The Last Four World Powers

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First Section

What this book is about

This book not only tells, but also **demonstrates**, what moment in time we are living according to prophecy. I used the verb "demonstrate" because this book is not an exposition of "fantasies", "thoughts" and "feelings". It is **an exposition of** <u>facts</u> and events that you can verify yourself.

Here I **demonstrate** how we, in 2012, are living during the rise of the fourth of the last four world powers of Human history. England, Russia and China have already come into existence as world powers, and a United Europe, as a world power, looms in the horizon.

If you want to verify it, just read this book in the
proper sequence, <u>without skipping</u>, since initial
facts are the basis for subsequent ones. Otherwise it
will not be understood.

The book has three sections. The first one, which starts on this page, <u>demonstrates</u> that the prophecy of Daniel 7, given over 2400 years ago, refers to England, Russia, China and the European Union.

The second section, which starts on page 83, <u>demonstrates</u> how the traditional interpretation of Daniel chapter 7 prophecy, is intrinsically incorrect since it was stated.

The third section, which starts on page 104 gives us a fraternal exhortation, narrates how having been raised atheist I became a believer, tells how I realized the correct interpretation of the prophecy of

Daniel Seven, teaches what are prophecies and for 35 whom have they been written, and teaches how to 36 discuss opposing view points efficiently. 37 38 39 40 **Demonstration that the prophecy in Daniel 7** 41 belongs to the present and the period prior to the 42 return of Jesus Christ. 43 Afterwards in this book I will demonstrate why 44 the prophecy in Daniel 7 cannot be referring to 45 the old empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece and 46 Rome, as has traditionally been interpreted. This 47 interpretation is incorrect. I will also demonstrate 48 why this cannot refer to any other four past 49 empires, or any single empire of the past. 50 Now I will proceed to demonstrate that this 51 prophecy is referring to the contemporary world 52 powers of Great Britain, Russia, China and the 53 European Union. 54 * 55 56 57 Let's read the full text of the Prophecy of the 58 chapter 7 of the Biblical book of Daniel 59 Before anything else, lets read Daniel chapter 7 so 60 we can have it in mind while reasoning about this 61 prophecy. 62 63 "1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of 64 Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of 65 his head upon his bed, then he wrote the 66 dream, and told the sum of the matters. 67 2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision 68 by night and behold, the four winds of the 69

heaven strove upon the great sea. 3 And four
great beasts came up from the sea, diverse
one from another.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's
wings. I beheld till the wings thereof were
plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth,
and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a
man's heart was given to it.

⁷⁸ 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to
⁷⁹ a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and
⁸⁰ it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the

teeth of it, and they said thus unto it: Arise, devour much flesh.

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.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down,
and the Ancient of days did sit, whose
garment was white as snow, and the hair of
his head like the pure wool; his throne was
like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning

fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth 105 from before him; thousand thousands 106 ministered unto him, and ten thousand times 107 ten thousand stood before him. The judgment 108 was set, and the books were opened. 109 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the 110 great words which the horn spake; I beheld 111 even till the beast was slain, and his body 112 destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 113 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they 114 had their dominion taken away; yet their lives 115 were prolonged for a season and time. 116 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one 117 like the Son of man came with the clouds of 118 heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and 119 they brought him near before him. 14 And 120 there was given him dominion, and glory, 121 and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and 122 languages, should serve him. His dominion 123 is an everlasting dominion, which shall not 124 pass away, and his kingdom that which shall 125 not be destroyed. 126 15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the 127 midst of my body, and the visions of my head 128 troubled me. 16 I came near unto one of them 129 that stood by, and asked him the truth of all 130 this. So he told me, and made me know the 131 interpretation of the things. 132 17 These great beasts, which are four, are 133 four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. 134 18 But the saints of the most High shall take 135 the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for 136 ever, even for ever and ever. 137 19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth 138 beast, which was diverse from all the others, 139

exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, 140 and his nails of brass, which devoured, brake 141 in pieces, and stamped the residue with his 142 feet. 20 And of the ten horns that were in his 143 head, and of the other which came up, and 144 before whom three fell; even of that horn that 145 had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great 146 things, whose look was more stout than his 147 fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made 148 war with the saints, and prevailed against 149 them, 22 until the Ancient of days came, and 150 judgment was given to the saints of the most 151 High; and the time came that the saints 152 possessed the kingdom. 153

Thus he said: The fourth beast shall be the
fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be
diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour
the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and
break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are 159 ten kings that shall arise; and another shall 160 rise after them, and he shall be diverse from 161 the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 162 And he shall speak great words against the 163 most High, and shall wear out the saints of 164 the most High, and think to change times and 165 laws; and they shall be given into his hand 166 until a time and times and the dividing of 167 time. 168

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall
take away his dominion, to consume and to
destroy it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom
and dominion, and the greatness of the
kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be
given to the people of the saints of the most

High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

178 28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me
179 Daniel, my cogitation much troubled me, and
180 my countenance changed in me, but I kept the
181 matter in my heart."

Facts that show that the lion of the prophecy represents Great Britain

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Since Great Britain lost its empire, or more 189 precisely since the British Empire became the 190 British Commonwealth, you do not hear much 191 about the "British Lion." However, those of us who 192 lived in the 1930s and 1940s remember the many 193 references made to England being symbolized by a 194 lion. In many occasions, there have been political 195 cartoons and caricatures in newspapers where Great 196 Britain was represented by a lion. Nowadays you 197 don't see it as often, perhaps due to the decline in 198 influence of the country since it lost its empire after 199 the Second World War. 200

Nevertheless, I have been able to collect from libraries and the Internet, some of the references and caricatures that should help you see that Great Britain, in fact, was symbolized popularly and internationally, by a lion. It will be easier for you to see today how the press refers to Russia as a bear and the Asian countries as a tiger.

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Margaret Thatcher, the lioness. Not so long
 ago, when the Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher, was
 the Prime Minister of England; there was a political
 cartoon of Margaret Thatcher as a lioness.

This cartoon was published in the Miami Herald 213 on Wednesday, May 10, 1989, on page 31-A. If she 214 was depicted as a lion, it is because those who wrote 215 it thought the public would understand its 216 symbolism. Notice that these items are not the 217 creations of anyone belonging to the religious 218 sector, which may possibly lead them to reflect 219 their own personal interpretations. But it was 220 written by secular people in 1989, speaking about 221 the politics of Margaret Thatcher. 222



British Lion is depicted as being forced to carry the 231 load of excise tax on wine and tobacco proposed at 232 the time of Britain's Chief Minister Walpole. The 233 real significance of this illustration is that it shows 234 that Britain is symbolized by the Lion long before 235 the sequence of rising World Powers predicted in 236 Daniel 7. That is, before anyone could contrive a 237 symbolism scheme because they had no idea how 238 history would play itself out. 239

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The European Common Market. In a HispanicAmerican weekly magazine called "Free America",
dating back to Friday, April 28, 1967, on page two,
another political cartoon appeared where again we
see England symbolized by a lion. Great Britain was
attempting to enter the European Common Market.
France was opposed to its entry.

Even though I saw the cartoon published in a weekly Hispanic-American magazine, the syndicated author was Knudsen, of the Copley
Newspapers, so it should appear in other periodicals
of that time.

There had been a referendum in France, where the 257 results were adverse to England. The cartoonist 258 conveyed his message by using a house, whose front 259 depicted a sign that said "Common Market" and on 260 its door another sign that said: "French 261 Referendum". On the sidewalk, there was an ill-262 treated lion standing on its hind legs showing great 263 pain in its face. His tail had been caught by the 264 door. The word "Inglaterra" which in Spanish 265 means "England" appeared on its body. This is 266 another case of people that are in the business of 267 conveying news of a political nature, not in the 268 business of interpreting prophecy; yet, they use the 269 lion to represent Great Britain. See page 10. 270



Also in 1848. A relevant fact in presenting these 275 caricatures of the British lion is to emphasize that 276 these representations were created by people that 277 had nothing to do with religion. It is interesting to 278 note that they were made at different times in 279 history, throughout the duration of the vast British 280 Empire; which had colonies all around the world. If 281 we look at the following Internet site, we see that on 282 April 8, 1848, in the British magazine Punch no. 14, 283 there is a caricature titled "The British Lion and 284

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the Irish Monkey". Currently a copy can be found

at web address:

picture. See page 12.

287 http://www.punchcartoons.com/m47/Leech,-

- John/p111/Cartoon-Print:-British-Lion-&-TheIrish-Monkey/product_info.html.
- 289 In it, the lion is representing Great Britain. This 290 caricature appeared more than a century ago. In 291 other words, it is not something that current 292 "religious fanatics" are trying to convey in order to 293 persuade people to believe that England is the lion 294 of the prophecy in Daniel 7. The authors of these 295 representations never imagined their caricatures 296 could ever be used to demonstrate that the lion was 297 a prophetic symbol representing England. See 298
- **Recent books.** England was not represented as a 303 lion only in past decades. As recently as 1995, there 304 was a book published, titled "British Political 305 History 1867-1995," authored by Malcolm Pearce 306 and Geoffrey Stewart. Routledge is the publisher, 307 coded as "ISBN/ISSN: 0-415-13812-4." On the 308 book cover, there is a woman (Britannia). To her 309 left there is a shield with the British flag, and to her 310 right there is a lion. See page 13. 311

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This cartoon, appearing April 8, 1848, was drawn by John Leech. The caption under the title reads:

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Monkey (Mr. Mitchell). "One of us MUST be 'Put Down."

Mr. Mitchell is John Mitchell, editor of the the militant newspaper "The United Irishman."



"<u>Breaking with Moscow</u>". In another book from
the late 20th century, Arkady Shevchenko, a soviet
defector, cites Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet
Union's leader, in page 103, lines 16-20. This is
what Khrushchev says: "The British, -he conceded-

were a hopeless case, fervently anti-Soviet. The 327 lion's mane may be mangy", he said, "but he has 328 powerful bite still". Again we see how people of 329 different background and nationalities concur on 330 using the lion to symbolize England. I don't think 331 anyone would accuse Mr. Khrushchev, the soviet 332 communist Premier, of collusion with those 333 "religious fanatics" to make England look like the 334 lion of Daniel 7's prophecy. See photocopy of 335 excerpt below: 336

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The Education of a Soviet Diplomat

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rious plane crash in the Congo. Friends working on African affairs once told me they had seen a top-secret KGB report indicating that the aircraft had been shot down by pro-Soviet Congolese forces penetrated and guided by operatives from the U.S.S.R.

Khrushchev gave me yet another jolt one day with a rambling but coherent description of his intentions to exploit what he called "intraimperialistic contradictions" to advance Soviet power. He was on deck holding his tattered but beloved straw hat on his head with one hand to keep it from being blown away. "I can't part with it," he said with a chuckle. "It helps me think. And I don't imagine that my hat would be very much to the taste of the sharks."

That word, with no other prompting, set him off. Seeming to think aloud, he said, "In New York we will have to deal with a whole school of imperialist sharks, and of various breeds."

For the next half hour or so, he analyzed the major Western countries and Soviet strategy for pitting them against one another. The British, he conceded, were a hopeless case, fervently anti-Soviet. "The lion's mane may be mangy," he said, "but he has a powerful bite still. It's not for nothing that we have that saying: 'An Englishwoman never stops

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The English lion is in its shield. In the official 341 British government's roval Internet site 342 (http://www. royal.gov.uk /faq/arms.htm) we see 343 the description of the British coat of arms. The 344 description mentions the lion, which represents the 345 United Kingdom, three different times, especially in 346 line 15 at the bottom of the coat of arms. The 347 important thing to notice here is not only that the 348

lion appears on the shield, which may appear in
some other nation's shield, but that the lion is
mentioned as "the English Lion".



In the official coat of arms the shield shows the various royal emblems of different parts of Britain: the three lions of England in the first and fourth quarters, the lion of Scotland in the second and the harp of Ireland in the third. It is surrounded by a garter bearing the motto Honi soit qui mal y pense (Evil to him who evil thinks), which symbolises the Order of the Garter, an ancient order of knighthood of which the Queen is Sovereign. The shield is supported by the English lion and Scottish unicorn and is surmounted by the Royal crown. Below it appears the motto of the Sovereign, Dieu et mon droit (God and my right). The plant badges of

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The British Lion in Hong Kong. Something similar happens with the coat of arms in the former English colony of Hong Kong, where the lion that

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appears in the coat of arms is called the "British Lion." You can go to this web address to see this:

(http://www.bng.nl/ngw/int/asia/asia3.htm), or you can see a copy on this page 15.



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RUGBY: Former British Lion Pask dies in house fire

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CARDEFF (Nov 2, 1995 - 12:36 EST) - Former Wetsh and British Lions number eight Alun Pask was killed an Wedneuday night when fire swept through his home at Blackwood, Gwent. Pask, 53, won 26 caps for Wales between 1961 and 1967, winning a reputation as the best number eight in Europe. He played eight times for the British Lions, touring South Africa in 1962 and visiting Australia and New Zealand in 1966.

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Britain as the Lion in Le Monde. Much more recently, in the French periodical Le Monde, famous cartoonist Ronald Searle lampoons Britain's resistance to the implementation of the Euro as the European standard currency. In his caricature he depicts Britain as a Lion running scared from the Euro, represented as a stage box of marionettes.



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386	In an article written by Barbara Powell for the
387	<u>"Star Telegram</u> ", on July 28th, 1997, (paragraph 7)
388	the following is said about a Hong Kong
389	government worker Dorcas Ng. "When Mrs. Ng
390	takes a ferry across Victoria Harbor, to Hong Kong
391	Island, she can see that the logo of the British lion
392	on City Hall is gone". When the Chinese took over
393	the government of the island, all British heraldry
394	was removed. This is what Mrs. Powell is referring
395	to. The importance of mentioning this is that it
396	shows the tacit recognition of the Lion as the
397	symbol of England in different spheres, origins and
398	periods. Examine this at Internet address:
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	Updated: Saturday, Jun. 28, 1997 at 01:09 CDT
	Woman led back to colony by faith
	By Barbara Powell Star-Telegram Staff Writer
	HONG KONG Today is the last time that Dorcas Ng will get a day off from her government job courtesy of Queen Elizabeth.
	After midzight Monday, when Britain returns this little territory to China, the tradition of giving government workers a holiday to celebrate the queen's birthday will end.
	It is such small details that to Ng - a former Dallas resident who frequently returns for visits characterize the coming handover of Hong Kong to China.
	Ng curve to Texas in 1985 for an international earnp counselon program as part of her work with Schools for Christ, an organization of Chinese Christian teachers. She lived with her cousin Diana Lin in Richardson for about a year and was tempted to stay. But Ng usered an apartment in Hong Kong, and she chore is nearen and get married — and to unitat the fatture to Hong Kong, China and God.
	While politicians and analysis debate the effect of turning this jewel of capitalism over to a communist government with a history of repression, those who work and live in Hong Kong quietly net the changes that have begut.
	The stationery that Ng uses in her job as a functions assistant for the Urban Council no longer has printed on its envelopen the words "On her Majesty's Service." The words now are "On Government Service."
•	When Ng sakes a ferry across Victoria Harbor to Hong Kong Island, she can see that the logo of the British lion on City Hall is gone. In its place on the building's white marble flanks, Ng sees the hot-pink flash of a bashing Bower, Chan's choosen symbol for Hong Kong.
	The 41-member elected Urban Council, which is similar to a city council that sets policy, deals with capital improvements and performs other typical government functions, has added nise councilors appointed by the Chinese government. There is also debate about calling the group a provisional council in anticipation of China bringing in a hand-picked council.
	For Ng, 42, none of this is cause for slarm: She long ago accepted the inevitable and decided to put her faith in Hong Kong - and in China.
	Beijing has agreed that the colony's social and legal institutions will remain for 50 more years. China and Hong Kong are to become "one country, two systems."
	"We are not worrying about this," said Ng, a petite woman who describes her accountant husband. Alan, as the quiet one in the marriage and herself as the talker.
	When asked if she believes that overything will remain the same. Ng, a slender woman about 5 feet tall with black hair and quick movements, rams her palms up, shings and says, "Who knows?"
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Facts that demonstrate that the bear in the prophecy represents Russia

Through the years, the world press has used the lion to represent England. The same can be said about Russia and the bear. The representation of Russia as the bear is also fairly recent; therefore the reader has probably seen it a number of times. However, just in case this isn't so, it is good to include some references.

