The Last Four World Powers

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 facts 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, without skipping, 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, demonstrates 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, demonstrates 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 whom have they been written, and teaches how to discuss opposing viewpoints efficiently.

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Demonstration that the prophecy in Daniel 7 belongs to the present and the period prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

Afterwards in this book I will demonstrate why the prophecy in Daniel 7 cannot be referring to the old empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome, as has traditionally been interpreted. This interpretation is incorrect. I will also demonstrate why this cannot refer to any other four past empires, or any single empire of the past.

Now I will proceed to demonstrate that this prophecy is referring to the contemporary world powers of Great Britain, Russia, China and the European Union.

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Let’s read the full text of the Prophecy of the chapter 7 of the Biblical book of Daniel

Before anything else, let’s read Daniel chapter 7 so we can have it in mind while reasoning about this prophecy.

“1 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.
2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night and behold, the four winds of the
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.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to
a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and
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 from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The judgment was set, and the books were opened.

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 destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

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

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others,
exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass, which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet. 20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, 22 until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 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 ten kings that shall arise; and another shall rise after them, and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

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
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*High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. 28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitation much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me, but I kept the matter in my heart."

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

Since Great Britain lost its empire, or more precisely since the British Empire became the British Commonwealth, you do not hear much about the “British Lion.” However, those of us who lived in the 1930s and 1940s remember the many references made to England being symbolized by a lion. In many occasions, there have been political cartoons and caricatures in newspapers where Great Britain was represented by a lion. Nowadays you don’t see it as often, perhaps due to the decline in influence of the country since it lost its empire after the Second World War. 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.
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 on Wednesday, May 10, 1989, on page 31-A. If she was depicted as a lion, it is because those who wrote it thought the public would understand its symbolism. Notice that these items are not the creations of anyone belonging to the religious sector, which may possibly lead them to reflect their own personal interpretations. But it was written by secular people in 1989, speaking about the politics of Margaret Thatcher.

A Very Early Depiction of Britain as the Lion
The depiction of Britain as a Lion in political commentary circles dates back centuries. In this anonymous cartoon of c. 1733, a sour looking
British Lion is depicted as being forced to carry the load of excise tax on wine and tobacco proposed at the time of Britain’s Chief Minister Walpole. The real significance of this illustration is that it shows that Britain is symbolized by the Lion long before the sequence of rising World Powers predicted in Daniel 7. That is, before anyone could contrive a symbolism scheme because they had no idea how history would play itself out.

*The European Common Market.* In a Hispanic-American 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 results were adverse to England. The cartoonist conveyed his message by using a house, whose front depicted a sign that said “Common Market” and on its door another sign that said: “French Referendum”. On the sidewalk, there was an ill-treated lion standing on its hind legs showing great pain in its face. His tail had been caught by the door. The word “Inglaterra” which in Spanish means “England” appeared on its body. This is another case of people that are in the business of conveying news of a political nature, not in the business of interpreting prophecy; yet, they use the lion to represent Great Britain. See page 10.
Also in 1848. A relevant fact in presenting these caricatures of the British lion is to emphasize that these representations were created by people that had nothing to do with religion. It is interesting to note that they were made at different times in history, throughout the duration of the vast British Empire; which had colonies all around the world. If we look at the following Internet site, we see that on April 8, 1848, in the British magazine Punch no. 14, there is a caricature titled “The British Lion and
the Irish Monkey”. Currently a copy can be found at web address:
http://www.punchcartoons.com/m47/Leech,-
John/p111/Cartoon-Print:-British-Lion-&-The-
Irish-Monkey/product_info.html.

In it, the lion is representing Great Britain. This
caricature appeared more than a century ago. In
other words, it is not something that current
“religious fanatics” are trying to convey in order to
persuade people to believe that England is the lion
of the prophecy in Daniel 7. The authors of these
representations never imagined their caricatures
could ever be used to demonstrate that the lion was
a prophetic symbol representing England. See
picture. See page 12.

Recent books. England was not represented as a
lion only in past decades. As recently as 1995, there
was a book published, titled “British Political
History 1867-1995,” authored by Malcolm Pearce
and Geoffrey Stewart. Routledge is the publisher,
coded as “ISBN/ISSN: 0-415-13812-4.” On the
book cover, there is a woman (Britannia). To her
left there is a shield with the British flag, and to her
right there is a lion. See page 13.
This cartoon, appearing April 8, 1848, was drawn by John Leech. The caption under the title reads:

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

Mr. Mitchell is John Mitchell, editor of the militant newspaper "The United Irishman."
“Breaking with Moscow”]. 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 lion’s mane may be mangy”, he said, “but he has powerful bite still”. Again we see how people of different background and nationalities concur on using the lion to symbolize England. I don’t think anyone would accuse Mr. Khrushchev, the soviet communist Premier, of collusion with those “religious fanatics” to make England look like the lion of Daniel 7’s prophecy. See photocopy of excerpt below:

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

**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.

The Lion in sports. In the following a sport news report speaks of the rugby team called the British Lions. The news piece reports on the death of a former member. Rugby happens to be very popular in England. The web address for this report is: (http://www.sportserver.com/newsroo.../feat/archive/110295/mor10005.html). Or view the picture on page 17.
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.
In an article written by Barbara Powell for the “Star Telegram”, on July 28th, 1997, (paragraph 7) the following is said about a Hong Kong government worker Dorcas Ng. “When Mrs. Ng takes a ferry across Victoria Harbor, to Hong Kong Island, she can see that the logo of the British lion on City Hall is gone”. When the Chinese took over the government of the island, all British heraldry was removed. This is what Mrs. Powell is referring to. The importance of mentioning this is that it shows the tacit recognition of the Lion as the symbol of England in different spheres, origins and periods. Examine this at Internet address: (http://www.startext.net...64/; 1FRONT64062897.html). See picture on page 19.
Woman led back to colony by faith

By Barbara Powell
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HONG KONG — Today is the last time that Denise Ng will get a day off from her government job courtesy of Queen Elizabeth.

