they take clear sides regarding the politics of Saddam Hussein; and as can be expected, those nations which receive American aid in some form, are coming out against the Iraqi leader:

----- Begin Quote -----

SAUDIS, EGYPTIANS CALL FOR OVERTHROW OF HUSSEIN

"The official Saudi Arabian news agency on Sunday urged Iraqis to overthrow President Saddam Hussein, saying he had killed and tortured thousands of his people. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa echoed that call, saying that Hussein is "shaming the entire Arab region through his politics." His comments are to be published Monday in The Berliner Kurier newspaper."

----- End Quote -----

In the case of Lebanon, the country of King Hiram, who was a friend of King David, Israel has publicly declared that it makes no claims to Lebanese land or resources; and that its primary concern revolves around the security of its northern border. In the early nineties, bilateral talks were being held between the two countries, but those negotiations have been stalled since February of 1994. Two years later, in April of 1996, Israel initiated 'Operation Grapes of Wrath'; which was aimed at neutralizing the Iranian-backed Hizbullah resistance which operates from within Lebanon. On April 26, 1996, the United States of America brokered a document which it was hoped, would achieve a lasting peace between Israel and Lebanon; but as we have now seen, in recent weeks, there have again been some serious confrontations, resulting in casualties, in the security zone which acts as a buffer area between the Lebanese and the Israeli forces.

Concerning King Hussein of Jordan, as per clauses included in the Camp David Accords of 1978, fifteen years later, on September 14, 1993, one day after Israel, Jordan and Egypt signed the Declaration of Principles in Washington, D.C., Jordan also negotiated an interim agreement with the state of Israel referred to as the Israel-Jordan Common Agenda. Among other terms, by means of this document, the two sides agreed to not use conventional or non-conventional weapons of mass destruction against each other. Following is a portion of the actual document:

----- Begin Quote -----

2. Security:

a. Refraining from actions or activities by either side that may adversely affect the security of the other or may prejudice the final outcome of negotiations.

b. Threats to security resulting from all kinds of terrorism.

i. Mutual commitment not to threaten each other by any use of force and not to use weapons by one side against the

other including conventional and non-conventional mass destruction weapons.

ii. Mutual commitment, as a matter of priority and as soon as possible, to work towards a Middle East free from weapons of mass destruction, conventional and non-conventional weapons; this goal is to be achieved in the context of a comprehensive, lasting and stable peace characterized by the renunciation of the use of force, reconciliation and openness. Note: The above (item c-ii) may be revised in accordance with relevant agreements to be reached in the Multilateral Working Group on Arms Control and Regional Security.

----- End Of Quote -----

This interim agreement between Israel and Jordan was followed by another document referred to as the Washington Declaration, which was signed by the two parties on July 25, 1994. The purpose of this interim treaty was to declare 'the termination of the state of belligerency' between the two nations. Two months later, Israel and Jordan signed their full-fledged peace treaty, which is officially referred to as the Treaty Of Peace Between The State Of Israel And The Hashemite Kingdom Of Jordan. This treaty was signed by the two nations on October 26, 1994.

As I explain in the article 'Yasser Arafat's Ultimatum: Why May 4, 1994?', what is truly sad regarding these various peace initiatives which have been agreed upon between Israel, Egypt and Jordan, is that the resolution of the Palestinian refugee problem was supposed to be an integral part of the peace process between these three nations. A full twenty years have now passed since the signing of the Camp David Accords, and yet the displaced Palestinian Arabs still find themselves without a homeland. They are merely a floating population of some two million people who find their primary residence in Jordan, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.

In the final half of this article, we will leave behind recent events in the Middle East peace process, and take a look at what the Bible indicates will be the future of some of the nations of the Middle East as they fall to the forces of the Beast. This will include a discussion on such topics as the three broken horns, prophetic peaks and valleys, Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, the Libya question, the Endtime seals being removed, the wise shall understand, watching and praying, and keeping busy for Jesus. I trust that you will join me.