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The bear and President Barack Obama. On the 432 occasion of President Barack Obama's recent trip to 433 Moscow to meet with the Russian leadership, the 434 British financial magazine The Economist featured 435 a composite illustration on it's cover that 436 highlighted the perceived political danger of the 437 trip. In it President Obama is shown walking 438 straight in to the mouth of a bear, with the caption 439 above of "Welcome to Moscow". You can see this 440 cover on the July 4th to 10th 2009 edition of The 441 Economist. See page 21. 442

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An Early Depiction of Russia as the Bear. The depiction of Russia as a bear, in international 448 political commentary, was common long before 449 Russia became the World Power of the mid-20th 450 Century. In the following 1808 illustration by 451 famous British cartoonist James Gillray, he depicts 452 Russia as a bear subdued by Napoleon, through the 453 treaty of Tilset, and shows both Napoleon and the 454 chained Russian Bear advancing against the British 455 Lion. See page 22. 456



Other Early Depictions of Russia as the Bear.

During the 19th Century Tsarist Russia was depicted 462 as a bear. And this was decades before the 463 Bolshevik takeover and a century before its 464 ascendancy to the World Power following Great 465 Britain. Notice that when they represent Tsarist 466 Russia, the bear wears a royal crown, and when 467 communist Russia is represented the bear wears a 468 typical Russian winter hat or hammer and sickle. In 469 the following two caricatures by Sir John Tenniel 470 and William Boucher, tsarist Russia is depicted as a 471 bear. In the first one by Sir John Tenniel, the 472 Russian Bear is giving a very dangerous "bear hug" 473 to Turkey, depicted as a turkey (Punch, April 9th, 474 1853). In the second one, cartoonist William 475 Boucher depicts tsarist Russia as a predator 476 neighbor just over the fence (Judy, March 29th, 477 1876). See pages 23 & 24. 478

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The bear and Uncle Sam. On Sunday, February 17th, 1985, page 5-A of the "Diario las Americas" there was a political cartoon authored by Ozon. It was that of Uncle Sam, which represents the United States, sitting at a table, making negotiations with a bear. The bear wears a typical Russian winter hat and on his body you'll see a sickle and a hammer. See page 25.



500 Russians Depict Their Country as the Bear. 501 The representation of Russia as a bear is not only 502 used by non-Russians. Russians also see their 503 country as the Bear. In a recent version of the online 504 encyclopedia, Wikipedia, a search for "Russian 505 Bear" yields a very interesting article with 506 references to the use of the Bear as a symbol of 507 Russia. Up to December 1st, 2009 all the examples 508 of the Russian Bear given in this article are different 509 than the ones shown in this book, hence they are 510 additional evidence of the use of the Russian Bear 511 in political and news circles. I encourage the readers 512 to check this Wikipedia article to see examples of 513 Russians using the Russian Bear to depict 514 themselves. One instance of this is "Misha", the 515 official mascot of the 1980 Moscow Olympic 516 Games. See page 26. 517

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The bear in Afghanistan. On March 5th, 1985, another cartoon appears by Ozón. It depicts a bear in Afghanistan surrounded by skeletons and tombs. It refers to the time when Russia invaded Afghanistan. The bear had a hat with a red star, which typifies the red army. See page 27.



Gorbachev as a bear. A few days later on Sunday, the 17th of March 1985, in the same page of "Diario las Americas", there was another one of Ozon's political cartoons of the bear. This time the animal has a collar with Gorbachev's name inscribed. The bear's winter hat has the sickle and the hammer. The bear is also carrying missiles under its arms. In the background of the cartoon, you can see the Kremlin. See page 28.



The bear and the Latin Leader. A caricature of the bear was printed in "Diario las Americas", by Ozon, on May 4, 1985 on page 5-A. It was printed to depict the visit of a Latin American government official to Russia. The Kremlin is seen in the background. The bear is wearing its typical Russian winter hat. The hat has the sickle and the hammer on it. The visiting Latin leader is running up to the bear for a hug. See page 29.





Jack Anderson mentions the Soviet Bear. No 558 journalist, nor any media outlet, will display 559 symbols to their readers or listeners that they could 560 not understand. It is logical to think that when the 561 press uses the symbol of the bear to represent 562 Russia, it is because their readers will understand it. 563 Jack Anderson was a well known and influential 564 American journalist in the United States. He 565 published his columns in hundreds of newspapers, 566 in English, as well as in other languages. This 567 individual has to write with sensitivity and 568 knowledge, using adequate vocabulary and symbols 569 to communicate with his innumerable readers. He 570 also uses the bear to represent Russia in one of his 571 articles. The article I will discuss here is the one that 572 appeared in "Diario las Americas" on November 573 19th, 1984, titled "Indira Gandhi and her devotion 574 to India." An associate of Mr. Anderson, named 575 Indy Badhwar, had interviewed Ms. Gandhi two 576 years before, when she was the Prime Minister of 577

India. Mr. Anderson mentions this interview in hisarticle. This is what it said:

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"Two years ago, Ms. Gandhi, who rarely 581 granted private interviews, agreed to give one 582 to my associate, Indy Badhwar. She was 583 exasperated with the attitude of many people 584 in the United States, who thought that 585 whoever was not in favor of the U.S. position 586 in their fight against the Soviet Union, was 587 against the U.S. as well. She said: 'Neither I 588 am for the Soviets nor for the U.S. I am for 589 India.' 590

In fact, Indira Gandhi always demonstrated that she was ready and able to flee the embrace of the <u>Russian Bear</u> as soon as it was giving signals of embracing too tight."

It was obvious to Jack Anderson that representing 596 Russia with the bear should be understood by 597 millions of his readers. So, it is reasonable to think 598 that this symbol is understood internationally; since 599 his writings were read all around the world. Notice 600 that this guy is not a "religious fanatic" trying to get 601 his readers to interpret a prophecy. Instead we are 602 talking about a serious journalist telling us about a 603 theme that happens to be ten light years away from 604 the interpretation of prophecies. See page 31. 605

Indira Gandhi y su devoción a la India

Por Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON.—Por largo tiempo he sentido una profunda atracción hacia la India y un sincero respeto por la mujer de fuertes convicciones que fuera lider de esa nación durante las dos últimas décadas. El asesinato de Indira Gandhi por extremistas Sikhs puede resultar un serio revés para la frágil estructura política encabezada por ella en la democracia más grande del mundo.

En este periodo de luto e incertidumbre, los Estados Unidos pueden prestar el mejor servicio a la India —y al resto del mundo— asegurándoles a los sucesores de Indira Gandhi que nosotros estamos comprometidos a apoyar su afán de seguridad en medio de los peligros de las dictaduras vecimas y las fragmentaciones religiosas internas.

La seguridad de ese apoyo serviria de mucho para disipar las sospechas y los resentimientos de los lideres de la Indía com respecto a los Estados Unidos, que se remontan a los tiempos de cuando el presidente Nizon "se inclinó", secretamente hacia Paquistán durante la guerra con la Indía en 1971. Las relaciones entre las dos democracias más grandes del mundo dejaron de progresar a partir de entonces debido a las continuas quejas de políticos norteamericanos ignorantes, de que la India es demasiado pro-soviética.

Hace dos años, la señora Gandhi —que rara vez concedia entrevistas privadas accedió a ser entrevistada por mi asociado Indy Badhwar. Indira Gandhi demostró estar visiblemente exasperada por la actitud de muchos en este país de que quienquiera que no esté a favor nuestro en la lucha contra los soviéticos necesariamente tiene que estar en contra nuestra.

"No estoy ni a favor de los soviéticos ni a favor de los norteamericanos", declaró ella, "Estoy a favor de la India".

Y. de hecho. Indira Gandhi siempre demostró estar dispuesta y estar capacitada para rehuir el abrazo del <u>oso ruso</u> tan pronto como ésté diera señales de apretar demasiado. Por ejempio, cuando el Rramin trató de hacer a la India completamente degendiente de los armamentos soviéticos al ofecersetos a unos precios bajisimos. Indira Gandhi demostró su desprecio a la oferta soviética dirigiéndo-

In another example, a school of language 609 represents Russia as a bear. In 1988, when 610 Glasnost and Perestroika were vogue, there were 611 several programs teaching the Russian language. 612 New York State University at New Paltz was one of 613 the academic sites that offered these lessons. These 614 programs were sponsored by "Voices of the Future" 615 which was located at 250 W. 57th St., New York, 616 New York 10107. The program offered students the 617 opportunity of going to Russia to learn the language. 618 A bear and an Eagle, shoulder to shoulder, appear 619 on the front of a pamphlet promoting one of these 620 programs. Keep in mind that if the Eagle represents 621 the United States, then one has to assume that the 622 bear represents Russia. Both countries at the time 623 had friendly relations. Therefore, they offered this 624 opportunity for Americans to learn Russian for 625 future business dealings with that country. 626

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Again, this is not a matter where only a few people are looking at things with a particular prejudice. When they agreed to publish this pamphlet, even the Russians, who play a part in these programs, consider the characterization of themselves as the bear as correct. See a photocopy of the pamphlet in page 33.

The Military. Let's look at another sector that is
 not involved in religious discourse; a sector that is
 composed of professionals who are solely occupied
 with their jobs. They are not even thinking of
 prophecy. The Army Branch of the Department of

1988 Russian Language Study in the Soviet Union

in the era of Glasnost and Perestroika

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Defense of the United States has its own training 645 department. This department publishes several 646 books and pamphlets dedicated to the teaching of 647 tactics, weapons, strategy, techniques, etc. Among 648 these publications, there is a series titled "Field 649 Manuals," abbreviated FM. The first number after 650 the letters "FM", refers to the subject the pamphlet 651 or book is about, for example: tactics, operations, 652 health, intelligence, training, etc.. Another number 653 follows a hyphen, which refers to yet something 654 more specific the pamphlet teaches, for example: 655 handling of a specific anti-tank weapon, etc.. 656

Let's proceed to refer to the pamphlet FM 34-85-657 1, 1983 version. On its cover there is a world globe 658 that shows the petroleum regions in the Middle 659 East. A bear is measuring the distances with a 660 compass in hand, while the Eagle tries to take the 661 map away from the bear's left claw. As you can see, 662 the cover is trying to depict the muffled fight 663 between Russia and the United States during the 664 cold war. See a photocopy of the cover in page 35. 665 666

Summary. I believe that all the material presented 667 so far is more than sufficient to effectively convince 668 anyone that Russia is represented by the symbol of 669 the bear. This goes without counting the 670 innumerable times that the reader himself has seen 671 such things or will see depicted in the future 672 regarding the issue. 673

Now I will demonstrate how people use the tiger
to depict China and some Asian countries; and how
dissimilar people of different countries who have
nothing to do with religion are in agreement when it
comes to this. People who deal rather with finance,
business and politics. People who almost certainly

don't even know of the existence of a Daniel 7 prophecy.





Facts that demonstrate that the **Tiger of the prophecy represents China-Asia**

Any believer can understand prophecy. As I have said in other occasions, when God gives a public prophecy, it is meant to be understood by anyone who reads the Scriptures and is aware of what is happening around him. God does not give an open

or public prophecy to be understood by only a few 696 marvelous, spectacular, or "anointed" people. The 697 belief that the open prophecies of the Bible are to be 698 understood only by a few special people, has led our 699 brethren into many errors throughout the centuries. 700 Many sects and cults have been organized around 701 these special predictions which have subsequently 702 failed. 703

If a brother in Christ interprets a public prophecy 704 of the Bible, he must have clear and convincing 705 arguments that are easy to understand by the rest of 706 the brethren. If he lacks them and needs to use 707 knowledge or methods that are not within the reach 708 of any Christian, it means his interpretation is not 709 correct. God has not placed the prophecies in the 710 Bible so that they could only be understood by 711 linguists, theologians, scholars, academicians, 712 etc., like Gamaliel and Caiaphas, but rather so 713 that carpenters and fishermen, like James, Peter 714 and Andrew, could understand them. 715

Based on this truth, I present data that confirms,
indisputably, that today Great Britain, Russia, and
Asia are known as the lion, the bear and the tiger
respectively. Let's now study the China-Asian case.

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China seems to be the head. Great Britain and 722 Russia not only represent their country, but also 723 several nations forming a bloc with them. In the 724 case of England, it was the head of the British 725 Empire, later known as the British Commonwealth. 726 In Russia's case, it was the head of the Union of 727 Socialist Soviet Republics, which was transformed 728 into the Russian Federation after the fall of 729 Communism. Likewise, in the case concerning 730
Asia, China seems to be the main nation, but isn't
the only nation that forms the tiger. Let's see.