After midnight 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's a small detail that to Ng — a former Delta resident who frequently returns for visits — characterizes the coming handover of Hong Kong to China.

Ng came to Texas in 1985 for an international camp counselors program as part of her work with Schools for Christ, an organization of Chinese Christian teachers. She lived with her cousin Olivia Lin in Richardson for about a year and was supposed to stay. But Ng owned an apartment in Hong Kong, and she chose to return and get married — and extend her future to Hong Kong, China and God.

While politicians and analysts 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 note the changes that have begun.

The stationery that Ng uses in her job as a function assistant for the Urban Council no longer has present on it envelopes the words "On Her Majesty's Service." The words now are "On Government Service."

When Ng takes 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 facade, Ng sees the lotus flower, China's chosen 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 executive government functions, has added nine counselors 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 alarm. She long ago accepted the inevitable and decided to put her fate 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."

"I am not worrying about this," said Ng, a petite woman who describes her husband, Alan, as the quiet one in the marriage and herself as the talker.

When asked if she believes that everything will remain the same, Ng, a slender woman about 5 feet tall with black hair and quick movements, turns her pony tail, shrugs and says, "Who knows?"

She does have concerns.

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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.

The bear and President Barack Obama. On the occasion of President Barack Obama’s recent trip to Moscow to meet with the Russian leadership, the British financial magazine The Economist featured a composite illustration on it’s cover that highlighted the perceived political danger of the trip. In it President Obama is shown walking straight in to the mouth of a bear, with the caption above of “Welcome to Moscow”. You can see this cover on the July 4th to 10th 2009 edition of The Economist. See page 21.
An Early Depiction of Russia as the Bear. The depiction of Russia as a bear, in international political commentary, was common long before Russia became the World Power of the mid-20th Century. In the following 1808 illustration by famous British cartoonist James Gillray, he depicts Russia as a bear subdued by Napoleon, through the treaty of Tilset, and shows both Napoleon and the chained Russian Bear advancing against the British Lion. See page 22.
Other Early Depictions of Russia as the Bear.

During the 19th Century Tsarist Russia was depicted as a bear. And this was decades before the Bolshevik takeover and a century before its ascendancy to the World Power following Great Britain. Notice that when they represent Tsarist Russia, the bear wears a royal crown, and when communist Russia is represented the bear wears a typical Russian winter hat or hammer and sickle. In the following two caricatures by Sir John Tenniel and William Boucher, tsarist Russia is depicted as a bear. In the first one by Sir John Tenniel, the Russian Bear is giving a very dangerous “bear hug” to Turkey, depicted as a turkey (Punch, April 9th, 1853). In the second one, cartoonist William Boucher depicts tsarist Russia as a predator neighbor just over the fence (Judy, March 29th, 1876). See pages 23 & 24.
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.
Russians Depict Their Country as the Bear.
The representation of Russia as a bear is not only used by non-Russians. Russians also see their country as the Bear. In a recent version of the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, a search for “Russian Bear” yields a very interesting article with references to the use of the Bear as a symbol of Russia. Up to December 1st, 2009 all the examples of the Russian Bear given in this article are different than the ones shown in this book, hence they are additional evidence of the use of the Russian Bear in political and news circles. I encourage the readers to check this Wikipedia article to see examples of Russians using the Russian Bear to depict themselves. One instance of this is “Misha”, the official mascot of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. See page 26.
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 journalist, nor any media outlet, will display symbols to their readers or listeners that they could not understand. It is logical to think that when the press uses the symbol of the bear to represent Russia, it is because their readers will understand it.

Jack Anderson was a well known and influential American journalist in the United States. He published his columns in hundreds of newspapers, in English, as well as in other languages. This individual has to write with sensitivity and knowledge, using adequate vocabulary and symbols to communicate with his innumerable readers. He also uses the bear to represent Russia in one of his articles. The article I will discuss here is the one that appeared in “Diario las Americas” on November 19th, 1984, titled “Indira Gandhi and her devotion to India.” An associate of Mr. Anderson, named Indy Badhwar, had interviewed Ms. Gandhi two years before, when she was the Prime Minister of
India. Mr. Anderson mentions this interview in his article. This is what it said:

“Two years ago, Ms. Gandhi, who rarely granted private interviews, agreed to give one to my associate, Indy Badhwar. She was exasperated with the attitude of many people in the United States, who thought that whoever was not in favor of the U.S. position in their fight against the Soviet Union, was against the U.S. as well. She said: ‘Neither I am for the Soviets nor for the U.S. I am for India.’

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

It was obvious to Jack Anderson that representing Russia with the bear should be understood by millions of his readers. So, it is reasonable to think that this symbol is understood internationally; since his writings were read all around the world. Notice that this guy is not a “religious fanatic” trying to get his readers to interpret a prophecy. Instead we are talking about a serious journalist telling us about a theme that happens to be ten light years away from the interpretation of prophecies. See page 31.
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 líder de esa nación durante las dos últimas décadas. El asesinato de Indira Gandhi por extremistas Sikh 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— asegurándose de que los sucesores de Indira Gandhi que nosotros estamos comprometidos a apoyar su afán de seguridad en medio de los peligros de las dictaduras veílicas y las fragmentaciones religiosas internas.