Written by the WordWeaver

webmaster@endtimeprophecy.net
<http://www.endtimeprophecy.net>

THE BEAST AND THE THREE BROKEN HORNS : PART 2

Copyright 1994 - 2006 Endtime Prophecy Net

Last Updated : July 10, 2006

Three Broken Horns, Prophetic Peaks And Valleys, Conquest Of Three Horns, Egypt Libya And Ethiopia, Libya Question, Seals Removed, Wise Shall Understand, Watch And Pray, Keep Busy!

Having now briefly explained to you the recent history of the Middle East peace process, allow me to address the main theme of this article. Until recently, I have speculated that Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan might possibly represent the three horns which are subdued by the militarily-aggressive Middle Eastern leader referred to as the Beast. If this is indeed the case, and if we continue to assume that President Hafez al-Assad currently makes the best candidate for being the Beast, then he would fulfill his vision of creating a Greater Syria, similar to the ancient Assyrian Empire. Let us consider the following verses found in the seventh chapter of the Book of Daniel which discuss these three subdued horns, or kings:

"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. 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...And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." (Daniel 7:7-8, 24)

In the above verses, we witness the rise of the Ten Horns, or ten worldly nations or rulers, from the remnants of the fourth Beast of iron; that is, the Roman Empire. They are followed by an eleventh little horn; that is, the one whom many Christians believe is the final Beast of the Endtime; who will subdue three of the first Ten Horns. This is why Daniel states 'three of the first horns'. Notice that these verses do not say that the King of the North, that is, the Beast, destroys these three nations; he simply brings them into submission. That word 'subdue' is derived from the Aramaic word 'shephal', pronounced shef-al', which means to be or bring low, or to humble. In other words, it might represent military defeat, but not total destruction, even though that is also a possibility. The three horns might simply come under the domination of the Beast, just as Lebanon already takes orders from Syria.

Another important point worth mentioning, is that we need to remember that when the Lord gave the Prophets of old dreams and visions regarding the future, in a certain sense, it was

similar to looking across a virtual mountain range. While from a distance, the various peaks, or prophetic events, may seem to be the same distance away from us, as we draw closer to them, we begin to realize that some peaks, or events, are actually in front of, or else behind, some of the others. In other words, there are actually time gaps, or what we might refer to as valleys, between the various events. They don't all happen at the same time.

Thus, when the Prophet Daniel tells us that three of the Ten Horns are subdued by the Beast, this does not necessarily mean that they are all conquered at the same time. They may actually be conquered over a period of days, weeks, months, or perhaps even years. Consider the way in which worldly warfare is normally fought. A certain aggressor will expand his powerbase a little at a time. He will conquer a nation, consolidate his gains, make it sure by placing good men in authority whom he can trust, and then move on to the next target. Only a foolish military leader would spread himself thin. A wise leader knows that employing such a strategy would not only make him extremely vulnerable to his enemies, but it might even result in his total defeat. Clearly then, to try to eat the whole pie in one gulp is not the way to conduct worldly warfare. I am reminded of our Lord's own advice found in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, when He was discussing the price of being a Disciple:

"Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace." (Luke 14:31-32)

While it is still quite possible that the three horns which are broken by the Beast represent the three aforementioned nations of Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt, I have discovered that there is another possible interpretation which finds support in the Scriptures. It is interesting to note that after he has informed us that three horns will be conquered by the Beast, four chapter later, in chapter eleven, the Prophet Daniel tells us the exact names of three countries which will not escape the wrath of the Beast; that is, Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia:

"He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."
(Daniel 11:41-43)

In the previous verses, 'the glorious land' is commonly believed to represent the state of Israel. As you can see, this is an obvious Scriptural connection. In one chapter, Daniel tells us that three horns will be conquered by the Beast, and then four chapters later, he appears to name the three nations to which he may have been referring. Notice

again that we are not clearly told that Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia will be completely destroyed; but that they are only subdued and robbed of their wealth. Exactly what will be necessary in order to subdue them, is a question which will only be answered when it actually happens.

It is interesting to note that in the King James Bible, the words 'shall be' are in italics, in order to show that they were added by the translators for the sake of making the verse easier to understand. Not only that, but the phrase 'at his steps' is derived from one single Hebrew word; that is, the word 'mits`ad', pronounced mits-awd', which means steps or goings. So in actuality, that verse may indicate that Libya and Ethiopia are actually steps in his quest to gain full military and political power over the Middle East. In other words, the Beast may step on them in a military sense, so that they become the southernmost, and the westernmost borders of the New Syrian Empire; assuming of course, that Hafez al-Assad, or one of his successors, is the Beast. Again, this is a point which only time will answer for us.