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734 The electrical engineers. The relevance of this 735 exposition hinges on the fact that this data is based 736 on the opinions of people who have nothing to do 737 with religion. They are professionals who do not 738 preconceived opinions have about the 739 interpretations of the prophecy. A professional 740 magazine of The Institute of Electrical and 741 Electronics "Spectrum", Engineers, called 742 published an article in June, 1991. The title on the 743 cover page reads: "Asia Power: technology's 744 Pacific tilt." Below the title, you see a tiger 745 There is no need for representing Asia. 746 complicated analysis. Those that put the tiger on the 747 title page don't know anything about the prophecy. 748 They simply depict the Asian power the same way 749 others do, by using the "tiger". See page 38. 750 751



The Four Asian Tigers in Wikipedia. The free Internet Encyclopedia, Wikipedia, showcases the use in the current zeitgeist of the "Four Asian Tigers" in one of its articles. These are shown as four countries of the Pacific Rim, with the highest rate of growth and industrialization in the region. These are South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. It is interesting to note that in this article it also specifies four other countries that are

experiencing "faster economic transformation" and 765 are now being called the New Four Asian Tigers. 766 These are the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and 767 Thailand. If we recall the prophecy (Daniel 7:6), the 768 tiger or leopard has four heads and four wings. 769 Could these eight countries be the four heads and 770 four wings? It is currently too early to tell. The 771 current "tiger" world power is still in development 772 and the outcome could go in several directions. It is 773 notable, however, that the fulfillment of a 2400 year 774 old prophecy is beginning to take form before our 775 eyes. 776



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The investment financiers. Let's look at a very
different sector now, Investment Finance. Prudential
Mutual Funds prepared a pamphlet for their
investors. The front page says: "An Investor's
Guide to the Pacific Basin", "Prudential Pacific
Growth Fund," and in its background, a tiger's head

occupies the entire page. In the pamphlet, if one 787 looks at the table of contents, you will see a line that 788 says: "Strong Growth Prospects Abound in the 789 Tiger Nations." When you read the article and its 790 statistics and graphics, you'll see this sentence: 791 "The Tigers and the Mini-Tigers of the Pacific 792 Basin, collectively known for its tremendous rhythm 793 of economic growth...." You can see a photocopy 794 of the cover on page 40, a photocopy of the table of 795 contents and a photocopy of page six of the booklet, 796 on page 41 of this book. 797





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there was a fair that ran from April 23rd through 809 April 26th, 1998. The Hispanic-American daily 810 "Diario las Americas" announced this fair of 811 Asiatic manufacturer products on April 23rd, 1998. 812 On page 11-A appeared a six by eight and half inch 813 panel that read, with large letters: "Tigers of Asia." 814 After the title, it listed the products that were going 815 to be offered at the fair. So, as you can see they call 816 themselves "The Asian Tigers." See the 817 announcement on page 43. 818

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In an article written by Henry Kissinger 821 published by the Miami Herald on Sunday, 822 August 1st, 1993, on page 5-C, the ex-Secretary of 823 State of the U.S. mentions the Asian Tigers. The 824 article is titled: "Trade pact is keystone for a new 825 world order." In the second paragraph of its second 826 column it says: "America has never had a neighbor 827 with the importance that Mexico will acquire in the 828 next century, with or without NAFTA. By then it 829 will be a country with a population well over 100 830 million and equal to the Asian little tigers such as 831 Korea". See picture on page 44. 832

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Trade pact is keysto

Former Secretary of State Henry Kis-singer wrote this article for The Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

By HENRY KISSINGER

By HENRY KISSINGER B effore the end of the summer, Pres-can free Trade Agreement (NAFTA; linking the United States with Canada and Mexico in a free trade area compris ing a population of 3700 million and a prossmanianal product of 56 trillian. It, will represent the most free trade area represent the work of a complete the work of a complete the trade area comprised the trade area complete the most represent repr entire Western Hemi-sphere. And yet, recent polls show that barely

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agreements are being negotiated in the Clinton administration. But NAFTA is so vital to prospects for global progress that it needs to transcend partisanship

that it needs to transcend partisanship and merits a demonstration of nonparti-san unity. America has never had a neighbor of the importance Mexico will acquire in the next century, with or without NAFTA. By then it will be a country with a population of well over 100 mil-lion and <u>could to the Asian "little liters"</u> such as Korea. Our de facto open bor-ders make friendly relations a vital national interest. Twenty million Mexi-can residents in the United States link the interests of the two nations on the human level. The healthier Mexico's economy, the lower the illegal immigra-tion and the greater American exports will be to an economy whose propensity to import from us is the highest in the world. world

In this task, the president is entitled to bipartisan support. NAFTA's key provisions were concluded during the Bush administration; its supplementary

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In the weekly magazine "Newsweek," on May 837 14th, 1990, on page 46 in the business section, an 838 article appears that shows the possibility of South 839 Korea becoming another industrial giant like Japan. 840 The title says it all: "The wounded Asian Tiger." 841

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Again, we see people who have nothing to do 842 with the subject of interpretations of the prophecies, 843 who are inadvertently interpreting this prophecy for 844 us. See the article on page 45. 845



Asia's Wounded Tiger

South Korea no longer looks like the next Japan

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The world renowned writer Mario Vargas-850 Llosa, wrote an article titled: "A Runaway Tiger." 851 In it, he speaks of the speedy development of China 852 as an economic power. The article was published in 853 "Diario las Americas," on August 2nd, 1994, on 854 page 4-A. Four paragraphs before its end, this is 855 what this well known writer wrote: "Den Xiaoping 856 let the Tiger out of its cage, believing that having 857 it restrained by the leash, he could make the tiger 858 walk at his rhythm and in the direction he wanted. 859 But the animal started running, and no one knew 860 how to stop it. Do you know how to stop a 861 runaway tiger without killing it? " 862

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Then in the last paragraph he says, "I limit myself to say that letting **the tiger run** makes me happy, and I propose that we toast that this lustrous animal keeps on running like a bolt of lightning, until he rids himself of the leash that restrains him and from those who hold the leash. Is there a more beautiful sight in the whole wide world than seeing **a tiger**

- running loose, without restraints or obstacles over
 the width of the Earth?"



"<u>National Geographic Magazine</u>" is not linked
to either religion or politics. In volume 180 # 5, in
its November 1991 issue, on page 62, it displays
some photographs of a convention of directors of
Thai and Japanese corporations. Below the pictures
the caption reads:

**...Thousands of such joint ventures, especially in
electronic manufacturing, have made Thailand
itself an Asian 'tiger', successfully stalking
Western markets." We see how the label of "tigers"
is being applied more frequently to Asian countries
of the Pacific Basin. See picture on page 47.



Invoking the aid of a higher power, Buddhist priests help Japanese and Thai corporate officials launch a new scaftolding factory. Thousands of such joint ventures — particularly in electronics manufaclure — have made Thailand itself an Asian, "tiger," fuccessfully stalking Western markets. The rise of consumer goods in Thai culture is seen at an ethnic Chinese funeral in Bangkok, where papier-mâché appliances are offered up for the afterlife



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<u>**Television as well.</u>** The term "Asian Tigers" has also been used in television when referring to the countries I've mentioned. The phrase "Asian</u> Tigers" was used in a program called "Impact," which aired on Sunday, November 2nd, 1997 at 19:45, Eastern Time, produced by CNN, which talked about the countries in the Pacific Basin.

Clearly, the name has stuck. Anyone who hears 898 the phrase knows what they are referring to. I 899 repeat, if anyone is sensitive and knowledgeable as 900 to which words must be used in order for one to be 901 understood by everyone, it is the press and the 902 media in general. Besides the fact that this skill is 903 vital for their line of work, they have a vast 904 experience at this. Its not just the written press, it is 905 the media in general and their readers or audiences, 906 which confirm the fact that these countries are 907 identified as a tiger. 908

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The magazine "The Economist," as you may 910 surmise from its name, has no links to "religious 911 fanaticism" of which Christians are so often falsely 912 accused. It published an article referring to four 913 countries of Asia in the Pacific Basin as tigers. In 914 its July 18th, 1992 issue, on page 21, you see a 915 writing titled "The Overseas Chinese: A Driving 916 Force", in which the impact of the regional 917 economy is analyzed. Its foreign population is 55 918 million, yet they do not allow the culture and loyalty 919 to the country of their ancestors to be dissolved. At 920 the beginning of the third paragraph, the author 921 proposes a rhetorical question about the possibility 922 of whether these ethnic Chinese can influence the 923 economy of continental China. In this article, it is 924 stated that "The first answer is that they command 925 resources far beyond their numbers. Of Asia's four 926 tigers (the poor world's fastest developers over the 927

past 30 years), only South Korea does not have
 ethnic Chinese." See the article in this page 49.

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> If so, the overseas Chinese—ethnic Chinese living outside China—will have had a big hand in the proceedings. This seems odd. Even if the 21m in Taiwan and 6m in Hong Kong are included, they number only 55m. They are politically powerless in most of the dozen Asian lands and handful of western ones through which they are sprinkled. How can they drive the modernisation of a poverty-ridden continental power with a population of 1.2 billion?

> The first answer is that they command resources far beyond their numbers. Of Asia's four "tigers"—the poor world's fastest developers over the past 30 years—only South Korea is not Chinese. Almost all the

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Again in "The Economist," they utilize the alias 934 of "tigers". In the August 15th, 1992 issue, page 935 25, there is an article titled "Quenching the Tigers' 936 Thirst." It describes the rapid expansion of the 937 Asiatic economy and its need for oil. This is another 938 example of diverse sectors which, without intending 939 to, help us to interpret the Biblical prophecies and 940 identify the countries to which they refer. There is a 941 partial reproduction of the article on page 50. 942

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Quenching the tigers' thirst

Asia's economies are expanding fast—and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was a sobering warning that the expansion depends on imported energy

I N 1991 Asian countries (including Australia and New Zealand) consumed 23% of the world's energy, the equivalent of 35m barrels of oil per day (b/d). A decade earlier, the figure had been closer to 18%, or 21m b/d. Compare this with Europe and North America, where energy consumption hardly increased at all.

Coal, meeting 48% of demand, is Asia's favourite fuel, mainly because India and China use their abundant domestic supplies. The richer countries care more about oil, which provided 37% of all energy consumed in Asia last year. Nearly half of Asia's oil needs are met by imports from outside the region—and, as prospering Asians buy

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 agreement with my interpretation of the Daniel 7
 prophecy. Instead this is true evidence that no one
 can deny, unless one chooses to deliberately close
 their eyes to the facts.

In the February 17th, 1992 issue of Newsweek, on
page 35, there was an article titled "China's **Renegade Province.**" The article exposes the fast
growth of the Chinese Province of Guangdong. In

the caption of the picture that is in the upper right 957 corner of the page, the province is referred to as 958 Asia's fifth tiger. In the middle of the second 959 paragraph of this writing, there was a reference to 960 Deng Xiaoping's opinion of this province which 961 states: "Deng, himself, on a recent two weeks tour 962 to Guangdong, called the region Asia's fifth tiger." 963 Here we see that even the Chinese leaders 964 themselves, and in this particular case, Deng 965 Xiaoping, use the nickname of the tiger to refer 966 to their own regions and countries. I do not think 967 that anyone would accuse the Chinese communist 968 leader of being in cahoots with Christians to 969 demonstrate that the Bible is correct in its 970 prophecies. See the article in page 52. 971

China's Renegade Province

Guangdong does fine without either Marx or Mao

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An article by Luis Fernández Caubí, published in the Hispanic American daily "Diario las Americas", on October 21st, 1993, on page 4, has this title: "The Tigers of the Far East." Yet another example of writers of different ethnic and national backgrounds concur in using the alias "tigers" to refer to countries in the Pacific Basin. Let's look at it on page 53.

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The writer and journalist Ariel Remos, published an article in "Diario las Americas" on January 16th, 1994, page 1-A, titled "Chinese Model is not applicable for Cuba." In this article Dr. Remos cites some declarations by the Economist Antonio Jorge.

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In making one of these citations, from the middle 996 of the one before last paragraph of the article, Dr. 997 Remos writes this: "And, to greater abundance, add 998 to it that Cuba can't count in the future, let alone the 999 present, with the necessary foreign investments, 1000 technology, financial credits, banking facilities and 1001 marketing networks, distribution and sales centers, 1002 so they can compete not only with their neighbors, 1003 but also with the Asian Tigers". 1004

Here is another person, whose job is mass communications, who knows that his readers will understand what **the Asiatic tigers** are. It is not just two or three people saying this. There are many others who unwittingly demonstrate that the tiger in

the prophecy is referring to the Asian countries. See 1010 the article on this page 54. 1011

Modelo chino es inaplicable en Cuba

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(Viena de la Pag.I.A) damiento agrega que Osba tam-pece ocetará, y mucho mesos en el presente, con la necesaria in-versión extranjera, tecnología, créditos financieros, facilidades bancerias y redes de mercados, distribución y venta, como para poder competir no sólo con sus vecinos, sino también con los li-gres asiáticos." Esto sin contar Cón que eristiado catastrólico de la economía cubana no ofrece o garantiza los servicios minimos e infraestructura, imprescindigaranta de infra nfraestructura, imprescindi-i para operar las más ele-

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con les productos manufactura-dos en esos centras para su dis-tribución y venta mundiales, y también con alimentos cultiva-das en Cantón para su consume en Hong Kong. "Ese tráfico tan intenso calcula Jorge que cons-tituye más del 40% del total de las expertacionas de bienes ma-nufacturados par la nación chi-na. "Fijémones, además, que las manufacturas chinas pueden ser colocadas tan exitosamente en el mercado mantifal, porque son resultado de una combinación de inctores singulares. De una par-te, el ya mencionado volumen gi-gantesco de inversiones extraor-din a ría s. la transmisión continua de un flujo de tecnele-

mentales facilidades de produc-ción. Cuba no puede garantizar siguiera una infraestructura energética de transporte, alma-cenamisento, distribución y faci-lidades portuarias".

Influenza portectiva expensición el De. Jorge afirmando que lo dicho an-teriormente pore de manifiesto la ignorancia supina, o tal vez interessola, de aquellos que quie-ren ver en el modelo chino, una posibilidad de recuperación pa-ra la economía cubana".

1014 Jose Ignacio Rasco, in another reference. In 1015 "Diario las Americas", on its February 6th, 1994 1016 issue, on page 5-A, there's an article titled "The 1017 Chaos of Russia". In its fifth paragraph the article 1018 says: "The old man of the Marxist's seventieth 1019 decade was a tired bureaucrat, without stimulation, 1020 nor a desire for progress, who did not attain the 1021 discipline of his Chinese neighbors, especially in the 1022 agricultural field. And even less than that of the 1023 other Asian neighbors, the four tigers". See page 1024 55. 1025

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El Caos en Rusia

Por José Ignacio Rasco

Hace dos años, en mi primera visita a Moscú, y luego de habíar con políticos, economistas y amigos de cierta jerarquía Soviética, sali tan intrigado como preocupado. Observé un nivel de confusión espantoso sobre la estrategia a seguir para "modernizar" el pais, "occidendalizario" y "democratizario". Los radecales querian aplicar "terapias de choque" en todas las esferas. Girar 180 grados del modo más extremista y acelarado. Otros pregonaban el gradualismo. Pero lo grave del caso es que observaba que, ni para la formula giratoria o para el camino ascendente en espiral, no había personal suficiente capa de ontender el proceso o de llevario a cabo.

El desorden ruso era paralelo al de todos sus camaradas que vivieron atrás de la Ramada Cortina de Hierro. En la ex Unión Soviética la fragmentación nacionalista acrecentaba las divergencias. Rusia, Armenia y los Práses Bálticos parecian apontar hacia la Democracia y el Mercado Libre. Los demás asociaban el nacionalismo a nostalgias comunistas, más interesados en ascender al Por otra parte, la pollica con miras occidentales producia antitéticas confrontaciones. Una relación de amor-odio creaba por igual expectativas utópicas como humillaciones nacionales. La guerra frá habia congelado actitudesque no se deshielaban fácilmente.

La ayada a regimenes stalinistas, como Cuba e Iraq, que ahora cesaba, producia também antinomias entre las dirigencias que machas de ellas remanciaban al convanismo, gero no del todo a sur leyendas imperialistas seculares.