La seguridad de ese apoyo servirá de mucho para disipar las sospechas y los resentimientos de los líderes de la India con respecto a los Estados Unidos, que se remontan a los tiempos de cuando el presidente Nixon "se inclinó", secretamente hacia Pakistán durante la guerra con la India en 1971. Las relaciones entre las dos democracias más grandes del mundo dejan 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 concedía entrevistas privadas— aceptó a ser entrevistada por mi socio, el director de "Professor Magazine". Indira Gandhi demostró estar visiblemente exasperada por la actitud de muchos en este país de que quienquiera que no esté a favor de 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 rebuznar el abrazo del aye ruso tan pronto como éste diera señales de apretar demasiado. Por ejemplo, cuando el Kremlin trató de hacer a la India completamente dependiente de los armamentos soviéticos al ofrecerse con unos precios bajísimos, Indira Gandhi demostró su desprecio a la oferta soviética diciendo...
In another example, a school of language represents Russia as a bear. In 1988, when Glasnost and Perestroika were vogue, there were several programs teaching the Russian language. New York State University at New Paltz was one of the academic sites that offered these lessons. These programs were sponsored by “Voices of the Future” which was located at 250 W. 57th St., New York, New York 10107. The program offered students the opportunity of going to Russia to learn the language. A bear and an Eagle, shoulder to shoulder, appear on the front of a pamphlet promoting one of these programs. Keep in mind that if the Eagle represents the United States, then one has to assume that the bear represents Russia. Both countries at the time had friendly relations. Therefore, they offered this opportunity for Americans to learn Russian for future business dealings with that country.

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.

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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
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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 department. This department publishes several books and pamphlets dedicated to the teaching of tactics, weapons, strategy, techniques, etc. Among these publications, there is a series titled “Field Manuals,” abbreviated FM. The first number after the letters “FM”, refers to the subject the pamphlet or book is about, for example: tactics, operations, health, intelligence, training, etc. Another number follows a hyphen, which refers to yet something more specific the pamphlet teaches, for example: handling of a specific anti-tank weapon, etc.

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

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

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 marvelous, spectacular, or “anointed” people. The belief that the open prophecies of the Bible are to be understood only by a few special people, has led our brethren into many errors throughout the centuries. Many sects and cults have been organized around these special predictions which have subsequently failed.

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

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.

**China seems to be the head.** Great Britain and Russia not only represent their country, but also several nations forming a bloc with them. In the case of England, it was the head of the British Empire, later known as the British Commonwealth. In Russia’s case, it was the head of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, which was transformed into the Russian Federation after the fall of Communism. Likewise, in the case concerning
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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The electrical engineers. The relevance of this exposition hinges on the fact that this data is based on the opinions of people who have nothing to do with religion. They are professionals who do not have preconceived opinions about the interpretations of the prophecy. A professional magazine of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, called “Spectrum”, published an article in June, 1991. The title on the cover page reads: “Asia Power: technology’s Pacific tilt.” Below the title, you see a tiger representing Asia. There is no need for complicated analysis. Those that put the tiger on the title page don’t know anything about the prophecy. They simply depict the Asian power the same way others do, by using the “tiger”. See page 38.
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 are now being called the **New Four Asian Tigers**. These are the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. If we recall the prophecy (Daniel 7:6), the tiger or leopard has four heads and four wings. Could these eight countries be the four heads and four wings? It is currently too early to tell. The current “tiger” world power is still in development and the outcome could go in several directions. It is notable, however, that the fulfillment of a 2400 year old prophecy is beginning to take form before our eyes.

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 looks at the table of contents, you will see a line that says: “Strong Growth Prospects Abound in the Tiger Nations.” When you read the article and its statistics and graphics, you’ll see this sentence: “The Tigers and the Mini-Tigers of the Pacific Basin, collectively known for its tremendous rhythm of economic growth....” You can see a photocopy of the cover on page 40, a photocopy of the table of contents and a photocopy of page six of the booklet, on page 41 of this book.
At the Convention Center in Miami Beach

there was a fair that ran from April 23rd through April 26th, 1998. The Hispanic-American daily “Diario las Americas” announced this fair of Asiatic manufacturer products on April 23rd, 1998. On page 11-A appeared a six by eight and half inch panel that read, with large letters: “Tigers of Asia.” After the title, it listed the products that were going to be offered at the fair. So, as you can see they call themselves “The Asian Tigers.” See the announcement on page 43.
In an article written by Henry Kissinger published by the Miami Herald on Sunday, August 1st, 1993, on page 5-C, the ex-Secretary of State of the U.S. mentions the Asian Tigers. The article is titled: “Trade pact is keystone for a new world order.” In the second paragraph of its second column it says: “America has never had a neighbor with the importance that Mexico will acquire in the next century, with or without NAFTA. By then it will be a country with a population well over 100 million and equal to the Asian little tigers such as Korea”. See picture on page 44.
Trade pact is keystone

By HENRY KISSINGER

Before the end of the summer, President Clinton will ask the Congress to approve the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), linking the United States with Canada and Mexico in a free trade area comprising a population of 370 million and a gross national product of $6 trillion. It will represent the most creative step toward a new world order taken by any group of countries since the end of the Cold War, and the first step toward the even larger vision of a free trade zone for the entire Western Hemisphere.

And yet, recent events show that there is still a lot of work to be done in this regard. In the weekly magazine “Newsweek,” on May 14th, 1990, on page 46 in the business section, an article appears that shows the possibility of South Korea becoming another industrial giant like Japan. The title says it all: “The wounded Asian Tiger.”

Again, we see people who have nothing to do with the subject of interpretations of the prophecies, who are inadvertently interpreting this prophecy for us. See the article on page 45.
The world renowned writer Mario Vargas-Llosa, wrote an article titled: “A Runaway Tiger.”
In it, he speaks of the speedy development of China as an economic power. The article was published in “Diario las Americas,” on August 2nd, 1994, on page 4-A. Four paragraphs before its end, this is what this well known writer wrote: “Den Xiaoping let the Tiger out of its cage, believing that having it restrained by the leash, he could make the tiger walk at his rhythm and in the direction he wanted. But the animal started running, and no one knew how to stop it. Do you know how to stop a runaway tiger without killing it?”
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?”

“National Geographic Magazine” 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.
Television as well. The term “Asian Tigers” has also been used in television when referring to the countries I’ve mentioned. The phrase “Asian
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 the phrase knows what they are referring to. I repeat, if anyone is sensitive and knowledgeable as to which words must be used in order for one to be understood by everyone, it is the press and the media in general. Besides the fact that this skill is vital for their line of work, they have a vast experience at this. Its not just the written press, it is the media in general and their readers or audiences, which confirm the fact that these countries are identified as a tiger.