If we consider the fact that 'mitsad' also means goings, when we are told that Libya and Ehtiopia are 'at his steps', it might also mean that they decide to go along with the Beast, rather than be destroyed, while Egypt does not. Thus they escape destruction, while Egypt may not. If it turns out that Saddam Hussein is actually the Beast, and not Hafez al-Assad, this makes even more sense. As you will recall from part one, at this current time, there has been a war of words between Egypt and Iraq due to the December 1998 aerial attacks on Baghdad. Concerning the possibility that Libya and Ethiopia may decide to go along with the Beast, I am reminded of the following verse regarding the Ten Horns, where we are told that they give their power to the Beast:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."
(Revelation 17:12-13)

Concerning Jordan, that is, Edom, Moab and Ammon, as she is referred to in the previous verses from the eleventh chapter of Daniel, it may be that she escapes the wrath of the Beast because she chooses to go along with the invasion of Israel, despite the 1994 peace treaty with the Israelies. Another possibility, is that it may have something to do with the famous rock city of Petra, which I mention in the article 'The Woman In The Wilderness And The 144,000'. I hope you will take the time to read it.

At this current time, I don't understand why Libya will suffer the wrath of the Beast, being as she is very much against the state of Israel. I honestly do not see Colonel Moammar Kadhaffi changing his views towards the Jews, now or ever. It is possible that, as I've suggested before, Libya, Egypt, Ethiopia and other North African nations may suddenly begin to feel uncomfortable with President Assad's desire for expansion, and thus break their ties with him. The only other possibility I can consider at this time, is that the

Libya of the Bible did not occupy the same land area as the modern-day Libya. This is a common occurrence when trying to connect ancient names with their modern counterparts. There is some debate within scholarly circles regarding some of these issues; such as the proper location of the ancient Cush and Tarshish, for example.

As you can see, understanding Endtime Bible prophecy is not always an easy task. At this current time, some things are clearer to us than others; however, the very fact that we are beginning to understand it, is a clear indication that we are indeed living in the Endtime. It appears that the seals are slowly being removed, and our understanding is being enlightened, as we approach that Glorious Day of the Lord's Return. As the Angelic Messenger told the Prophet Daniel:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4)

At this point in time, the best thing that we can all do, is to watch and pray, and to keep our eyes on events occurring in the Middle East. If we are in tune to God's Spirit, He will be faithful to open our spiritual eyes as these final events begin to unfold on the world stage. While we may not always recognize fulfilled prophecy when it is about to occur, by God's grace, we will hopefully recognize it soon afterwards; for as His Word tells us:

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7)

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5)

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."
(Daniel 12:10)

Aside from watching and praying, it is also important that we keep ourselves busy in the affairs of the Kingdom, until that Great Day arrives. As Jesus Himself warned us in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of Mark, we must stay awake spiritually, and not fall asleep on the job:

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."
(Mark 13:33-37)

It is because the Lord is giving us the wisdom and the understanding in these Last Days, that we must be faithful to share this information with as many others as we can, at

all cost; even if it means sacrificing our lives in the end. Of course, the most important message we can give them, is the message of Salvation; because all of the understanding in the world regarding Endtime prophecy is of no avail, if one is not even truly saved. Consider the following verses:

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." (Daniel 12:3)

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30)

"And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days." (Daniel 11:33)

At the same time, the fulfillment of Endtime prophecy can also serve as a great tool to convince those who are of doubtful hearts, that God's Word is indeed true. If you are faithful to share these things ahead of time, once they do begin to occur, it just might instill a seed of faith in those who found it difficult to believe previously. In conclusion, keep your eyes on the Middle East; watch and pray; and feed God's sheep while you can; so that in the end, when that Great Day finally arrives, He will be able to say to you:

"...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."
(Matthew 25:21)

With these inspiring words from our Lord, I am going to bring another article to a close. I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life.

Written by the WordWeaver

webmaster@endtimeprophecy.net
<http://www.endtimeprophecy.net>