La clave del problema parece girar en lorno al problema humano. Los soviéticos no crearon tampoco un "hombre nueve" para convertir el socialismo en un paraiso. El hombre viejo de la septuagésima década marxista era un burécrata cancado, sin estimulos ni apetencias para el progreso, que no logró la disciplina de sus vecinos chinos, especialmente en el campo agricola, ni, mucho menos, la de sus vecinos asiaticos, los "cuatro tigres".

Estos y otros señalamientos que el espacio me obliga a silenciar ponen de relieve la magnitud

The President of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, 1030 assured the Economic Council of the Pacific Basin, 1031 that his country "had already started roaring, and 1032 soon will become the tiger of the Andes, in order 1033 to compete with the Asian tigers in matters of 1034 economic development." This information was 1035 published by "Diario las Americas", on May 23rd, 1036 1996, on page 2-A, under the title "We will soon be 1037 the Tiger of the Andes". Later, in the eighth 1038 paragraph, it states: "Recalling the spectacular 1039 success of the so called Asian Tigers (Singapore, 1040 Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan), Fujimori said that 1041 Peru 'shares with our Asian counterparts, a 1042 commitment for growth, productivity and hard 1043 work, and we have already started roaring". See 1044 photocopy on page 56. 1045

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A previous President of the United States, Bill

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Clinton, also refers to countries of the Pacific Basin 1051 as tigers. On the front page of "Diario las 1052 Americas", in its May 10th, 1997 issue, there is an 1053 article that reads this: "San Jose de Costa Rica 1054 (EFE) - The President of the United States praised 1055 the triumph of peace in all of Central America, and 1056 assured that because of its economic growth, the 1057 'Jaguars', which was the symbolism he used to 1058 depict these countries, were only second to the 1059 Asian Tigers." The title of this article was "Bill 1060 Clinton praises the Jaguars of Central America 1061 following the Asian Tigers". It is clear to the 1062 whole world that anyone, from world leaders to 1063 peasants, refer to these nations in the Pacific Basin 1064 as "tigers". See page 57. 1065

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issue, on page 10-A, in a section titled "Economy," Clinton's portrait appears below a title that said (in Spanish) "Clinton is joined by the IMF in support of the economy of the Asian Tigers." See page 58.



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were also fast. To believe this interpretation one has to have a great deal of good will and imagination.

¹⁰⁹⁴ These are merely speculations.

The way I present the material given does not 1095 require a whole lot of effort or imagination to 1096 identify the nations mentioned with the 1097 corresponding animals as symbols. The general 1098 public itself identifies them the same way without 1099 intending to. We are not enticing the imagination to 1100 see something we want to see. What we point out is 1101 what others call by name as well. However, this is 1102 not the case with the identification of the fourth 1103 beast, it's identification hasn't become as clear yet. 1104 *** 1105

> <u>The fourth beast and the European</u> <u>Union</u>

The four main aspects that identify the fourth 1111 beast will only be seen when it is at the peak of its 1112 power. There is no data to identify it before its time. 1113 Only our common sense can be used, but that also 1114 fails us sometimes. 1115 The four most clearly identifiable aspects of the 1116 fourth beast are: 1117 1118 a) It will rise after the tiger according to verse 7. 1119 The tiger has already risen. 1120 1121 **b**) It will have a greater power than the previous 1122 three beasts, according to verse 23. 1123 1124 c) The fourth beast will split, and out of that 1125 kingdom, ten kings shall arise as verse 24 states. 1126 1127

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d) After the ten rulers rise, another will arise that will subdue three of the ten former ones, which will become the antiChrist, as is seen in verses 24-25.

None of the four aspects identifying the fourth
beast, <u>except the first one</u>, allow us to assure ahead
of time which will be the last empire before the
fourth beast sits in power.

Nevertheless, if one analyzes the events in the
world, one will realize that it is not easy for a world
power like this to rise, as described, unless it is the
European Union. This is why I convey the thought
of using one's common sense in this case, but it
may be possible that we don't hit the mark.

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Another possibility is the unification of the 1145 Islamic countries, but currently I do not foresee 1146 that as a probability. They are always fighting with 1147 each other and above all, they do not have the 1148 industrialization, infrastructure, and the atomic 1149 armaments equal or superior to non Muslim 1150 countries, which would be necessary to terrify other 1151 countries, as the prophecy says the fourth beast will 1152 do. The possibility to terrify other nations becomes 1153 certainly more probable, if the fourth beast is joined 1154 by the other three former beasts. Let's see. 1155

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The fourth beast will probably make an alliance with the former three beasts

One of the things that we can be certain about is
that the antiChrist will rise from the fourth beast of
Daniel 7, as described in verses 24-25.

If we read Revelation 13, we see that the first 1164 beast of Revelation 13, is equivalent to the fourth 1165 beast of Daniel 7, plus the three former beasts 1166 (England, Russia and China). 1167 I say that because the description given of the first 1168 beast in Revelation 13:2 has similarities with all 1169 three of the former beasts. Its body as that of a 1170 leopard (tiger), its feet are like that of a bear and its 1171 mouth like that of a lion. It gives the appearance 1172 that the European Union has become allied with, or 1173 taken China (the tiger), Russia (the bear) and Great 1174 Britain (the lion) as satellites. It looks as if the 1175 extraordinary force that the prophecy attributes to 1176 the fourth beast will derive from that. Let's see 1177 both, Daniel and Revelation fourth beast. 1178 1179 "After this I saw in the night visions, and 1180 behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, 1181 and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron 1182 teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and 1183 stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it 1184 was diverse from all the beasts that were 1185 before it; and it had ten horns." (Dn 7:7) 1186 1187 "1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and 1188 saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having 1189 seven heads and ten horns, and upon his 1190 horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the 1191 name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I 1192 saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet 1193 were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as 1194 the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him 1195 his power, and his seat, and great authority." 1196 (Rev 13:1-2) 1197 1198

Summary. As we can see, I can not prove that the 1199 fourth beast is the European Union allied with Great 1200 Britain, Russia and China. But this conjecture is not 1201 at all out of reason, from a prophetic standpoint, 1202 which is the only perspective we care about. As the 1203 events begin to take place we will be able to see 1204 things more clearly. As I will say later, God has 1205 placed the symbols in the prophecies so that it can 1206 only be understood when the assigned time arrives. 1207 We -will know when the time has come, if we are 1208 faithful in reading the Bible and are aware of what's 1209 happening around us. 1210

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How can we help a sincere skeptic believe?

Up until now, I have proven the veracity of this 1215 prophecy, but an obsessive skeptic could argue that 1216 all of this is nothing more than a coincidence, mere 1217 chance, even the fact that the prophecy mentions 1218 four different animals in certain sequence, and four 1219 nations have surfaced that could truly be identified 1220 with these four beasts. Let's look at this 1221 mathematically, to see if this "coincidence" could 1222 occur in a way that a sincere skeptic could still 1223 disagree. 1224

Consider how many different kinds of animals are 1225 on the face of the Earth, for four of them to be 1226 chosen in a certain sequence. This could not be 1227 attributed honestly to mere chance. The 1228 mathematical probabilities for this to occur by just 1229 coincidence are excessively slim, practically zero. 1230

1231If we take into consideration all the animals1232that now exist, the probabilities will be one in1233trillions. Just think of coyotes, hyenas,

hippopotamus, rhinos, giraffes, sloths, beavers, and 1234 hundreds of mammalians more; also birds (like 1235 falcons, hawks, flamingos, ducks, etc.,); fish (like 1236 sharks, octopus, swordfish, piranhas), etc.; reptiles 1237 (like alligators, boa constrictors, vipers), insects, 1238 etc.. We don't even have to resort to all of the 1239 animals in the animal kingdom. If we only use the 1240 113 animals that I have found in the Bible, the 1241 probability of mentioning four of them in the same 1242 sequence they have appeared in history, is 1243 practically zero. 1244 Let's check the list of animals that I have been 1245

able to find in the Bible, and keep in mind there
may be many more that I have not found. I will put
them in alphabetical order and I will include the
passage where they are mentioned, so no one can
imagine that this quantity is made up.

1252 There are at least 113 animal types mentioned:

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1254	Ant	Prov 30:25
1255	Asp	Deu 32:33
1256	Ass	Num 22:21
1257	Bald locust	Lev 11: 22
1258	Bat	Lev 11: 19
1259	Bear	I Sam 17: 34
1260	Bee	Judg 14:8
1261	Beetle	Lev 11:22
1262	Behemoth	Job 40:15
1263	Bittern	Zeph 2:14
1264	Bullock	Deu 33: 17
1265	Calf	Gen 18: 7
1266	Camel	Gen 12:16
1267	Cankerworm	Joel 1:4
1268	Caterpillar	Joel 1: 4

1269	Chameleon	Lev 11: 30
1270	Chamois	Deu 14:5
1271	Chicken	Matt 23:37
1272	Cock	Matt 26:34
1273	Cockatrice	Jer 8: 17
1274	Coney	Lev 11:5
1275	Cormorant	Lev 11: 17
1276	Crane	Jer 8: 7
1277	Cuckoo	Lev 11: 16
1278	Decacornio	Dan 7 : 7
1279	Dog	Ex 11:7
1280	Donkey	Gen 12: 16
1281	Dove	Gen 8: 8
1282	Dragon	Jer 51: 34
1283	Dromedary	Isa 60 : 6
1284	Eagle	Lev 11:13
1285	Elephant	IK 10:22
1286	Fallow deer	Deu 14:5
1287	Ferret	Lev 11: 30
1288	Fish	Ex 7: 18
1289	Flea	I Sam 26: 20
1290	Fly	Ex 8:21
1291	Flying serpent	Isa 14 : 29
1292	Fox	Judg 15:4
1293	Frog	Ex 8:2
1294	Giereagle	Lev 11:18
1295	Glede	Deu 14: 13
1296	Gnat	Matt 23: 24
1297	Goat	Gen 30: 35
1298	Grasshopper	Lev 11:22
1299	Great owl	Lev 11: 17
1300	Greyhound	Prov 30:31
1301	Hare	Lev 11:6
1302	Hart	Deu 12:15
1303	Hawk	Lev 11: 16

1304	Heifer	Gen 15:9
1305	Hen	Matt 23: 37
1306	Heron	Lev 11: 19
1307	Hind	Prov 5:19
1308	Hornet	Ex 23:28
1309	Horse	Gen 47: 17
1310	Kid	II Cr 35: 7
1311	Kine	Gen 41: 2
1312	Kite	Lev 11: 14
1313	Lamb	II Cr 35: 7
1314	Lapwing	Lev 11: 19
1315	Leach	Prov 30:15
1316	Leopard	Jer 13: 23
1317	Leviathan	Job 41: 1
1318	Lice	Ex 8:16
1319	Lion	Nah 2:11
1320	Little owl	Lev 11: 17
1321	Lizard	Lev 11: 30
1322	Locust	Ex 10:4
1323	Mole	Lev 11: 30
1324	Monkey	I K 10 : 22
1325	Moth	Job 4: 19
1326	Mouse	Lev 11: 29
1327	Mule	Esd 2: 66
1328	Night hawk	Lev 11:16
1329	Osprey	Lev 11:13
1330	Ossifrage	Lev 11:13
1331	Ostrich	Lam 4 : 3
1332	Owl	Lev 11: 16
1333	Ox	Job 40:15
1334	Palmerworm	Joel 1: 4
1335	Partridge	I Sam 26: 20
1336	Peacock	Job 39: 13
1337	Pelican	Lev 11: 18
1338	Pigeon	Gen 15:9

1339	Pygarg	Deu 14:5
1340	Quail	Ex 16:13
1341	Ram	Gen 15:9
1342	Raven	Gen 8:7
1343	Roe	Prv 5: 19
1344	Roebuck	Deu 12:15
1345	Satyr	Isa 34: 14
1346	Screech owl	Isa 34:14
1347	Sea mammalian	Lam 4: 3
1348	Serpent	Gen 3: 1
1349	She bear	II Sam 17:8
1350	She camel	Gen 32: 15
1351	She dromedary	Jer 2: 23
1352	She goat	Gen 15:9
1353	Sheep	Gen 4: 2
1354	She lion	Zep 3 : 3
1355	Snail	Lev 11: 30
1356	Sparrow	Sal 84: 3
1357	Spider	Prov 30:28
1358	Stork	Lev 11: 19
1359	Swallow	Jer 8: 7
1360	Swan	Lev 11:18
1361	Swine	Lev 11:7
1362	Tortoise	Lev 11: 29
1363	Turtle dove	Gen 15:9
1364	Unicorn	Num 23 : 22
1365	Viper	Act 28: 3
1366	Vulture	Lev 11:14
1367	Weasel	Lev 11:29
1368	Whale	Matt 12: 40
1369	Wolf	Zep 3: 3
1370	Worm	Ex 16:20
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In mathematics, the term "permutations" refer 1373 to the number of sets of symbols of a given size that 1374 you can form with a complete list of possible 1375 symbols, without repeating any within the set. Each 1376 set is different from the others by having different 1377 symbols or by having the same ones in a different 1378 order. The formula for permutations is used to 1379 calculate the probabilities. 1380

Let us use "n" for the total number of possible 1381 symbols; let us use "r" for the fixed number of 1382 symbols that each set must have, and let's use "p" 1383 for the number of permutations (sets) that can be 1384 arranged without repeating any set. The formula 1385 used to find out the number of "permutations" (sets 1386 or small groups) that can be created with a quantity 1387 of symbols given by "n" taken in groups of symbols 1388 of size "r" looks like this: 1389

$$n P r = n (n-1) (n-2) (n-3).....{n-(r-1)}$$

There are at least 113 animals in the Bible. In the 1394 prophecy of Daniel 7, only four of these animals are 1395 mentioned in a certain sequence. The probability 1396 that these four animals are mentioned by mere 1397 chance, in the same order that they appear in 1398 history, is the same as the number of 1399 permutations that you can make with these 1400 numbers. Let's apply the formula and see: 1401

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$113P4 = 113 \times 112 \times 111 \times 110 = 154,529,760$

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(One hundred fifty four million, five hundred

twenty nine thousand, seven hundred and sixty)

To clarify: the probabilities that by chance the beasts in the seventh chapter of Daniel are mentioned in the same order that they appear in recent history are one possibility in more than a hundred and fifty four million.

Can a skeptic honestly think that these chances
take place? Isn't it more logical to think that the
One who inspired the prophet Daniel knew what
was going to happen in the world and announced it
more than 2,400 years before hand?

There are two types of skeptics: those who do 1419 not believe and those who do not want to believe. 1420 If any of your friends belong to the first group, 1421 present this prophecy to help them believe. 1422 However, if any belongs to the second group, 1423 present this prophecy to them as well, so that on 1424 Judgment Day they cannot say that they did not 1425 see any scientific proof of the existence of God or 1426 any proof that the Bible is God's Word. 1427

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1431 Comments and details about this prophecy and 1432 about the four beasts

The major details of who the antiChrist might be,
and the interpretation of other prophecies, including
some in Revelation, will be explained in another
book I want to write. Otherwise, this work could
become cumbersome. Nevertheless, I will proceed
to elaborate in some detail and make comments
pertinent to this prophecy.