The magazine “The Economist,” as you may surmise from its name, has no links to “religious fanaticism” of which Christians are so often falsely accused. It published an article referring to four countries of Asia in the Pacific Basin as tigers. In its July 18th, 1992 issue, on page 21, you see a writing titled “The Overseas Chinese: A Driving Force”, in which the impact of the regional economy is analyzed. Its foreign population is 55 million, yet they do not allow the culture and loyalty to the country of their ancestors to be dissolved. At the beginning of the third paragraph, the author proposes a rhetorical question about the possibility of whether these ethnic Chinese can influence the economy of continental China. In this article, it is stated that “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 does not have ethnic Chinese.” See the article in this page 49.

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

Again in “The Economist,” they utilize the alias of “tigers”. In the August 15th, 1992 issue, page 25, there is an article titled “Quenching the Tigers’ Thirst.” It describes the rapid expansion of the Asiatic economy and its need for oil. This is another example of diverse sectors which, without intending to, help us to interpret the Biblical prophecies and identify the countries to which they refer. There is a partial reproduction of the article on page 50.
Asian energy
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.

In 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 31m 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 32% 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 preparing Asians buy

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The Chinese Leader Deng Xiaoping. Notice that nothing that has been presented up to now has been optimistic interpretations of the facts to elicit an 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 corner of the page, the province is referred to as Asia’s fifth tiger. In the middle of the second paragraph of this writing, there was a reference to Deng Xiaoping’s opinion of this province which states: “Deng, himself, on a recent two weeks tour to Guangdong, called the region Asia’s fifth tiger.”

Here we see that even the Chinese leaders themselves, and in this particular case, Deng Xiaoping, use the nickname of the tiger to refer to their own regions and countries. I do not think that anyone would accuse the Chinese communist leader of being in cahoots with Christians to demonstrate that the Bible is correct in its prophecies. See the article in page 52.
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.
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.

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

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 the article on this page 54.

Jose Ignacio Rasco, in another reference. In “Diario las Americas”, on its February 6th, 1994 issue, on page 5-A, there’s an article titled “The Chaos of Russia”. In its fifth paragraph the article says: “The old man of the Marxist’s seventieth decade was a tired bureaucrat, without stimulation, nor a desire for progress, who did not attain the discipline of his Chinese neighbors, especially in the agricultural field. And even less than that of the other Asian neighbors, the four tigers”. See page 55.
The President of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, assured the Economic Council of the Pacific Basin, that his country “had already started roaring, and soon will become the tiger of the Andes, in order to compete with the Asian tigers in matters of economic development.” This information was published by “Diario las Americas”, on May 23rd, 1996, on page 2-A, under the title “We will soon be the Tiger of the Andes”. Later, in the eighth paragraph, it states: “Recalling the spectacular success of the so called Asian Tigers (Singapore, Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan), Fujimori said that Peru ‘shares with our Asian counterparts, a commitment for growth, productivity and hard work, and we have already started roaring’.” See photocopy on page 56.
A previous President of the United States, Bill Clinton, also refers to countries of the Pacific Basin as tigers. On the front page of “Diario las Americas”, in its May 10th, 1997 issue, there is an article that reads this: “San Jose de Costa Rica (EFE) - The President of the United States praised the triumph of peace in all of Central America, and assured that because of its economic growth, the ‘Jaguars’, which was the symbolism he used to depict these countries, were only second to the Asian Tigers.” The title of this article was “Bill Clinton praises the Jaguars of Central America following the Asian Tigers”. It is clear to the whole world that anyone, from world leaders to peasants, refer to these nations in the Pacific Basin as “tigers”. See page 57.
To conclude with this section, President Clinton once again calls the nations of the Pacific the “Asiatic Tigers”. The Hispanic-American daily “Diario las Americas” in its December 18th, 1997 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.
Notice that it is not a matter of attempting to see something where there is nothing to be seen. The majority of those who have tried to interpret this prophecy have done so by alleging that the characteristics of these animals seemed to be those of the countries they wanted to match them with. For example, “to prove” that Greece was represented by the tiger, these interpreters say that the tiger, which is a fast and agile animal, matches with the conquests of Alexander the Great which were also fast. To believe this interpretation one has to have a great deal of good will and imagination. These are merely speculations.
The way I present the material given does not require a whole lot of effort or imagination to identify the nations mentioned with the corresponding animals as symbols. The general public itself identifies them the same way without intending to. We are not enticing the imagination to see something we want to see. What we point out is what others call by name as well. However, this is not the case with the identification of the fourth beast, its identification hasn’t become as clear yet.

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The fourth beast and the European Union

The four main aspects that identify the fourth beast will only be seen when it is at the peak of its power. There is no data to identify it before its time. Only our common sense can be used, but that also fails us sometimes.

The four most clearly identifiable aspects of the fourth beast are:

a) It will rise after the tiger according to verse 7. The tiger has already risen.

b) It will have a greater power than the previous three beasts, according to verse 23.

c) The fourth beast will split, and out of that kingdom, ten kings shall arise as verse 24 states.
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, except the first one, 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.

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

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 beast of Revelation 13, is equivalent to the fourth beast of Daniel 7, plus the three former beasts (England, Russia and China).

I say that because the description given of the first beast in Revelation 13:2 has similarities with all three of the former beasts. Its body as that of a leopard (tiger), its feet are like that of a bear and its mouth like that of a lion. It gives the appearance that the European Union has become allied with, or taken China (the tiger), Russia (the bear) and Great Britain (the lion) as satellites. It looks as if the extraordinary force that the prophecy attributes to the fourth beast will derive from that. Let’s see both, Daniel and Revelation fourth beast.

“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.” (Dn 7:7)

“1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

(Rev 13:1-2)
Summary. As we can see, I can not prove that the fourth beast is the European Union allied with Great Britain, Russia and China. But this conjecture is not at all out of reason, from a prophetic standpoint, which is the only perspective we care about. As the events begin to take place we will be able to see things more clearly. As I will say later, God has placed the symbols in the prophecies so that it can only be understood when the assigned time arrives. We will know when the time has come, if we are faithful in reading the Bible and are aware of what’s happening around us.

