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Image of the Beast

“The second Beast was permitted to give breath to the image of the first Beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship it to be killed,” Rev 13:15

Recently a statue was placed at the United Nations (see the picture). It was there until December 20th, but due to many

Christians complaining that it resembled the image of the Beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, the statue

was removed. Needless to say, the resemblance to the Beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 is uncanny! The U.N. called it “*The Guardian for International Peace and Security*”. The Bible tells us that people will worship the image of the Beast (see Rev 13:11-15, 14:9-11, 16:2, 19:20, 20:4) and God’s word goes so far as to describe the Beast in great detail so believers should know not to worship it. Both Daniel and the apostle John had visions of beasts rising out of the sea (Dan 7:3-8, Rev 13:1-8). In Bible prophecy, beasts represent nations just as every nation has a national animal/beast. Russia has the bear, ancient Babylon had the lion with wings of an eagle, Iran is the Per-



sian leopard, the USA is the bald eagle, Great Britain is the lion and the dragon, China is the panda and the dragon, etc. Also in Bible prophecy, the horn of a beast represents its leader, military and government. The sea prophetically represents the multitudes of the nations, the Gentiles. Essentially Daniel and John saw the same beasts with a few exceptions: 1. Daniel’s Beast is really four separate

beasts and eleven horns; the lion has the wings of an eagle (notice the beast statue at the U.N. has eagle’s wings). 2. The Beast John saw in Revelation 13 are the same, but they are no longer separate, they have become a confederation of nations, or a **United Nations!** 3. Daniel saw a lion with

the wings of an eagle (Dan 7:4), but eagle’s wings were quickly plucked; in Revelation there are no wings on the lion. Could the eagle’s wings represent the United States? Could the plucking of the eagle’s wings in Daniel 7:4 be the fall of the U.S.A. in prophecy? I find

it interesting that the Beast statue at the U.N. looks like the Beast of Revelation, but still has the wings of the eagle as in Daniel 7. Could that be because

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Daniel 7 describes a time in which the U.S. still exists? Many teach that the U.S. is not in Biblical prophecy; I disagree, I believe that the U.S. is represented by the eagle's wings of Daniel 7:4 and Rev 12:4, but are removed somehow between Revelation 12 and 13.

The Man of Lawlessness and the Beast:

The Man of Lawlessness **is not the Beast**, but he is joined to the Beast, which is a confederation of nations, leaders and powers. The Beast is a political system made up of nations led by world leaders. The Man of Lawlessness has the greatest power and influence over the Beast and that power comes from the Dragon which is Satan himself (*Rev 12:9*), ***“They worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?” Rev 13:4.***

According to the Bible, the Man of Lawlessness controls the Beast or confederation of nations just as Hitler led the Axis powers during WWII. For example, France (Vichy regime) and Italy were controlled by dictators, but Hitler directed the overarching global plan and wielded authority over those dictators. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 says, ***“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (the day of the Lord) will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.”***

Those who fully understand the Hanukkah story will see the Anti-Christ's story in prophecy from Alexander the Great to Antiochus Epiphanes. Perhaps that is why Yeshua/Jesus celebrated Hanukkah (*John 10:22*/the feast of dedication is Hanukkah). In fact, Hanukkah is the only new holiday actually mentioned and celebrated by Jesus in the New Testament. If you read my Hanukkah teachings at www.forzionsake.org you will learn about why Yeshua celebrates Hanukkah!

Signs of the Man of Lawlessness:

As I mentioned earlier, the U.N. put up a statue this past fall called ***The Guardian for International Peace and Security***. The statue was so much like the beast of Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 that Christian complaints caused it to be removed on December 20th. The Beast is a confederation of nations, a ***United Nations***, and the arrival of this statue is a sign to the

world that the Beast described in Revelation is now on the scene; it is only a matter of time before the Beast takes full power led by the Man of Lawlessness; before it begins to openly persecute the Saints, and before the mark of the Beast will be mandated. As I said, the Man of Lawlessness controls the Beast like Constantine controlled the early Church! What will be the signs of his coming? 1. There will be a great apostasy (falling away of believers) according to ***2 Thess 2:3***. Most Christians I know are expecting a great end time revival, but God's Word speaks of a great falling away, not a great revival. Matthew 24:9-12 describes a time when the hearts of many believers grow cold. 2. The Day of the Lord (***Seven year tribulation***) will follow the great apostasy at the time the Man of Lawlessness is revealed. 3. Daniel 9:27 tells us that this Man of Lawlessness will make a firm covenant or treaty with many nations when he steps on

the scene. This is a common teaching among theologians, but we do not know the nature of this covenant and being that it is with the many (nations), we cannot say for sure that it is a peace treaty involving Israel.