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a) <u>Arise, devour much flesh</u>. When we read Dn
7:5, Daniel gives a description of the second beast,

the bear. This is what the beast is told: "Arise, *devour much flesh*".

In Russia, under communism, there were purges,
which involved the arrest and execution of people,
even though they had done nothing against the
government. Their social origin or previous
economic status was thought to make them potential
enemies of the regime. Because of this, they paid
with their lives.

Under this classification, anyone who had been a 1452 farm owner, a merchant, an army officer, a property 1453 owner, an industrial executive, or anyone who had 1454 previously enjoyed a better economic status in 1455 general, were classified as suspicious. The new 1456 regime believed they could rebel and become 1457 enemies. Therefore, it was "justifiable" to execute 1458 them. In these purges, millions of people were 1459 sentenced to death or to Siberia, where they would 1460 die anyway. 1461

According Russian to the most recent 1462 government statistics, 110 million people were 1463 exterminated throughout the rule of the 1464 Communist Party in the Soviet Union. This figure 1465 does not take into account the millions of people 1466 who died in China, induced by Russia, when China 1467 was a Russian satellite, and millions of others in 1468 countries where Soviet communism fostered the 1469 struggle of economic classes against one another. 1470

According the newspaper to "Rossiskaya 1471 Gazette," official newspaper an of the 1472 Parliament of the current Russian Confederacy, 1473 this figure surpasses the number of deaths 1474 caused by all the wars in the twentieth century 1475 combined. 1476

Anyone who is sincere and reads this prophecy 1477 will realize that this phrase "Arise, devour much 1478 flesh," was fulfilled by Communist Soviet Russia, 1479 the bear of the prophecy. Here is the copy of the 1480 article that appeared in "Diario las Americas," on 1481 July 1st, 1992, on page 1-A regarding the statistics 1482 quoted above. What is important about this data is 1483 that it was not provided by enemies of Russia, but 1484 by the actual representatives of the nation, many of 1485 which lived while those purges were carried on. 1486

Asesinó el Partido Comunista a 110 millones de soviéticos MOSCU, (EFE).- La política del ahora proscrito Partido Comunista de la UBSS (PCUS) significo la prindia de 110 millones de vidas para los pueblos de la potencia soviética, <u>afirma en su edición de es</u>-Partido Comunista fue responsable de la interven-ción militar contra Polonia en 1939, de la agresión armada contra Finlandia, de la anexión de Litua-nia, Letonia y Estonia y de parte del territorio de Rumania en 1940. martes, el diario "Rossiskaya Gazeta", organo I Scriet Sarremo (Parlamento) de la Federa-n Rusa Asimismo, acusa al PCUS tambiéu de orimenes a guerra, entre los que destaca la masacre de 13. O oficiales del ejercito polaco que fueron tomados insonerco durante la invasión a Polonia. Esta rifra supera los 84.200.000 muertos que atta shora se han cebrado todas las exerras que an tenido lugar en el siglo XX, secún un informe e los expertos de la ONU, publicado en 1989. Pero "Rossiskaya Gazeta" subraya que de todas El periódico afirma también que la dirección del 🤻 (Pasa a la Pág.11-A Col.4) 1487 * 1488 1489 The rise of these world powers is **b**) 1490 consecutive, not simultaneous. The description in 1491 verses 6-7, narrates the rise of the tiger and that of 1492 the fourth beast, respectively, in both cases the 1493 phrase "After this" is used. With this phrase, the 1494 prophesy is telling us that the rising beast who is 1495 being announced in that moment, came after the 1496 rise of the prior beast. It is seen even more clearly at 1497 the end of verse 7, when it tells us that the fourth 1498 beast will be diverse from all the beasts that were 1499 before it; very different from the preceding ones. 1500 That means the fourth beast will rise after the first 1501 three and not all at the same time. 1502 1503

"6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a 1504 leopard, which had upon the back of it four 1505 wings of a fowl; the beast had also four 1506 heads; and dominion was given to it. 1507 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and 1508 behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, 1509 and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron 1510 teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and 1511 stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it 1512 was diverse from all the beasts that were 1513 before it; and it had ten horns." 1514 (Dn 7:6-7) 1515 1516 In spite of the fact that their rise is consecutive, it 1517 is clear that <u>none</u> of them will cease to exist, or 1518 fall, giving its place to the next one. On the 1519 contrary the Babylonian, Persian, Greek and Roman 1520 empires did fall successively and were absorbed by 1521 the following empire as was foretold in the dream of 1522 the statue, on the second chapter of Daniel. In this 1523 prophecy of Daniel seven, all the beasts or empires 1524 last until the end of the fourth one. 1525 This end is described in verses 11-12. These 1526 verses tell us about that eleventh horn (the 1527 antiChrist) coming up from the fourth beast. While 1528 this horn was boasting, the fourth beast was killed 1529 and the power was taken away from the first three 1530 beasts, but their lives were prolonged. This means 1531 that the lion, the bear and the tiger lasted till the end 1532 of the fourth and then some. 1533 1534 "11 I beheld then because of the voice of the 1535 great words which the horn spake; I beheld 1536 even till the beast was slain, and his body 1537

destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they 1539 had their dominion taken away; yet their lives 1540 were prolonged for a season and time." 1541 (Dn 7:11-12) 1542 1543 In summary, these last four world powers arise 1544 successively, all four exist at the same time for a 1545 season, the fourth is destroyed, but the former three 1546 outlast the fourth, till the Kingdom is given to Jesus 1547 Christ, as indicated by verses 12-14. 1548 1549 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they 1550 had their dominion taken away; yet their lives 1551 were prolonged for a season and time. 1552 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one 1553 like the Son of man came with the clouds of 1554 heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and 1555 they brought him near before him. 14 And 1556 there was given him dominion, and glory, 1557 and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and 1558 languages, should serve him. His dominion is 1559 an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass 1560 away, and his kingdom that which shall not be 1561 destroyed. (Dn 7:12-14) 1562 1563 Be aware that the four ancient empires, Babylon, 1564 Persia, Greece and Rome, did not all exist at the 1565 same time, nor did they last till the Second 1566 Coming of Jesus Christ; but these four beasts of 1567 Daniel 7 will. 1568 * 1569 1570 The ten horns that arise from the fourth c) 1571 beast are simultaneous and not successive. I base 1572 my conclusion on verse 24, because it says that 1573
another shall rise after them; which is to say that 1574 all ten, including the three toppled down already 1575 existed before the eleventh. It describes how the 1576 eleventh horn will rise, and then it subdues three 1577 kings. It gives the impression that those kings were 1578 already reigning simultaneously; otherwise, one 1579 king would have to be subdued, let the second arise, 1580 then topple the second, let the third arise, etc., one 1581 by one. The way it is narrated leads me to conclude 1582 that all ten kings including the three subdued kings 1583 were reigning at the same time, in countries that 1584 were derived from the division of the fourth beast. 1585 1586

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d) The ten horns come from the fourth beast, 1588 not vice versa. Those who read the prophecy must 1589 be aware and not get confused. Do not think that ten 1590 European countries will form one empire or nation. 1591 This new empire or nation could be formed by 1592 fifteen, perhaps twenty or any amount. When verse 1593 24 explains what the horns mean, it is said that 1594 from this empire ten monarchs will rise; meaning 1595 that the empire will be divided into ten pieces, not 1596 that ten nations will form one kingdom. 1597

"And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; and another shall rise <u>after</u> them, and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." (Dn 7:24) *

e) <u>The four winds of Heaven strove upon the</u> <u>great sea</u>. Daniel 7:2 quotes this. This gives the impression that he is referring to the current era

where we have seen in the last decades, political 1609 uprisings as never before. An interesting 1610 observation that I would like for you to keep in 1611 mind, is that the four beasts of this prophecy 1612 arose from the sea. (I will further explain in a 1613 future book). Then let's look at Revelation 13:1. It 1614 states that the first beast will arise from the sea, but 1615 the second one from the earth (Rev 13:11). 1616 1617 1618 f) The eleventh horn is the antiChrist. I must 1619 emphasize that the fourth beast is not the 1620 antiChrist. It is the confederacy of nations from 1621 which the antiChrist will rise afterwards. Then, the 1622 eleventh king who overthrows three of the previous 1623 ten monarchs will become the antiChrist. This is the 1624 way I see it. I base my opinion on verse 25 that 1625 states: 1626 1627 1-He shall speak great words against the Most 1628 High. 1629 1630 2-He shall wear out the saints of the Most High. 1631 1632 3-He shall intend to change times and the law. 1633 1634 4-He shall last for "time, times and half a 1635 time", seemingly three and a half years. 1636 1637 5- Daniel 7:26 states that the Judge shall sit and 1638 take away his dominion, and will be annihilated 1639 and destroyed forever; exactly as will happen to 1640 the antiChrist during the Second Coming of the 1641 Lord, according to II Thessalonians 2:3-9. 1642 1643

Let's see those passages. 1644 1645 "25 And he shall speak great words against 1646 the most High, and shall wear out the saints 1647 of the most High, and think to change times 1648 and laws; and they shall be given into his 1649 hand until a time and times and the dividing 1650 of time. 1651 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall 1652 take away his dominion, to consume and to 1653 destroy it unto the end." (Dn 7:25-26) 1654 1655 "8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, 1656 whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit 1657 of his mouth, and shall destroy with the 1658 brightness of his coming. 9 Even him, whose 1659 coming is after the working of Satan with all 1660 power and signs and lying wonders." 1661 (II Thessalonians 2:8-9) 1662 1663 As we can see, everything done by the eleventh 1664 horn coincides with what Paul says the antiChrist 1665 will do. After him, the kingdom is given to the 1666 saints of the Most High (verse 27). There are 1667 enough hints to make us think that the eleventh horn 1668 is the antiChrist. 1669 * 1670 1671 There are complementary details to this 1672 prophecy, whose meaning I am in doubt or fail 1673 to understand 1674 1675 a) Three ribs between his teeth. The bear of the 1676 prophecy is clearly identified with Russia, no other 1677 data is necessary for its identification. Nevertheless, 1678

out of sheer curiosity, I want to say that I have attributed the phrase "three ribs between its teeth,"
to the three nations that the USSR annexed:
Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Perhaps this may have another meaning, because I don't have any proof for that, but this is the only one that I can see.
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Two wings of the eagle. In the case of the **b**) 1687 lion, I am not sure of the meaning of its possession 1688 of two eagle wings. I suppose that it could refer to 1689 the natural relations (including the help during 1690 World War II) between England and the United 1691 States, whose national symbol is the eagle. I do not 1692 know the meaning of the other details mentioned in 1693 verse four. However, the statement about the eagle's 1694 wings being plucked from the lion gives me the 1695 impression that a chasm may come between the 1696 U.S.A. and England. 1697

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c) The fourth beast is very different from the 1700 others, according to verses 7 & 19. This particular 1701 characteristic distinguishes the fourth beast from the 1702 others, which both verses emphasize. They are 1703 certainly quite different. I attribute that great 1704 difference to the kind of power it will have. It is not 1705 going to be only a classical power as in the political-1706 military sense that we are accustomed to. Primarily, 1707 it will be an economic power that will be able to 1708 paralyze the civilized life of any country. It will be a 1709 financial power never seen before. One that could 1710 manifest itself above all others through economic 1711 boycott; a financial boycott that could potentially 1712

result in the stop of oil flow due to banking pressures.

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d) <u>All of the earth</u>. Verse 23 states the following phrase:

"and shall devour the whole earth, and shall
tread it down, and break it in pieces."

I am not sure whether the phrase "the whole earth," refers to the whole <u>E</u>arth, that is the whole planet, or to a regional area, like Eurasia and Africa as the whole <u>earth</u>.

There are cases in the Bible where this phrase 1727 is used, but it does not refer to the whole planet; 1728 rather the populated area that it was speaking about 1729 or areas they were familiar with. This is why we 1730 must be cautious while interpreting this phrase. 1731 "The whole planet," would imply that no region 1732 will escape; but in interpreting it as "all of that 1733 land" it implies that there will be regions that will 1734 escape. 1735

If we take this statement in its absolute grammatical form, we must think that it's talking about the whole planet. Nevertheless there are many other passages in which the same phrase is used in a way that **certainly does not mean** "the whole planet". Let's take a look.

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1) Genesis 11:9 says the following:

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"Therefore is the name of it called Babel,
because the LORD did there confound the
language of all the earth; and from thence

did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of **all the earth.**"

In this case, the phrase is used twice. Each case holds a different meaning. When it says, "confound the language of the whole earth" it is evidently referring to the entire human race **that had concentrated around Babel**. Therefore, they couldn't have been all over the Earth. They were only in the region where the tower was being built.

On the other hand, when it says: "and from there 1758 the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all 1759 the Earth," it means the goal was to disperse them 1760 through out the whole planet. In this situation, it 1761 refers to the entire Earth. So the first sentence use 1762 was not referring to the whole Earth. If the people 1763 had inhabited throughout the earth, there would 1764 have been no need to scatter them over the face of 1765 all the Earth. 1766

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2) Let's also analyze Genesis 41:57. It is good to 1769 examine the fact that our daily communication, as in 1770 the case of the Bible, words are not always used in 1771 their absolute, literal meaning. I say it is good 1772 because one does not err by attributing such 1773 absolute meaning to words in other passages, 1774 where the actual meaning somehow could contradict 1775 what is written in the rest of Bible. This is very 1776 important, even more so when prophecies are 1777 interpreted or doctrinal issues taught. 1778

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The New American Standard version translates "all the earth", instead of "all countries" and "all lands", which mean the same thing anyway.

If we analyze the use of the phrase "all lands" in 1788 this verse, we realize that it is not referring to the 1789 whole Earth. It is not referring to the whole 1790 planet; it refers to the surrounding areas in those 1791 regions. It is logical to think that people from the 1792 American continent did not go to Egypt to obtain 1793 grain from Joseph; it was impossible for them to do 1794 so; which also applies to lands as far away as Japan, 1795 China, India, Australia and the British Isles. The 1796 most likely scenario for these regions is that there 1797 was no famine in their lands. It is the context, and 1798 more even the integral reading of the Bible that 1799 demonstrates which meaning is applicable to these 1800 phrases and words. 1801

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3) If we read Jeremiah chapter 4, we see that the prophet is foretelling the destruction of Israel. In this context, he mentions the phrase "the whole land," referring only to Israel, not the whole planet. Let's see:

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"15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and
publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. 16
Make ye mention to the nations. behold,
publish against Jerusalem, that watchers
come from a far country, and give out their
voice against the cities of Judah. 17 As

keepers of a field, are they against her round 1816 about, because she hath been rebellious 1817 against me, saith the LORD. 18 Thy way and 1818 thy doings have procured these things unto 1819 thee. This is thy wickedness, because it is 1820 bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart. 1821 19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my 1822 very heart. My heart maketh a noise in me. I 1823 cannot hold my peace, because thou hast 1824 heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, 1825 the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon 1826 destruction is cried. for the whole land is 1827 spoiled; suddenly are my tents spoiled, and 1828 my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I 1829 see the standard, and hear the sound of the 1830 trumpet? 22 For my people is foolish, they 1831 have not known me. They are sottish children, 1832 and they have none understanding; they are 1833 wise to do evil, but to do good they have no 1834 (Jer 4: 15-22) knowledge." 1835

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If you read the entire chapter, you will realize that 1837 the quote above is not referring to the whole planet; 1838 it is referring to Israel. I included these verses (15-1839 22) to clarify the extent of the Jeremiah prophecy, 1840 which mentions the territories of Dan and 1841 Ephraim, confirming that it is talking about Israel. 1842 Afterwards, it mentions those who came towards 1843 Jerusalem from countries far off. They came to 1844 destroy Israel, not to destroy their own lands. That 1845 leads us to the view that the prophecy is solely 1846 talking about the regional destruction of Israel, not 1847 the whole planet, even that the whole land is 1848 mentioned. Later in verse 20, it says "the whole 1849 land is devastated." However, we realize that it is 1850

only talking about the land of Israel, since
afterwards it says, "My people," which refers again
to Israel.