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How can we help a sincere skeptic believe?

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

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

If we take into consideration all the animals that now exist, the probabilities will be one in trillions. Just think of coyotes, hyenas,
hippopotamus, rhinos, giraffes, sloths, beavers, and hundreds of mammalians more; also birds (like falcons, hawks, flamingos, ducks, etc.); fish (like sharks, octopus, swordfish, piranhas), etc.; reptiles (like alligators, boa constrictors, vipers), insects, etc. We don’t even have to resort to all of the animals in the animal kingdom. If we only use the 113 animals that I have found in the Bible, the probability of mentioning four of them in the same sequence they have appeared in history, is practically zero.

Let’s check the list of animals that I have been 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.

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In mathematics, the term “permutations” refer to the number of sets of symbols of a given size that you can form with a complete list of possible symbols, without repeating any within the set. Each set is different from the others by having different symbols or by having the same ones in a different order. The formula for permutations is used to calculate the probabilities.

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

\[ n \text{ P } r = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times (n-3) \ldots \ldots \times (n-(r-1)) \]

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

\[ 113 \text{ P } 4 = 113 \times 112 \times 111 \times 110 = 154,529,760 \]

(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 not believe and those who do not want to believe. If any of your friends belong to the first group, present this prophecy to help them believe. However, if any belongs to the second group, present this prophecy to them as well, so that on Judgment Day they cannot say that they did not see any scientific proof of the existence of God or any proof that the Bible is God’s Word.

Comments and details about this prophecy and 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.

a) Arise, devour much flesh. 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 farm owner, a merchant, an army officer, a property owner, an industrial executive, or anyone who had previously enjoyed a better economic status in general, were classified as suspicious. The new regime believed they could rebel and become enemies. Therefore, it was “justifiable” to execute them. In these purges, millions of people were sentenced to death or to Siberia, where they would die anyway.

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

According to the newspaper “Rossiskaya Gazette,” an official newspaper of the Parliament of the current Russian Confederacy, this figure surpasses the number of deaths caused by all the wars in the twentieth century combined.
Anyone who is sincere and reads this prophecy will realize that this phrase “Arise, devour much flesh,” was fulfilled by Communist Soviet Russia, the bear of the prophecy. Here is the copy of the article that appeared in “Diario las Americas,” on July 1st, 1992, on page 1-A regarding the statistics quoted above. What is important about this data is that it was not provided by enemies of Russia, but by the actual representatives of the nation, many of which lived while those purges were carried on.

b) The rise of these world powers is consecutive, not simultaneous. The description in verses 6-7, narrates the rise of the tiger and that of the fourth beast, respectively, in both cases the phrase “After this” is used. With this phrase, the prophecy is telling us that the rising beast who is being announced in that moment, came after the rise of the prior beast. It is seen even more clearly at the end of verse 7, when it tells us that the fourth beast will be diverse from all the beasts that were before it; very different from the preceding ones. That means the fourth beast will rise after the first three and not all at the same time.
“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.”

(Dn 7:6-7)

In spite of the fact that their rise is consecutive, it is clear that none of them will cease to exist, or fall, giving its place to the next one. On the contrary the Babylonian, Persian, Greek and Roman empires did fall successively and were absorbed by the following empire as was foretold in the dream of the statue, on the second chapter of Daniel. In this prophecy of Daniel seven, all the beasts or empires last until the end of the fourth one.

This end is described in verses 11-12. These verses tell us about that eleventh horn (the antiChrist) coming up from the fourth beast. While this horn was boasting, the fourth beast was killed and the power was taken away from the first three beasts, but their lives were prolonged. This means that the lion, the bear and the tiger lasted till the end of the fourth and then some.

“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 destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

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12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.”

(Dn 7:11-12)

In summary, these last four world powers arise successively, all four exist at the same time for a season, the fourth is destroyed, but the former three outlast the fourth, till the Kingdom is given to Jesus Christ, as indicated by verses 12-14.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

(Dn 7:12-14)

Be aware that the four ancient empires, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome, did not all exist at the same time, nor did they last till the Second Coming of Jesus Christ; but these four beasts of Daniel 7 will.

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c) The ten horns that arise from the fourth beast are simultaneous and not successive. I base my conclusion on verse 24, because it says that
another shall rise after them; which is to say that all ten, including the three toppled down already existed before the eleventh. It describes how the eleventh horn will rise, and then it subdues three kings. It gives the impression that those kings were already reigning simultaneously; otherwise, one king would have to be subdued, let the second arise, then topple the second, let the third arise, etc., one by one. The way it is narrated leads me to conclude that all ten kings including the three subdued kings were reigning at the same time, in countries that were derived from the division of the fourth beast.

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

“And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; and another shall rise after them, and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.”

(Dn 7:24)

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**e) The four winds of Heaven strove upon the great sea.** 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 uprisings as never before. An interesting observation that I would like for you to keep in mind, is that the **four beasts of this prophecy arose from the sea**. (I will further explain in a future book). Then let’s look at Revelation 13:1. It states that the first beast will arise from the sea, but the second one from the earth (Rev 13:11).

f) **The eleventh horn is the antiChrist.** I must emphasize that **the fourth beast is not the antiChrist.** It is the confederacy of nations from which the antiChrist will rise **afterwards.** Then, the eleventh king who overthrows three of the previous ten monarchs will become the antiChrist. This is the way I see it. I base my opinion on verse 25 that states:

1- He shall speak great words against the Most High.
2- He shall wear out the saints of the Most High.
3- He shall intend to change times and the law.
4- He shall last for “time, times and half a time”, seemingly three and a half years.
5- Daniel 7:26 states that the Judge shall sit and take away his dominion, and will be annihilated and destroyed forever; exactly as will happen to the antiChrist during the Second Coming of the Lord, according to II Thessalonians 2:3-9.
Let’s see those passages.

