

THE FOURTH BEAST

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We need to be familiar with the narrative of the scriptures. We have been doing some comparisons of what the end-time will be like.

United Europe or an Islamic Realm?

Some basic background to Islam. About 1.67 billion Muslims on the earth ... about 25%. It is the fastest growing religion on the earth ... a combination of birth and also by conversion. In the USA about 100,000 conversions per year ... remarkably they come from those raised in a "Christian Church". In the USA ... About 2,500,000 officially but maybe about 7 million. In the UK ... around 3,000,000. In the EU ... approximately 20,000,000 Muslims.

There are two main divisions: Sunni ... represents about 85% ... The remaining 15% ... Shias. Iran is mainly Shia. Their ultimate goal for Planet Earth is to become Muslim. Ultimately, Islam is expecting to dominate the whole earth. There are two approaches to getting there ... Revolutionary and Evolutionary. Revolutionary sees America as the great Satan ... let's obliterate them and conquer with the sword of jihad. Secondly ... Evolutionary ... let's give it time ... because time is on our side. Little by little we will bring the world under the banner of Islam. They seek to infiltrate and influence key positions in government, media, universities (funded mainly by Saudi Arabians). The Saudi Arabians used to think it would take about 150 years to convert Americans but have revised that and are now expecting to convert America to a Muslim nation within 30 years.

However, there are some extremely devout activist Muslims who want to see Islam come sooner than later ... and are prepared to kill to get there. If it was only 1% of the total figure ... that would be nearly 17 million Muslims.

In terms of their holy books ... there are 3 key texts: Quran ... The Sira and the Hadith. The Quran is their really holy book ... the message that Allah gave to the Angel Gabriel that he passed on to Mohammed. Further information comes from the Sira ... the biography of Mohammed. The Hadith are the traditions that belong to Mohammed. All of these help you to be a good and successful Muslim.

The Quran is organised deliberately so that it cannot be understood. The longest chapters come first ... right down to the smallest. It is not chronological. If you try reading from the beginning to the end ... it makes no sense. You need to be "educated" on how to read it. They have The Law of Abrogation. It is believed that Mohammed's later understanding is a better grasp of the teachings of Allah ... than when he started. If there is a contradiction ... the latter verses stand ... the earlier are abrogated.

It is commonly accepted that Mohammed was more tolerant in the beginning but as he got older he got far more dictatorial and less accepting of others and their religions.

Quran Chapter 2:256 *"let there be no compulsion in religion"*. That's an early saying ... later verses abrogate that verse.

Quran 9:29 *Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger; nor acknowledge the Religion of truth ...until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued"*.

Quran 9:5 ... Known as The Verse of the Sword. This encourages Muslims to *"fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them"*. Most Islamic scholars say that this one verse abrogates 124 other verses which talk about peace and forgiveness!!

We do not worship the same God. We don't!! Allah is not the God of The Bible. Islam is through and through ... The antichrist ... Satan!!

1 John 2:18 (NKJV)

18 Little children, **it is the last hour**; and as you have heard that **the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come**, by which we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22 (NKJV)

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **(The Messiah ... The Saviour of The World) He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**

1 John 4:2-3 (NKJV)

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,**

3 and **every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist,** which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 John 1:7 (NKJV)

7 **For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**

One of the most fundamental teachings of Islam is that Allah does not have a son ... Islam does not have a saviour.

Quran 19:88 states that, *"Those who say, "The Lord of Mercy has begotten a Son" preach a monstrous falsehood".* Quran 9:30 *"Christians call Christ the Son of Allah ... Allah's curse be on them".* Quran 4:157 *"the Jews said in boast, "We killed Christ Jesus The Son of Mary" ... but they killed Him not, nor crucified Him, but so was made to appear to them ... For of a surety they killed Him not".*

Daniel 7:1-14 (NKJV)

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. (Babylon: Modern day Iraq) I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. (Medo-Persia: Iran) It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6 "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. (Today ... Turkey. In Daniel 8: The He Goat. Leading a confederation of 4 nations)

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. (Ten Horns: 10 Kingdoms)

8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,

And the hair of His head was like pure wool.

His throne was a fiery flame,

Its wheels a burning fire;

10 A fiery stream issued

And came forth from before Him.

A thousand thousands ministered to Him;

Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The court was seated,

And the books were opened.

11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

12 **As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. (All 4 beasts around at the end time)**

13 "I was watching in the night visions,

And behold, One like the Son of Man,

Coming with the clouds of heaven!

He came to the Ancient of Days,

And they brought Him near before Him.

14 **Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,**

That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

Which shall not pass away,

And His kingdom the one

Which shall not be destroyed. (This prophecy takes us all the way to the end of this age)

Daniel 7:15-17 (NKJV)

15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 **Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which SHALL arise out of the earth.** (Future!)

Daniel 7:19-22 (NKJV)

19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; (Doesn't sound like Rome! It was different from all the others? Islamic Realm)

20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, (In the Middle East ... Christianity is being eliminated ... Islam is the order of the day)

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Daniel 7:23 (NKJV)

23 "Thus he said:

**The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.** (The Islamic Realm? More than likely!)

How far will this fourth beast extend its power? The whole earth? Must we look for the Islamic Realm to extend its power around the entire earth or could it be a bit more limited than that? Maybe just within the realm of the prophecy.

Daniel 2:37-39 (NKJV)

37 **You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;**

38 **and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold. (Was Nebuchadnezzar over the entire world. No. It meant over the peoples and territories within his dominion)**

39 **But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. (Within the realm of the prophecy ... Within the territory that God is speaking about. Not over the entire world!)**

Daniel 7:24-25 (NKJV)

24 **The ten horns are ten kings**

Who shall arise from this kingdom. (We know the traditional view from the Churches of God ... but ... there is an alternative option. This fourth beast is the Islamic Realm combining forces under a powerful Islamic leader ... the antichrist who leads the whole 10 kingdoms)

And another shall rise after them;

He shall be different from the first ones,

And shall subdue three kings.

25 **He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,**

Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,

And shall intend to change times and law. (Did the Roman Catholic Church change times and law? It did ... in the sense that it changed the Sabbath to Sunday ... but it has had little effect on the world. The alternative view is: "*Intending to change times*

and law?" Yes. The Muslims want to establish Sharia Law worldwide ... that effects economics ... politics ... banking ... business ... sexuality ... family life and social issues. As far as "Times" goes? Islam would no doubt want to enforce its Islamic calendar on the world. Islamic countries follow the Islamic Calendar based on the life of Mohammed. It is commanded that all Muslims keep it. It started in AD622 ... with the emigration of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina (known as the Hijra). This puts us now in their year ... 1437 A.H. In addition they will intend to change the mandatory holy day to Friday. The Islamic objective and goal better fits the verse than the Roman Catholic Church does).

Then the saints shall be given into his hand

For a time and times and half a time. (Basically ... Three and a half years ... very similar to Daniel 9:27).

These four beasts appear in the last book of the Bible.

Revelation 13:1-10 (NKJV)

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

(A composite of the beasts in Daniel 7. The traditional view is that this was the Roman Empire ... which makes the overall passage a reference to past history. The alternative view of this being an Islamic Empire ... under an Islamic antichrist ... means this is still prophecy for the future ... talking about what is about to happen in our time. Note reference to the dragon; this is ... Satan's beast and of course ... Allah is satan!!)

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. (Same as in Daniel 7. I see this as applicable to us today)

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.