Summarizing, we see clearly that the phrase "the
whole earth", "all of the earth" or "the whole
land" does not always mean the whole planet,
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4) Ezekiel 32:4 also uses the phrase "whole 1860 earth" in a hyperbolic and metaphorical way. It 1861 compares Egypt to a whale of the sea that will be 1862 taken out of the water to be abandoned and 1863 devoured by the beasts of the "whole earth." It is 1864 logical to think that all the beasts of the whole earth 1865 would not go to Egypt to do so; but rather only the 1866 beasts in its surroundings. 1867

"Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee." (Ezq 32:4)

A hyperbole is used as rhetoric many times, especially by Saint Paul. It is used to call attention to a specific subject. In this case, Ezekiel uses a hyperbole mentioning the phrase "the whole earth," even though he is not talking about the whole planet.

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The passages presented above are shown to demonstrate that it is sensible and prudent to think that when Daniel 7:23, speaks about the fourth beast devouring **"the whole earth,"** it could be referring

to the surrounding territories of the area and not 1886 necessarily to the entire planet. Maybe it is referring 1887 to Eurasia and Africa. It is not a capricious 1888 interpretation at all; it conveys the possibility based 1889 on the way that the Bible talks about it. 1890 I am inclined to believe that the phrase "the whole 1891 earth", in Daniel, does not refer to the entire 1892 planet. Maybe it refers to Eurasia and Africa, or 1893 maybe to the Middle East and its surrounding 1894 nations. I base my beliefs in that in at least two 1895 different occasions, the possibilities of escaping this 1896 situation are promised to Christians. If Christians 1897 can escape in some place, then the phrase "all the 1898 earth" is not referring to all of the planet. 1899 Let us see Revelation 3:10, the letter from Christ 1900 to the church of Philadelphia. It says: 1901 1902 "Because thou hast kept the word of my 1903 patience, I also will keep thee from the hour 1904 of temptation, which shall come upon all the 1905 world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." 1906 (Rev 3:10) 1907 1908 Evidently the dominion of the antiChrist does not 1909 affect 100% of the planet's inhabitants, due to the 1910 fact that the church of Philadelphia is not affected 1911 by it. 1912 **Revelation 12:6 & 14** also shows an escape for 1913 God's servants. The woman finds refuge twice: 1914 1915 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, 1916 where she hath a place prepared of God, that 1917 they should feed her there a thousand two 1918 hundred and threescore days." (Rev 12:6) 1919 1920

"And to the woman were given two wings 1921 of a great eagle, that she might fly into the 1922 wilderness, into her place, where she is 1923 nourished for a time, and times, and half a 1924 time, from the face of the serpent." 1925 (Rev 12:14) 1926 1927 As we see, we can safely believe that the phrase 1928 "the whole earth" does not always refer to the entire 1929 planet; and we can safely also believe that the 1930 phrase "the whole earth" used in Daniel 7:23, does 1931 not, necessarily, refer to the whole planet. 1932 1933 1934 1935 When would the Second Coming of Our Lord 1936 Jesus Christ be at the door? 1937 1938 Matthew 24 shows us when the Second Coming 1939 of Our Lord Jesus Christ will occur. Jesus Christ 1940 himself gives us medium and short term signs of his 1941 return. I will expand on this subject in a future 1942 book. This prophecy in Matthew 24 encompasses 1943 the time frame from Jesus' ministry on Earth to his 1944 Second Coming. The description skips large spans, 1945 due to the fact that it encompasses such a vast 1946 amount of time. 1947 Daniel's prophecy, however, limits itself to 1948 looking like through a magnifying glass, at a small 1949 section in a large map. It shows, as in an augmented 1950 panel, the final stage of the world at the time of the 1951 last four World Powers which are to rise. Other 1952 prophecies also show a shorter period of time in the 1953 last days; so that the information given is in more 1954

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a large map, and it is amplified at the side of the
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Evidently, three of the four last empires have 1961 already risen. The fourth is becoming visible in the 1962 horizon. Clearly, we have entered the final stretch of 1963 the history of human government. We are in the 1964 Tiger Stage, so we must wait for the fourth beast to 1965 arrive. Once we see it at the peak of its power, we 1966 must wait for it to be divided into ten parts. Once 1967 this has occurred, we are in the final stage. Then we 1968 will see a king rise that will subdue three of the 1969 former sovereigns, and also persecute Christians, 1970 becoming the antiChrist. After he reigns for about 1971 three and a half years, the Second Coming of Our 1972 Lord Jesus Christ takes place. 1973

No one knows the day and the hour, but the 1974 time and circumstances that mark its approach 1975 are public knowledge, for it is written in the 1976 prophecies. When the time comes, all Christians 1977 who read the Bible and are aware of what is 1978 happening in their surroundings will realize the 1979 times that they are living in. If it were absolutely 1980 impossible to know when the Second Coming is 1981 near, then the Bible would not give so many 1982 prophecies that inform us about the upcoming 1983 events of the last days. 1984

It is not what many Christians believe, that the
Second Coming could just as well occur today as in
one hundred years. Those who think this way have
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way. They do not know the prophecies and simply
subscribe to the traditional interpretation of them. It

is not logical that God, on one end, gives us 1991 prophecies so that we know when the correct time is 1992 at hand; and on the other hand, believe that the 1993 period before the Second Coming of Christ is 1994 impossible to know. No one knows the day and 1995 the hour, but we can know when that event will 1996 be at the door. Jesus himself made this promise in 1997 Matthew 24: 32-34: 1998

"32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; 33 so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the <u>doors.</u> 34 Verily I say unto you: This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." (Mt 24:32-34)

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Second Section

Demonstration that the prophecy in Daniel 7 does <u>not</u> pertain to four ancient empires

Everyone, who has interpreted this prophecy 2019 of the four beasts in chapter 7 of Daniel, considers 2020 that they refer to the Babylonian, Persian, Greek and 2021 This is traditional Roman empires. the 2022 interpretation, the one that has always existed; or 2023 at the very least the only one I have always heard 2024

about. This traditional interpretation is erroneous, 2025 and I will demonstrate this with five different 2026 arguments. Each one of them is sufficient in itself to 2027 invalidate the traditional interpretation. Some 2028 people think the prophecy could be dual: represent 2029 the old empires, and also the four last world powers. 2030 Let's demonstrate that it could never be applied to 2031 Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome but only to the 2032 last four world powers. 2033

1) <u>The prophets of God never "prophesied"</u> <u>about the past</u>. In this case, like in all prophecies, it is of vital importance to know the moment the prophet received the vision or spoke about it. If we go to Daniel 7:1, we see that this vision was received by Daniel in the first year of Belshazzar, who was <u>the last</u> king of Babylon:

> "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed; then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters." (Daniel 7:1)

If we now read Daniel 5:30-31, at the end of the 2049 sacrilegious feast of Belshazzar, when Daniel 2050 interpreted the writing on the wall, we see that 2051 Belshazzar was the last king of Babylon, since he 2052 was killed that same night. Therefore, the 2053 Babylonian Empire ended with him and the Persian 2054 Empire began to reign. Let's see: 2055

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2057 "30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of
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2059 Median took the kingdom, being about

By examining the two prior scriptures, we can reason, without forced logic, that when Daniel received the vision of chapter seven, the **Babylonian empire had already existed over** seventy years and was approaching its end. Let's keep this fact in mind, for the discussion that will come up later. Now let's read Daniel 7:16-18.

"I came near unto one of them that stood by, 2071 and asked him the truth of all this. So he told 2072 me, and made me know the interpretation of 2073 the things. These great beasts, which are 2074 four, are four kings, which shall arise out of 2075 the earth. But the saints of the most High 2076 shall take the kingdom, and possess the 2077 kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." 2078 (Daniel 7:16-18) 2079

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When Daniel asked "one of them who were 2081 standing" what the meaning of all this was, this 2082 angel answered him and told him that these four 2083 beasts symbolized four kingdoms that would rise 2084 in the future. When the angel conveyed the phrase 2085 "shall arise," this indicated that they had not 2086 risen yet, that this would take place in the future; 2087 therefore, the Babylonian empire was excluded, 2088 since it was already dying, and it had been in power 2089 over seventy years already. 2090

Every one who interprets that this prophecy represents the past four empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome ascribe the lion to Babylon, the bear to Persia, the tiger to Greece and the beast of the ten horns to Rome. However, I have
demonstrated that when Daniel received the vision
that the lion was to happen in the future, Babylon
had risen over seventy years before, and at this
point was on the verge of dying.

Therefore, we must arrive at the conclusion that Babylon cannot be the lion. If Babylon cannot be the lion, then Persia cannot be the bear, or Greece the tiger, and Rome cannot be the beast of the ten horns. Since they all follow each other, if one supposition is wrong, a domino effect is created leaving the others out of consideration.

In summary, it is not logical to think that Daniel
was "prophesying" about the past (Babylon), when
he prophesied about the advent of the first beast, the
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2113 2) Two revelations to the same prophet about
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2115 interpretation of Daniel 7 also interpret the vision
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2117 four empires of ancient times: Babylon, Persia,
2118 Greece and Rome.

I agree with this interpretation of chapter two, 2119 since it is evident that at this moment, Daniel said to 2120 Nebuchadnezzar (2:38) "Thou art this head of 2121 gold." If Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold then 2122 it is within logic to think that the breast and its 2123 silver arms represented the empire that followed 2124 Babylon, which was the Persian Empire. Then, the 2125 belly and its thighs of bronze represented the empire 2126 that followed Persia, which was the Greek Empire 2127 of Alexander the Great. Finally, the legs and its feet 2128 of iron and clay represented the Roman Empire that 2129

followed the Greek Empire. For this reason, I am in
agreement with this old interpretation of the
prophecy in chapter two. The dream of the statue
represents the four ancient empires, but I disagree
with those who think chapter seven prophesy the
same old empires.

If the dream of the statue clearly establishes that 2136 the four empires would come to exist, then what 2137 was the purpose of giving Daniel a second vision 2138 and inform us about the very same thing, and 2139 this at the end of the first of them (Babylon)? If it 2140 was a new revelation describing a section of the first 2141 one, in order to amplify a segment of the vision of 2142 Daniel chapter 2, I could then believe that God 2143 would give a new vision, but this is not the case. 2144

I do not remember God giving the same prophet two different revelations in two different periods, foretelling the same historical event. I do not believe God would do this. So, it would not be logical to think that Daniel had been given such a vision in chapter seven, with the exact same information revealed in chapter two.

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3) If a member in a quartet is substituted, then

it is no longer the same quartet. Let's suppose that 2155 a bookstore announces the sale of the Four Gospels, 2156 in a package that **only** contains four books each one 2157 of which is one of the Four Gospels. Moreover, 2158 other books can be found wrapped in foursome 2159 packages, all wrapped in transparent paper. If you 2160 ask for the Four Gospels in this bookstore, but see 2161 that the first book is "Don Quixote", then you can 2162 be assured that the package is not the Four Gospels. 2163

The same goes for the traditional interpretation of this prophecy of Daniel 7. If the first member is incorrect, then the series is not what was interpreted. If the lion is not Babylon, (because this empire was dying while the lion still was in the future), then the bear is not Persia, nor the tiger Greece, etc..

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4) <u>A pastor, friend of mine, wanting to save the</u>
traditional interpretation, suggested that if
Babylon was not the lion, then perhaps it was
Persia, and so Greece would be the bear, Rome the
tiger and the next empire that rose which was the
Moslem empire, would be the beast with the ten
horns.

First of all, if this new hypothesis is accepted, then it rejects it in every way the reasoning on which the traditional interpretation is based, the interpretation that the four beasts represented the four ancient empires. I say that it rejects it, since all the considerations that were used to identify Babylon as a lion, would be rendered illogical.

By the same token, all considerations identifying
Persia with the bear would also be illogical. They
would have to fabricate new considerations to
demonstrate that Persia must be identified now
as a lion and not a bear.

The same thing would occur if they nullified the identification of Greece with the tiger, based in the fact that it was an agile and swift animal like Alexander the Great conquests were, as the traditional interpretation affirms. They would have to start now by justifying the identification of Greece with the bear, regarding as incorrect all arguments which were initially considered correct,
which are the arguments on which they based the
assertion that the Greek Empire was the Tiger.

The same occurs with Rome as well, which would now have to be identified with the tiger, rejecting all the arguments that formerly were twisted to identify Rome with the beast of the ten horns.

What I intend to prove with all this is that not only does the suggestion of the second hypothesis fail to save the traditional interpretation, it actually destroys it. Neither the traditional interpretation, nor the succeeding one (the hypothesis about Persia being the lion) resist this reasoning.

far as the traditional interpretation is As 2212 concerned, as I said at the beginning, the prophets 2213 of God never prophesied about the past, only 2214 about the future. It is not logical to think that God 2215 gave Daniel a vision to prophesy that Babylon 2216 would rise in the future, when it had been more than 2217 seventy years since it had risen; and at that moment 2218 it was already dying. It is as if someone now 2219 pretends to "prophesy" that a country called the 2220 United States of North America will rise in the 2221 future, when it has already been in existence for 2222 over two hundred years. 2223

In other words, the future rise of the first kingdom of this vision, represented by a lion, cannot be identified in any way with a king that has already reigned, nor with a dynasty or empire that was already dying.