“25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.” (Dn 7:25-26)

As we can see, everything done by the eleventh horn coincides with what Paul says the antiChrist will do. After him, the kingdom is given to the saints of the Most High (verse 27). There are enough hints to make us think that the eleventh horn is the antiChrist.

There are complementary details to this prophecy, whose meaning I am in doubt or fail to understand

a) Three ribs between his teeth. The bear of the prophecy is clearly identified with Russia, no other data is necessary for its identification. Nevertheless,
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.

b) Two wings of the eagle. In the case of the lion, I am not sure of the meaning of its possession of two eagle wings. I suppose that it could refer to the natural relations (including the help during World War II) between England and the United States, whose national symbol is the eagle. I do not know the meaning of the other details mentioned in verse four. However, the statement about the eagle’s wings being plucked from the lion gives me the impression that a chasm may come between the U.S.A. and England.

c) The fourth beast is very different from the others, according to verses 7 & 19. This particular characteristic distinguishes the fourth beast from the others, which both verses emphasize. They are certainly quite different. I attribute that great difference to the kind of power it will have. It is not going to be only a classical power as in the political-military sense that we are accustomed to. Primarily, it will be an economic power that will be able to paralyze the civilized life of any country. It will be a financial power never seen before. One that could manifest itself above all others through economic boycott; a financial boycott that could potentially
result in the stop of oil flow due to banking pressures.

d) **All of the earth.** 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 Earth, that is the whole planet, or to a regional area, like Eurasia and Africa as the whole earth.

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

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.

1) **Genesis 11: 9** says the following:

“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 the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the Earth.”** it means the goal was to disperse them throughout the whole planet. In this situation, it refers to the entire Earth. So the first sentence was not referring to the whole Earth. If the people had inhabited throughout the earth, there would have been no need to scatter them over the face of all the Earth.

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

This verse says:
“And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn, because that the famine was so sore in all lands.” (Gn 41:57)

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 this verse, we realize that it is not referring to the whole Earth. It is not referring to the whole planet; it refers to the surrounding areas in those regions. It is logical to think that people from the American continent did not go to Egypt to obtain grain from Joseph; it was impossible for them to do so; which also applies to lands as far away as Japan, China, India, Australia and the British Isles. The most likely scenario for these regions is that there was no famine in their lands. It is the context, and more even the integral reading of the Bible that demonstrates which meaning is applicable to these phrases and words.

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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:

“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 about, because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee. This is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart. My heart maketh a noise in me. I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried. for the whole land is spoiled; suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me. They are sottish children, and they have none understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.”

(Jer 4: 15-22)

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

4) Ezekiel 32:4 also uses the phrase “whole earth” in a hyperbolic and metaphorical way. It compares Egypt to a whale of the sea that will be taken out of the water to be abandoned and devoured by the beasts of the “whole earth.” It is logical to think that all the beasts of the whole earth would not go to Egypt to do so; but rather only the beasts in its surroundings.

“The 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.

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 necessarily to the entire planet. Maybe it is referring to Eurasia and Africa. It is not a capricious interpretation at all; it conveys the possibility based on the way that the Bible talks about it.

I am inclined to believe that the phrase “the whole earth”, in Daniel, does not refer to the entire planet. Maybe it refers to Eurasia and Africa, or maybe to the Middle East and its surrounding nations. I base my beliefs in that in at least two different occasions, the possibilities of escaping this situation are promised to Christians. If Christians can escape in some place, then the phrase “all the earth” is not referring to all of the planet.

Let us see Revelation 3:10, the letter from Christ to the church of Philadelphia. It says:

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

(Rev 3:10)

Evidently the dominion of the antiChrist does not affect 100% of the planet’s inhabitants, due to the fact that the church of Philadelphia is not affected by it.

Revelation 12:6 & 14 also shows an escape for God’s servants. The woman finds refuge twice:

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” (Rev 12:6)
“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”

(Rev 12:14)

As we see, we can safely believe that the phrase “the whole earth” does not always refer to the entire planet; and we can safely also believe that the phrase “the whole earth” used in Daniel 7:23, does not, necessarily, refer to the whole planet.

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When would the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ be at the door?

Matthew 24 shows us when the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ will occur. Jesus Christ himself gives us medium and short term signs of his return. I will expand on this subject in a future book. This prophecy in Matthew 24 encompasses the time frame from Jesus’ ministry on Earth to his Second Coming. The description skips large spans, due to the fact that it encompasses such a vast amount of time.

Daniel’s prophecy, however, limits itself to looking like through a magnifying glass, at a small section in a large map. It shows, as in an augmented panel, the final stage of the world at the time of the last four World Powers which are to rise. Other prophecies also show a shorter period of time in the last days; so that the information given is in more detail and there is more information regarding that
short period. It is as if you encase a small portion of a large map, and it is amplified at the side of the map, in order to show more specific details about the place depicted.

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

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

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 erred. It is incorrect and disoriented to believe this 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 prophecies so that we know when the correct time is at hand; and on the other hand, believe that the period before the Second Coming of Christ is impossible to know. **No one knows the day and the hour, but we can know when that event will be at the door.** Jesus himself made this promise in Matthew 24: 32-34:

“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 doors. 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 not pertain to four ancient empires

**Everyone, who has interpreted this prophecy of the four beasts in chapter 7 of Daniel, considers that they refer to the Babylonian, Persian, Greek and Roman empires. This is the traditional interpretation, the one that has always existed; or at the very least the only one I have always heard**
about. This traditional interpretation is erroneous, and I will demonstrate this with five different arguments. Each one of them is sufficient in itself to invalidate the traditional interpretation. Some people think the prophecy could be dual; represent the old empires, and also the four last world powers. Let’s demonstrate that it could never be applied to Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome but only to the last four world powers.