4. Last but perhaps not least is a great end time war between a powerful western nation and Iran. We learn of this war in Daniel 8. In fact, the angel Gabriel tells Daniel twice that the vision of war with Iran and this great

Gentile Western power ruled by a man will take place during the very end of days! I believe that western nation is the United States and I have written about it and taught it to thousands in a message entitled ***“The Last President of the United States, parts I and II.”***

Why will this great end time war between a western superpower and Iran occur? Likely because Iran is developing nuclear weapons, and has said they will not hesitate to use them against the United States and Israel; however, since Israel is not a western gentile nation as Daniel 8 speaks of, that leaves the United States, Iran's arch enemy in the west. Only the U.S.A. has the military capability to destroy Iran's military and government from the air as Daniel 8:5 says; However, I don't want to focus on Daniel's vision of end time war between what I believe is the U.S.A. (The Goat) and Iran (the Ram); suffice to say, Joe Biden is once again trying to make another so-called nuclear treaty with Iran as I write this. He will never attack Iran. I have written extensively on the end time war with Iran in my articles, ***“The Last President of the United States, Parts I and II”*** which you can find under newsletters at www.forzionsake.org.

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However, I still believe President #45 comes back to fight the war with Iran sometime between '24 and '28.

I want to focus on the emergence of *The Man of Lawlessness* in *Daniel 8:9, 21-25*. After this great western power and narcissistic leader from the West have defeated the Ram (Iran), see *Dan 8:5-8*. This very proud leader's power is broken and this western nation is divided into four weaker nations from one of which a small horn will arise (the Man of Lawlessness), see *v.9-12*. He will grow in power, he will supernaturally make war with the angels causing some to fall to earth, *v.10*; he will magnify himself above the Son of God and desecrate the place of God's Temple one earth, *v.11*; The Saints will be given over to his power and control, *v. 12*: ***"A King will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the Holy people...He will even oppose the Prince of Princes, But he will be broken without human agency," Daniel 8:23-25.*** Daniel refers to the Man of Lawlessness as a "small horn," if you recall above I said that prophetically speaking, horns represent kings/rulers, military powers and nations just like beasts. In fact in *Daniel 7*, Daniel speaks of the small horn again, ***"While I was contemplating the horns (on the beast), behold another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts," Daniel 7:8.*** I suggest you read all of chapter seven to learn more about the small horn with the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts who is *The Man of Lawlessness*.

So regarding the *Small Horn/Man of Lawlessness* we should recall that he arrives on the scene at the time of the Great apostasy (falling away of believers), at the beginning of the Day of the Lord (The Tribulation), immediately after a great western nation has fought and defeated Iran in an end-time war soon to come. He will make a covenant with many nations probably related to ***"The Great Reset", Climate Change, or perhaps mandating the mark of the***

beast. (See Revelation 13:16-18, 14:11). By mandating the mark of the beast, he will control billions of people... See what is happening now to those who resist the vaccine mandates. This is just a precursor and prepping of the masses for the coming mandate of the mark, which those who resist will not be able to buy food, gas, clothes or pay bills, taxes, mortgage, rent or insurance and will not be allowed to work. Will you have the strength to say no to such a mandate resulting in being cast out from society? Believers in Yeshua who resist the mark will go to heaven; those who take the mark will not. This Man of Lawlessness joined together with the beast for forty-two months or 3.5 years (*Rev 13:5*), will rule over the Saints, oppose the Son of God and set himself up in the Temple of God as being God.

Conclusion:

People will worship the image of the beast as I have pointed out in scripture. The Beast will be controlled by the Man of Lawlessness both of whom get their power from the Dragon (Satan). Is it possible that the Dragon is China (in an earthly sense)? We must remember that the Dragon is thrown down to earth (see *Rev 12:9*). Could it be that of the four nations, China gives the Beast its earthly power? If a demon can possess a man, then why can't Satan possess the ruler of China, whose national beast is the dragon? People will worship the image of the Beast. People will bow to a statue like the one placed at the U.N. in New York City recently or his image will be an NFT or a hologram or all three. The key is idolatry.

The Beast and the False prophet are destroyed in *Revelation 19:20-21*; meanwhile, Satan is bound and released after a thousand years to once again wreak havoc in the earth, (see *Rev 20:1-3*). Why is Satan imprisoned for 1000 years and not destroyed?

The answer is that sin is still in the earth during the millennium. Even though the Messiah will rule and reign from Jerusalem during that time and the nations will stream to the mountain of the House of the Lord to worship Him (*Isaiah 2:2-5, Zechariah 14:16*), not everybody on the earth will be a believer. There will be a great war at the end of the thousand year reign when Satan will be defeated, his minions destroyed and he will be cast into the Lake of Fire (*Rev 20:7-10*).



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The Mark of the Beast hints at the goals of *The Great Reset*: They are control, subjugation, and elimination of private property for those who do not comply; the mark itself will track peoples' location at any given moment and monitor all activities, speech and even thoughts. People love crypto currency, but the U.S. government hates it because they cannot control it. Just this past week India came out with its own digital currency. The U.S. is developing a digital currency which will lead to initiating a completely cashless society; perhaps it will begin with a credit card, or simply a Bitcoin type token that you keep in a wallet on the internet with a Password and other security measures. Either way, the government will always know where you are when you use it, what you are buying and how much you are spending. Total loss of privacy is the goal. Even electric vehicles will be part of the system of tracking and control; they don't go as far as gas powered vehicles and take time to charge up. Are you getting the picture? I hope so because things are moving rapidly in that direction and time is short. God has an escape plan called Aliyah. I have spoken about it much. If you don't know what it is, you can look at my newsletter entitled "*The Second Exodus*" at www.forzionsake.org and I strongly encourage you to sign up for my teachings and to watch or come to our weekly services!



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