As for the other hypothesis about the lion being the Persian empire, we can safely say that the antiChrist and the Second Coming of Christ didn't happen after the Moslem Empire. If the first beast (the lion) would have been the Persian

empire; then the second, which is the bear, would 2234 have been the Greek empire, and the tiger would 2235 have been the Roman empire; resulting in the 2236 Moslem empire being the fourth beast. But the 2237 Moslem empire died many centuries ago, and did 2238 not last to the Second Coming of Christ as Daniel 2239 7:17-18 and 23-27 says will happen with the 2240 fourth beast. 2241

If we attentively read the whole context from 2242 verses 7 to 14, we see the existence of the fourth 2243 beast sequentially followed by the rise of the 2244 antiChrist and the Second Coming of Christ. It is a 2245 well known fact that the Moslems lost their empire 2246 and that: a) the antiChrist did not rise, b) the 2247 Second Coming of Christ did not occur, c) nor did 2248 the saints of the Highest One take the kingdom after 2249 the Moslem empire, as verses 17-18 said would 2250 occur after the death of the fourth beast. Let's see: 2251

"17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. 18 <u>But the saints of the most High shall take</u> <u>the kingdom</u>, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

(Daniel 7:17-18)

Therefore, it is evident that the fourth beast cannot 2260 be the nonexistent Moslem Empire. And if the 2261 fourth beast could not be the Moslem Empire, 2262 Persia could not be the lion, Greece could not be the 2263 bear and Rome could not be the tiger. Then it is 2264 reasonable to say that no matter which way one tries 2265 to identify the beasts, they do not logically fit in 2266 any historical past as they do in the present. 2267

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5) The Babylonian, Persian, Greek and Roman 2270 empires no longer exist. Let's read Daniel 7:11-13, 2271 so we can see that right after the existence of the 2272 fourth beast, the Second Coming of Christ takes 2273 place. Even though the fourth beast is destroyed, 2274 the other three beasts still remain in existence. 2275 This make we realize that this vision is not referring 2276 to the Babylonian, Persian, Greek or Roman 2277 empires, for these empires no longer exist, while 2278 according to Daniel 7:12, the lion, the bear, and 2279 the tiger will exist until the end arrives. 2280 Therefore, the phrase "...yet their lives were 2281 prolonged for a season and time" cannot be 2282 referring to Babylon, Persia, and Greece, due to the 2283 fact that life was not extended for any of these 2284 empires. Rather, all four empires disappeared to 2285 make way for the one that followed 2286 subsequently. The Babylonian Empire ceased to 2287 exist to give its place to the Persian; this one was 2288 dismantled by Alexander the Great, who established 2289 the Greek-Macedonian Empire; which became 2290 divided and ultimately succumbed to the Roman 2291 Empire. Let's see: 2292

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¹¹ I beheld then because of the voice of the 2294 great words which the horn spake. I beheld 2295 even till the beast was slain, and his body 2296 destroyed, and given to the burning flame.¹² 2297 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had 2298 their dominion taken away: yet their lives 2299 were prolonged for a season and time. ¹³ I 2300 saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like 2301 the Son of man came with the clouds of 2302

2303	heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and
2304	they brought him near before him."
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As you can see, during the existence of the fourth 2307 beast, the other three beasts persist, and it is during 2308 this period that the Second Coming of Christ 2309 occurs. If during the existence of the fourth beast 2310 (after it has divided to ten) the Second Coming 2311 occurs, the fourth beast is, undoubtedly, the last 2312 human empire that will exist. If subsequently, at 2313 the destruction of the fourth beast, the other three 2314 beasts still exist, as verse twelve states, undoubtedly 2315 it does not refer to the Babylonian, Persian or Greek 2316 empires, which no longer exist. 2317

Summary. With all that has been explained, I 2319 believe that it is clearly and effectively established 2320 to the reader, that this prophecy in Daniel 7 2321 cannot be interpreted with the traditional form; 2322 it cannot be interpreted as something referring to the 2323 four ancient empires mentioned. This should be 2324 sufficient to make us think that it must be referring 2325 to something subsequent to the Roman Empire. 2326 Using this argument as a guide, then it is logical to 2327 suppose that the four world powers, will be the last 2328 four, before the Second Coming of Christ, not 2329 those that existed before His First Coming. 2330

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Clarification about the dream of the statue

Those who think that the prophecy about the statue with a head of gold and the prophecy about the four beasts are the same, also argue that the

Roman Empire still exists. Such thing cannot be 2338 true, because in that case the tree former empires 2339 should still exist (Babylon, Persia and Greece). 2340 They are confused because they see some similarity 2341 between a few of actual institutions of some 2342 governments, and those of the Roman Empire. 2343 Prompted by this fact, they argue that the European 2344 kings (past and actual) are descendants of the 2345 Roman Empire and that they personify it. Therefore, 2346 they consider that the Roman Empire of antiquity is 2347 the fourth beast, and that it still exist. They allege 2348 that the prophecy in chapter 2:44 states: "in the 2349 days of these kings...". 2350

"<u>And in the days of these kings</u> shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." (Dn 2:44)

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However, here it speaks of the days of "those kings" **in plural**; while the fourth beast of prophecy conveys it **in the singular**, as one. Moreover, the countries that make up Europe are not descendants of Romans, but of the barbarians that destroyed and populated the Roman Empire. Including Italy, which was invaded by the Ostrogoths.

The explanation of this similarity, as I see it, is that the Roman Empire, by itself and through the Roman Catholic Church, influenced the institutions and these barbarian governments to a great degree, and also other modern governments, and so they think that the Roman Empire still exist. But in reality when it is said "in the days of those kings", this phrase refers to the kingdoms or nations that
resulted from the destruction of the Roman
Empire. Those nations would last until the last
days, not as a Roman Empire, but as independent
nations.

The fact that these countries, and many more 2378 others that do not descend from Roman Empire, 2379 unite in the future to form the fourth beast of Daniel 2380 7, does not mean that the fourth beast is the Roman 2381 Empire. Those kings were influenced in different 2382 areas by Roman culture: a) Capitol, b) 2383 Jurisprudence, c) Senators, d) the use of Latin in 2384 law and science, etc.. In spite of these facts, 2385 unquestionably, the four empires of chapter two 2386 speak about the past, and the four beasts of chapter 2387 seven speak about the present and the future. 2388

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Demonstration that the prophecy of Daniel 7 does <u>not</u> talk about <u>any other</u> group of empires of the past either

Having already clarified that this prophecy cannot
refer to the rise of the Babylonian, Persian, Greek
and Roman empires, it is imperative to realize
that it must be referring to other four empires.
Could it be then referring to other four past
empires?

Neither can it be referring to other past four empires. There are those who think that the four beasts could be representing other four empires subsequent to the Roman, but prior to the twentieth century. It is certainly true that there have been many more empires since the Roman era, but none have presented the characteristics that are described in this seventh chapter of Daniel. Therefore it
cannot be referring to past empires, but only to
those that are actual and in the future. It cannot be
referring to the past empires, for several reasons:

1) During the first description of the fourth beast, 2413 made by Daniel in verses 8-14, a point is made in 2414 verses 9 and 10, telling us that at this time, during 2415 the existence of the fourth beast, the Ancient of 2416 Days, which is evidently God, is preparing to 2417 initiate a judgment or something similar, because it 2418 mentions the phrase "the judgment was set" and 2419 "the books were opened." Let's see: 2420

2422 "8 I considered the horns, and behold, there
2423 came up among them another little horn,
2424 before whom there were three of the first
2425 horns plucked up by the roots; and behold, in
2426 this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and
2427 a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, 2428 and the Ancient of days did sit, whose 2429 garment was white as snow, and the hair of 2430 his head like the pure wool, his throne was 2431 like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning 2432 fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth 2433 from before him; thousand thousands 2434 ministered unto him, and ten thousand times 2435 ten thousand stood before him. The judgment 2436 was set, and the books were opened." 2437 (Dn 7:8-10) 2438

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These verses depict that **the fourth beast lasts until the end of times;** for it is still around when the Ancient of Days initiates the judgment. If it lasts until the end of times, it cannot be referring to any
of the past empires, but to one which exist now or
will exist in the future. Therefore, it cannot refer to
the Roman empire, nor can it refer to any empire
that is already dead.

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 2) In verses 17-18, the angel tells Daniel that
 after these four beasts, the kingdom will be
 received by the saints of the Most High.
 Therefore, the fourth beast will be in power until the
 time that the saints take the kingdom. Let's read
 these verses:
- 2456 "17 These great beasts, which are four, are
 2457 four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.
 2458 18 But the saints of the most High shall take
 2459 the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for
 2460 ever, even for ever and ever."

(Dn 7:17-18)

If the fourth beast is in power till the saints of the 2463 Highest One take dominion, it is evident that the 2464 fourth beast is the last empire or world power 2465 that will ever exist. Therefore, it cannot be 2466 referring to any past kingdom, nor any dead 2467 kingdom, but rather to one in the present or 2468 future, because the saints of the Most High have 2469 never taken the kingdom. 2470

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3) In verses 21-22, we see that the fourth beast, or
more precisely, the horn that came out of it, was
waging war against the saints and overpowered
them, till the Ancient of Days intervened and the
saints took everlasting possession of the kingdom.
Let's see:

"21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, 22 <u>until the Ancient of days came</u>, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and <u>the time came that the saints</u> <u>possessed the kingdom</u>." (Dn 7:21-22)

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If the fourth beast lasts until the Ancient of Days 2486 passes judgment and gives the kingdom to the 2487 saints, evidently this passage also depicts the fact 2488 that no past empire can be represented by the fourth 2489 beast. Even more so, due to the fact that none of 2490 them has lasted till the Second Coming of Jesus 2491 Christ; which is an **indispensable requirement** to 2492 fit the description of the empires quoted in the 2493 Daniel 7 prophecy. So it must be referring to the 2494 future. But.....what future? 2495

Of what future does this prophecy speak 2497 about? What does Saint Paul say about this? It is 2498 admissible to think that any of the empires that 2499 actually exist or that could come to existence, could 2500 last until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, but in 2501 no way can it be said that the empires already fallen 2502 could last until the Second Coming. Therefore, this 2503 prophecy has to be speaking of either: 1) the 2504 present and of the future or, 2) only of the 2505 future. 2506

How do we know if it is speaking of the present and the future or if it only refers to the future? Before anything further is said, we must realize that no matter whether this prophecy is speaking of actual events and those of the future, or only of those in the future, that future could only be of two

different types: a) a future that takes place until the 2513 Second Coming of Christ or **b**) a future that ends 2514 before the Second Coming. Evidently, the second 2515 supposition can be discarded. We have already 2516 analyzed this. In the verses to follow, (in Daniel 2517 testimony and in Paul's writings) it is demonstrated 2518 again that the fourth world power of Daniel 7 ends 2519 with the Second Coming of Christ, and not before. 2520 Let's first see the testimony of Daniel in 7:7-14. 2521

2523 "7 After this I saw in the night visions, and
2524 behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible,
2525 and strong exceedingly. And it had great iron
2526 teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and
2527 stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it
2528 was diverse from all the beasts that were
2529 before it; and it had ten horns.

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11 I beheld then because of the voice of the
great words which the horn spake; I beheld

even till the beast was slain, and his body 2548 destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 2549 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they 2550 had their dominion taken away; yet their lives 2551 were prolonged for a season and time. 2552 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one 2553 like the Son of man came with the clouds of 2554 heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and 2555 they brought him near before him. 14 And 2556 there was given him dominion, and glory, and 2557 a kingdom, that all people, nations, and 2558 languages, should serve him; his dominion is 2559 an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass 2560 away, and his kingdom that which shall not 2561 be destroyed." (Daniel 7:7-14) 2562 2563

The fourth beast lasts until the Second 2564 **Coming.** In this passage we saw that as Daniel was 2565 observing the rise of the fourth beast, at the same 2566 time he saw how the eleventh horn rose and pulled 2567 out by the roots three of the first horns. Then the 2568 eleventh horn "uttered great things," by which 2569 action it is identified as the antiChrist. Not only 2570 what he expressed here identifies him as the 2571 antiChrist, but also how the angel interprets this 2572 vision, in verses 21 and 25. 2573

Therefore, if during the existence of the fourth 2574 beast the antiChrist rises, it is logical to conclude 2575 that this beast, world power or empire will last until 2576 the Second Coming. Remember also what Saint 2577 Paul said so in II Thessalonians 2:8-9. Referring 2578 to the antiChrist, he said that "that Wicked" one 2579 will be destroyed at Jesus Christ's Second Coming. 2580 If in His Second Coming, Our Lord destroys the 2581 antiChrist, and the antiChrist rises during the 2582

existence of the fourth beast, it is strongly
reasonable to think that the fourth beast or empire
will last until the Second Coming of Christ. Let's
look at II Thessalonians passage.

"8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and <u>lying</u> wonders." (II Thes 2:8-9)

Now then, if the fourth beast is in existence 2596 during the Second Coming of Christ, this points out 2597 that the four world powers that the prophecy speaks 2598 of, are the last four world powers that will govern in 2599 the world. It is therefore acceptable to assume that 2600 this prophecy of Daniel 7 is referring to theory "a" 2601 mentioned above. It is referring to a future that 2602 takes place until the Second Coming of Christ. 2603 The question arises whether this period that the 2604 prophecy speaks about has already started or will 2605 start in the future. 2606

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This period of the four beasts, which is 2608 mentioned in theory # 1, has already started. It 2609 was demonstrated in the first section of the book. 2610 Today we find ourselves in the waiting-room of 2611 the end times, in the final stretch of the race of 2612 human history. Great Britain, Russia and China 2613 have already risen to power. The fourth empire of 2614 the prophecy is the one to finish rising, the last to 2615 rise in the history of humanity, in which humans 2616 govern; and we are perceiving it in the horizon. 2617

Again I insist, that those who read the Holy Scriptures often and are at least aware of the things happening in their surroundings, will be able to interpret the prophecies that God has destined to be interpreted in this period of time, never those of an era that has not yet arrived.

For the love of God's Truth

Brethren, I believe that the best way to attain the 2628 truth, to determine the correct theory among the 2629 many we have heard, is through discussions. I learn 2630 much from discussions. During discussions my 2631 friends, and even more my opponents, help me see 2632 my errors. Based sincerely on this way of thinking, I 2633 offer a written debate with whoever would 2634 consider that anything I have said is mistaken. 2635

When people do not like an interpretation of a 2636 doctrinal or prophetic nature about a passage of the 2637 Bible, but do not have their own arguments to deny 2638 them, it is typical for them to say: "Well! There are 2639 too many interpretations". This is very common 2640 among unbelievers, but also unfortunately among 2641 the brethren in Christ. If you also think that there are 2642 many interpretations, study them, discard those that 2643 are not logical, and maintain and defend those that 2644 you deem to be correct. This is the way our brother 2645 Saint Paul stated in First Thessalonians 5:21. He 2646 said: 2647

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"Test all things; hold fast that which is good."

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If the only thing one responds with is: "there are 2652 many interpretations, and therefore I believe none", 2653 this is equivalent to saying "there are too many 2654 doctors and for that reason I do not go to any of 2655 them". Or to saying "there are too many 2656 medications and for that reason I do not use any of 2657 them". Or to saying "there are too many types of 2658 clothing and for that reason I do not buy any". Or 2659 "there are too many scientific theories and therefore 2660 I don't want to believe or study any of them". 2661

In some occasions when I have found someone 2662 who has disagreed with the opinion I maintain, I 2663 have asked him to help me by showing me his own 2664 reasoning, so I can leave my error behind. 2665 Unfortunately, their response to my request is "I do 2666 not have time." However, one finds them in front of 2667 the television for hours, in the theater, at the beach, 2668 at a ball game. Not that any of these things are 2669 wrong, but if someone uses all his time in those 2670 things, how can they come up later with the lame 2671 excuse that they don't have time to seek the truth or 2672 help this brother to get rid of what they think is my 2673 errors. 2674

The real problem that afflicts many of them is that 2675 they value their pleasures more than the truth of 2676 God, or more than helping a brother in his error. Or 2677 perhaps what they intend is to discredit the 2678 interpretation, but they lack reasoning to do so. It is 2679 true that they have time to open up an argument, 2680 or cast a doubt over the thoughts expressed, to 2681 cast a black marble to it, but "they do not have 2682 time" to demonstrate the error of a brother, or to 2683 honestly admit that they are wrong. They have 2684 time for slandering the issue but not for 2685

investigating and arriving at a correct conclusion ina brotherly way.