1) **The prophets of God never “prophesied” about the past.** 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 the last 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 sacrilegious feast of Belshazzar, when Daniel interpreted the writing on the wall, *we see that Belshazzar was the last king of Babylon*, since he was killed that same night. Therefore, the Babylonian Empire ended with him and the Persian Empire began to reign. Let’s see:

> “30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. 31 And Darius the 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.

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

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 lion.


2) Two revelations to the same prophet about the same event? Those who defend the traditional interpretation of Daniel 7 also interpret the vision of the statue in chapter two, as a prediction of the four empires of ancient times: Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.

I agree with this interpretation of chapter two, since it is evident that at this moment, Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar (2:38) “Thou art this head of gold.” If Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold then it is within logic to think that the breast and its silver arms represented the empire that followed Babylon, which was the Persian Empire. Then, the belly and its thighs of bronze represented the empire that followed Persia, which was the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great. Finally, the legs and its feet of iron and clay represented the Roman Empire that
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 the four empires would come to exist, then what was the purpose of giving Daniel a second vision and inform us about the very same thing, and this at the end of the first of them (Babylon)? If it was a new revelation describing a section of the first one, in order to amplify a segment of the vision of Daniel chapter 2, I could then believe that God would give a new vision, but this is not the case.

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.

3) If a member in a quartet is substituted, then it is no longer the same quartet. Let’s suppose that a bookstore announces the sale of the Four Gospels, in a package that only contains four books each one of which is one of the Four Gospels. Moreover, other books can be found wrapped in foursome packages, all wrapped in transparent paper. If you ask for the Four Gospels in this bookstore, but see that the first book is “Don Quixote”, then you can be assured that the package is not the Four Gospels.
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.

4) **A pastor, friend of mine, wanting to save the 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.

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

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 have been the Greek empire, and the tiger would have been the Roman empire; resulting in the Moslem empire being the fourth beast. But the Moslem empire died many centuries ago, and did not last to the Second Coming of Christ as Daniel 7:17-18 and 23-27 says will happen with the fourth beast.

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

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

(Daniel 7:17-18)

Therefore, it is evident that the fourth beast cannot be the nonexistent Moslem Empire. And if the fourth beast could not be the Moslem Empire, Persia could not be the lion, Greece could not be the bear and Rome could not be the tiger. Then it is reasonable to say that no matter which way one tries to identify the beasts, they do not logically fit in any historical past as they do in the present.
5) **The Babylonian, Persian, Greek and Roman empires no longer exist.** Let’s read Daniel 7:11-13, so we can see that **right after the existence of the fourth beast, the Second Coming of Christ takes place.** Even though the fourth beast is destroyed, **the other three beasts still remain in existence.** This make we realize that this vision is not referring to the Babylonian, Persian, Greek or Roman empires, for these empires **no longer exist,** while according to Daniel 7:12, **the lion, the bear, and the tiger will exist until the end arrives.** Therefore, the phrase “...yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time” cannot be referring to Babylon, Persia, and Greece, due to the fact that life was not extended for any of these empires. Rather, **all four empires disappeared to make way for the one that followed subsequently.** The Babylonian Empire ceased to exist to give its place to the Persian; this one was dismantled by Alexander the Great, who established the Greek-Macedonian Empire; which became divided and ultimately succumbed to the Roman Empire. Let’s see:

“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 **destroyed,** and given to the burning flame. 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of
heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.”

(Dn 7:11-13)

As you can see, during the existence of the fourth beast, the other three beasts persist, and it is during this period that the Second Coming of Christ occurs. If during the existence of the fourth beast (after it has divided to ten) the Second Coming occurs, the fourth beast is, undoubtedly, the last human empire that will exist. If subsequently, at the destruction of the fourth beast, the other three beasts still exist, as verse twelve states, undoubtedly it does not refer to the Babylonian, Persian or Greek empires, which no longer exist.

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

*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 true, because in that case the three former empires should still exist (Babylon, Persia and Greece). They are confused because they see some similarity between a few of actual institutions of some governments, and those of the Roman Empire. Prompted by this fact, they argue that the European kings (past and actual) are descendants of the Roman Empire and that they personify it. Therefore, they consider that the Roman Empire of antiquity is the fourth beast, and that it still exist. They allege that the prophecy in chapter 2:44 states: “in the days of these kings…”.

“And in the days of these kings 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)

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”,

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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 others that **do not** descend from Roman Empire, unite in the future to form the fourth beast of Daniel 7, **does not** mean that the fourth beast is the Roman Empire. Those kings were influenced in different areas by Roman culture: a) Capitol, b) Jurisprudence, c) Senators, d) the use of Latin in law and science, etc. In spite of these facts, **unquestionably**, the four empires of chapter two speak about the past, and the four beasts of chapter seven speak about the present and the future.

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**Demonstration that the prophecy of Daniel 7 does not talk about any other 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, made by Daniel in verses 8-14, a point is made in verses 9 and 10, telling us that at this time, during the existence of the fourth beast, the Ancient of Days, which is evidently God, is preparing to initiate a judgment or something similar, because it mentions the phrase “the judgment was set” and “the books were opened.” Let’s see:

“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 from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The judgment was set, and the books were opened.”
(Dn 7:8-10)

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.

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:

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

(Dn 7:17-18)

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

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 until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” (Dn 7:21-22)

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

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

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 Second Coming of Christ or b) a future that ends before the Second Coming. Evidently, the second supposition can be discarded. We have already analyzed this. In the verses to follow, (in Daniel testimony and in Paul’s writings) it is demonstrated again that the fourth world power of Daniel 7 ends with the Second Coming of Christ, and not before. Let’s first see the testimony of Daniel in 7:7-14.

"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 broke 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 from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

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 destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:7-14)

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

Therefore, if during the existence of the fourth beast the antiChrist rises, it is logical to conclude that this beast, world power or empire will last until the Second Coming. Remember also what Saint Paul said so in II Thessalonians 2:8-9. Referring to the antiChrist, he said that “that Wicked” one will be destroyed at Jesus Christ’s Second Coming. If in His Second Coming, Our Lord destroys the antiChrist, and the antiChrist rises during the
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 lying wonders.”