To state that "there are many interpretations" 2688 is really to attempt to discredit a doctrinal or 2689 prophetic interpretation. What such a statement is 2690 trying to convey, without having the sincerity to 2691 come forward and say it is, "I do not like your 2692 interpretation, but I do not have reasoning to refute 2693 it and it is easier for me to belittle it. Otherwise I 2694 would have to confess my error, which hurts my 2695 ego". 2696

If any brother sees an error in my exposition
and has enough Christian love to help me in my
error, please send an E-Mail to
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I will appreciate it from my heart and soul, 2703 because I love the truth more than my own ego, 2704 especially God's truth. If someone shows me the 2705 truth, even if it hurts my ego, I consider this a 2706 blessing that I will be grateful for. If anyone helps 2707 me with an error, in the next edition of my book, I 2708 will make it known and explain how he did it. I will 2709 appreciate it very much as will all of those who may 2710 have been misled due to my own wrong theory, if 2711 indeed it really was wrong. 2712

On the other hand, if anyone would like to help further demonstrate that this interpretation is correct, I will also appreciate it if they let me know.

Please, mention the number of the page and of thelines you refer to whether to help or to refute.

May God illuminate you and give you the arguments to refute my errors on this matter, if I

indeed have them, and to demonstrate that which is 2720 true and expose that which is false. 2721 2722 2723 2724 2725 2726 **Third section** 2727 2728 **Fraternal exhortation** 2729 To begin with we must remember our brother 2730 Paul's exhortation when he said: 2731 2732 "Prove all things, hold fast that which is 2733 good." (I Thes 5:21) 2734 2735 We should not be afraid of examining what we are 2736 given, if we have faith in God and in the fact that 2737 He will not allow us to be deceived when we are 2738 sincere with Him and with ourselves. If we are 2739 truly in Him and the interpretations and 2740 doctrines are from Him, He will fulfill in us what 2741 Our Lord Jesus Christ personally said in Luke 21:15 2742 2743 "For I will give you utterance and wisdom 2744 which none of your opponents will be able to 2745 resist or refute." (Lk 21:15) 2746 2747 It is not a matter of talking ourselves into 2748 arrogantly believing that our interpretations were 2749 "inspired". Or believing that we have the correct 2750 interpretations and doctrines, and then fear 2751 discussing them amicably with the brethren. The 2752 ones who proceed this way, do not believe what 2753

they profess, or do not believe what Jesus Christ
said in the passage found in Luke about giving us
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2760 How having been raised atheist I became 2761 a Christian

I was raised atheist. In Cuba in the city I lived 2762 there wasn't an evangelical church. There were 2763 only two or three evangelical Christians, with whom 2764 I did not have any contact, yet I got to know them 2765 after I became a Christian. My parents raised me 2766 atheist, due to the false scientific environment 2767 surrounding them, which was prevalent in Cuba at 2768 that time as it is in the World now. They truly 2769 thought that science was the answer, and with their 2770 best intentions, they raised me this way. 2771

In September 1944, when I was sixteen years 2772 old, a group of Christians came to my city with a 2773 tent revival. They preached the gospel to all who 2774 wanted to hear it. Attracted by curiosity, the music, 2775 and the desire to tease those who believed "these 2776 foolish things", I came with three or four friends to 2777 hear their message. They were preaching about 2778 Isaiah's prophecies and the teachings grabbed my 2779 attention. How can anyone know the future with 2780 such accuracy? I had never thought about the 2781 possibility of God's existence. 2782

At this time I was studying in high school; I needed a subject for an essay I had to write for Physics class. I went to my father's library, who was a medical doctor and possessed many books, to do research on the assigned essay. While searching for

the material needed, I stumbled upon a small book, 2788 whose title was "The Bible". When I saw it I 2789 thought, "this was the book those Americans were 2790 talking about last night." I had never seen a Bible; 2791 I did not even know what it was. In addition to 2792 the fact that I was raised atheist, in those days, in 2793 Cuba, the Roman Catholic Church prohibited 2794 the personal study of the Bible. No one talked 2795 about it in my house, in the academic environment 2796 that I was involved in, nor in the city where I lived. 2797 Puzzled by the fact that my father had this book, I 2798 opened it. It was a gift given to my father by an 2799 individual named Rogelio Caparrós, who had 2800 written a small paragraph dedicating it to my father 2801 twenty years before. I knew that he was a friend of 2802 my father's, but it had been many years since they 2803 had seen each other. It appeared to have been a 2804 prompting from God, to have such a gift given to 2805 my father, so that I could take hold of it at the 2806 appropriate time. I took the Bible and the physics 2807 book that I had been searching for, to my room. 2808

I began reading the Bible from the first page on, as you would read any other book. By the time I got to Exodus, I had given my life to God. I kept reading, eagerly the book whose existence I once ignored. When I came to Joshua 1:8, I was awfully impressed by what I read there:

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"<u>This book of the law shall not depart out of</u> <u>thy mouth</u>; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8) It seemed like it was a command from God, sent directly to me. From then on, I was determined in my heart to read at least five chapters daily, which I have done almost every day since. I am now reading the whole Bible for the 95th time. I am eighty five years old and intend to keep on doing so with God's help, till the day I die.

Perhaps due to the way I began my Christian 2831 walk, I did not feel the necessity to belong to any 2832 particular denomination, to the exclusion of 2833 others. Even though I attend the same Church 2834 weekly and regularly visit different types of 2835 churches, I do not subscribe to a denomination. I 2836 cooperate with any that has the doctrine of 2837 salvation by the grace of Jesus Christ as its main 2838 foundation. I have not had any inclination towards 2839 theological studies or any courses that are 2840 commonly taught at seminaries. Instead I have fully 2841 committed myself to reading God's word on a daily 2842 basis. Besides having read the Bible many times, 2843 from Genesis to Revelation, I have also listened to, 2844 or debated diverse beliefs with believers. This is 2845 how I have learned about different beliefs and 2846 doctrines. It is possible that this book, coming from 2847 a person that does not subscribe to a specific 2848 denomination, may be of special interest to any 2849 reader. 2850 *

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How did I realize the correct interpretation of Daniel Seven prophecy

In 1953, while reading the press, I saw, several
times that China was compared to a paper tiger.
Knowing that England was symbolized by "the

British lion" and also knowing since before 1951 2858 that Russia was represented as "the bear of the 2859 Siberian tundra," I realized that the prophecy in 2860 Daniel was talking about these countries. 2861 In spite of this interesting observation and having 2862 confirmed the facts, I did not say anything publicly. 2863 I decided it would be better to continue observing 2864 the development of events, since I feared that 2865 perhaps I would be divulging something that should 2866 be kept concealed for the time being. 2867 Later, I pondered this. I realized I was doing the 2868 same as the slave who had hidden the 'mina' that 2869 was given to him by his master, as Luke 19:20-21 2870 tells us. I also realized that the Bible says that things 2871 that are revealed are not for us to keep or withhold, 2872 but they are meant to be shared, as Deuteronomy 2873 29:29 says. 2874 2875 "The secret things belong unto the LORD 2876 our God, but those things which are revealed 2877 belong unto us and to our children for ever, 2878 that we may do all the words of this law." 2879 (Dt 29:29) 2880 2881 This is why I decided to write this small book and 2882 others which I have in mind. 2883 2884 2885 2886 What are prophecies and for whom have they 2887 been written? 2888 Prophecies are not literary pieces destined to 2889 satisfy the curiosity of believers by detailing the 2890 history of each country ahead of time. Biblical 2891 prophecies are warnings that God gives to His 2892

people so they can know some of the events that 2893 will take place at a determined time in history, in a 2894 specific country or region. That is done so His 2895 people can be prepared for these events, which 2896 concern us directly. Prophecies do not try to give 2897 detailed accounts of all historical events and of 2898 all nations of the world. It does not always refer to 2899 main countries either. 2900

Prophecies are written so when the time in which God wants them to be understood arrives, anybody that reads the Bible and is at least partially aware of events occurring around him, is able to understand them. It is not necessary for a person to be "anointed," or "inspired," or with special divine gifts, or anything similar.

Many prophecies of the Bible are given 2908 through symbolism. It seems that God gives 2909 prophecy through symbols, in other words sealed 2910 up, because He does not wish for them to be 2911 deciphered until the time that He has determined. 2912 Thanks to this, the prophetic symbols fulfill their 2913 purpose. Their significance is not to be understood 2914 from the moment they are given, but only become 2915 clear and evident when the intended moment 2916 arrives, when Christians need to understand 2917 them. In this Daniel 7 prophecy, we come to 2918 understand the meaning of these symbols at the 2919 current time in history, something that couldn't be 2920 done in centuries past, because those countries were 2921 not known with those names until a few decades 2922 ago. 2923

From all the previously stated, we can deduce that prophecies are given in such a way that they are not interpreted or understood (at least in their totality) until the assigned times

determined by God. But by the same token, they 2928 are written in such a way that any Christian that 2929 reads and is acquainted with the Bible and is aware 2930 of events that are happening around him, can 2931 interpret it at the proper time. Otherwise, it would 2932 not make sense to put prophecies in the Bible. 2933 Why include them in Scripture if they are never to 2934 be interpreted? 2935

On the other hand, if it were necessary to possess
special spiritual gifts of interpretation, why would
Peter exhort Christians in general, in II Peter 1:1921 to pay attention to them?

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"19 We have also a more sure word of 2941 prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take 2942 heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark 2943 place, until the day dawn, and the day star 2944 arise in your hearts. 20 Knowing this first, 2945 that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any 2946 private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy 2947 came not in old time by the will of man, but 2948 holy men of God spake as they were moved by 2949 the Holy Ghost." (II P 1:19-21) 2950

If Peter exhorts Christians to pay attention to prophecy, it is because he knows they do not need special spiritual gifts to decipher them. Only the desire to learn. In other words, prophecies written in the Bible are for everyone **and** not for a special someone.

It also stands to reason that **if it were always feasible to decipher the symbols** that the prophecies contain, then why would God use symbols to conceal them? For once the meaning of these symbols is known, then the knowledge would no longer be concealed for the centuries to come
after their interpretations, and before their
fulfillment.

Its logical to think that God gave them to us in such a way that they are un-decipherable until the appropriate moment comes. When that moment arrives, anyone can interpret them without the need of special gifts, special intelligence, special qualities, nor individual or personal revelations, neither to be a genius.

According to what Joseph says in Genesis 40:8 2973 and 41:16, or the prophet Daniel in Dn 2:22 and 2974 28, one may conclude that God is the only one who 2975 provides the interpretation. But we must realize that 2976 the revelations previously mentioned were given 2977 deliberately with the purpose that they be 2978 interpreted only by these two God servants, in order 2979 to place them in a position of advantage. They were 2980 not to be interpreted by anyone who heard them. We 2981 must distinguish between these two types of 2982 revelation and prophecy interpretations. Otherwise 2983 whole doctrines could be created with the first thing 2984 that comes to mind. 2985

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In the first case, God gives a revelation that 2987 only one person is able to decipher. These are 2988 almost always revelations with a limited reach 2989 (given to only one person or only a few) and are 2990 for the short term. The purpose is for them to be 2991 deciphered immediately, or soon after they were 2992 given. Examples of these are: Pharaoh' servants, the 2993 one given to Pharaoh himself, the vision of the 2994 Lofty Tree, given to Nebuchadnezzar, and the 2995 writing on the wall to Belshazzar. 2996

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The second case is that of most prophecies in 2998 the Bible, those which are intended for future 2999 generations. Examples of these are: the four beasts 3000 in Daniel; the ram and the goat; the seventy weeks; 3001 the ones found in Revelation, Isaiah 53, etc.. These 3002 are to be interpreted by many of those who read 3003 them at their appropriate time. At that time, the 3004 symbols utilized to convey the message in these 3005 prophesies will acquire a meaning, a meaning that 3006 will be understandable to anyone, due to the 3007 circumstances at that point in time. It does not seem 3008 to require a miracle of God to allow us to interpret 3009 these types of prophecies. They are designed 3010 precisely for this: so that everyone who reads them 3011 understands them, at its appropriate time. 3012 Assuming, of course, that the reader does not 3013 willfully refuses to understand them. 3014

The precision of these prophecies, verifiable by 3016 anyone, demonstrates to sincere unbelievers that 3017 the Bible is God's word. In the present work, this 3018 writer does not twist the Scriptures into agreeing 3019 with his own personal interpretation of the 3020 prophecy. Instead, the text presents the reader with 3021 the daily press, the periodicals and magazines so 3022 that, they can verify with facts the certainty of its 3023 interpretation. 3024

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For this reason I believe that every writer should 3025 be accessible to edifying healthy discussion, and 3026 not lock himself in an ivory tower to avoid 3027 discussion of his ideas. For this very reason, I will 3028 give anyone a chance to refute what is said in this 3029 book; because I consider that from a healthy 3030 discussion comes light. I can become the 3031 beneficiary this way, because people show me my 3032

errors, if I have some; by the same token, others
around me benefit too, since their errors are exposed
as well, if they have some.

Of the authors that I know, none have ever wanted 3036 to discuss their doctrines, or their interpretations of 3037 a prophecy. They convey things dogmatically to 3038 persuade the listener to believe. We can describe 3039 this attitude with the old Latin phrase: "Magister 3040 dixit"; which means, "because the teacher says so". 3041 If anyone attempts to refute them in writing, they 3042 simply say they do not want to "waste time" 3043 because they are "too busy". 3044

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"Discussions are like light, they only bother those that prefer darkness"

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How to discuss opposing view points

When discussing in science or in any other 3053 subject, two hypotheses or two theories the first 3054 step is to formulate questions about them, so that 3055 one can perfectly understand the opposing 3056 hypothesis. The second step is to demonstrate how 3057 the opposing theory cannot be correct. Then, the 3058 last step is to demonstrate how our theory is 3059 correct, because it logically explains the phenomena 3060 under study. In this book I reversed the order of 3061 these steps, making the third step the second one, 3062 and the second step the third one. The first step is 3063 included in the formulation of each theory. 3064

In discussions regarding Christianity, it is
 necessary to present arguments and reasoning, using
 the Bible as the foundation. This book if mine is a

discussion about the interpretation of the prophecy
of Daniel 7. First I demonstrated that my theory is
correct, and later, that the traditional and
"authorized" interpretation is <u>not</u> correct.

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