(II Thes 2:8-9)

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

This period of the four beasts, which is mentioned in theory # 1, has already started. It was demonstrated in the first section of the book. Today we find ourselves in the waiting-room of the end times, in the final stretch of the race of human history. Great Britain, Russia and China have already risen to power. The fourth empire of the prophecy is the one to finish rising, the last to rise in the history of humanity, in which humans govern; and we are perceiving it in the horizon.
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 truth, to determine the correct theory among the many we have heard, is through discussions. I learn much from discussions. During discussions my friends, and even more my opponents, help me see my errors. Based sincerely on this way of thinking, I offer a written debate with whoever would consider that anything I have said is mistaken.

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

“Test all things; hold fast that which is good.”
If the only thing one responds with is: “there are many interpretations, and therefore I believe none”, this is equivalent to saying “there are too many doctors and for that reason I do not go to any of them”. Or to saying “there are too many medications and for that reason I do not use any of them”. Or to saying “there are too many types of clothing and for that reason I do not buy any”. Or “there are too many scientific theories and therefore I don’t want to believe or study any of them”.

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

The real problem that afflicts many of them is that they value their pleasures more than the truth of God, or more than helping a brother in his error. Or perhaps what they intend is to discredit the interpretation, but they lack reasoning to do so. It is true that they have time to open up an argument, or cast a doubt over the thoughts expressed, to cast a black marble to it, but “they do not have time” to demonstrate the error of a brother, or to honestly admit that they are wrong. They have time for slandering the issue but not for
investigating and arriving at a correct conclusion in a brotherly way.

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

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 rlsserralta@yahoo.net, or write to P. O. Box 655126 Miami, FL 33265-5126. I will appreciate it from my heart and soul, because I love the truth more than my own ego, especially God’s truth. If someone shows me the truth, even if it hurts my ego, I consider this a blessing that I will be grateful for. If anyone helps me with an error, in the next edition of my book, I will make it known and explain how he did it. I will appreciate it very much as will all of those who may have been misled due to my own wrong theory, if indeed it really was wrong.

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 the lines 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 true and expose that which is false.

Third section

Fraternal exhortation

To begin with we must remember our brother Paul’s exhortation when he said:

“For I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.”

(Lk 21:15)

It is not a matter of talking ourselves into arrogantly believing that our interpretations were “inspired”. Or believing that we have the correct interpretations and doctrines, and then fear discussing them amicably with the brethren. The ones who proceed this way, do not believe what
they profess, or do not believe what Jesus Christ said in the passage found in Luke about giving us wisdom and utterance.

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How having been raised atheist I became a Christian

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

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

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, whose title was “The Bible”. When I saw it I thought, “this was the book those Americans were talking about last night.” I had never seen a Bible; I did not even know what it was. In addition to the fact that I was raised atheist, in those days, in Cuba, the Roman Catholic Church prohibited the personal study of the Bible. No one talked about it in my house, in the academic environment that I was involved in, nor in the city where I lived.

Puzzled by the fact that my father had this book, I opened it. It was a gift given to my father by an individual named Rogelio Caparrós, who had written a small paragraph dedicating it to my father twenty years before. I knew that he was a friend of my father’s, but it had been many years since they had seen each other. It appeared to have been a prompting from God, to have such a gift given to my father, so that I could take hold of it at the appropriate time. I took the Bible and the physics book that I had been searching for, to my room.

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:

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; 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 walk, I did not feel the necessity to belong to any particular denomination, to the exclusion of others. Even though I attend the same Church weekly and regularly visit different types of churches, I do not subscribe to a denomination. I cooperate with any that has the doctrine of salvation by the grace of Jesus Christ as its main foundation. I have not had any inclination towards theological studies or any courses that are commonly taught at seminaries. Instead I have fully committed myself to reading God’s word on a daily basis. Besides having read the Bible many times, from Genesis to Revelation, I have also listened to, or debated diverse beliefs with believers. This is how I have learned about different beliefs and doctrines. It is possible that this book, coming from a person that does not subscribe to a specific denomination, may be of special interest to any reader.

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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 that Russia was represented as “the bear of the Siberian tundra,” I realized that the prophecy in Daniel was talking about these countries.

In spite of this interesting observation and having confirmed the facts, I did not say anything publicly. I decided it would be better to continue observing the development of events, since I feared that perhaps I would be divulging something that should be kept concealed for the time being.

Later, I pondered this. I realized I was doing the same as the slave who had hidden the ‘mina’ that was given to him by his master, as Luke 19:20-21 tells us. I also realized that the Bible says that things that are revealed are not for us to keep or withhold, but they are meant to be shared, as Deuteronomy 29:29 says.

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

(Dt 29:29)

This is why I decided to write this small book and others which I have in mind.

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What are prophecies and for whom have they been written?

Prophecies are not literary pieces destined to satisfy the curiosity of believers by detailing the history of each country ahead of time. Biblical prophecies are warnings that God gives to His
people so they can know some of the events that will take place at a determined time in history, in a specific country or region. That is done so His people can be prepared for these events, which concern us directly. Prophecies do not try to give detailed accounts of all historical events and of all nations of the world. It does not always refer to main countries either.

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

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 are written in such a way that any Christian that reads and is acquainted with the Bible and is aware of events that are happening around him, can interpret it at the proper time. Otherwise, it would not make sense to put prophecies in the Bible. Why include them in Scripture if they are never to be interpreted?

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 1:19-21 to pay attention to them?

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

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 and 41:16, or the prophet Daniel in Dn 2:22 and 28, one may conclude that God is the only one who provides the interpretation. But we must realize that the revelations previously mentioned were given deliberately with the purpose that they be interpreted only by these two God servants, in order to place them in a position of advantage. They were not to be interpreted by anyone who heard them. We must distinguish between these two types of revelation and prophecy interpretations. Otherwise whole doctrines could be created with the first thing that comes to mind.

In the first case, God gives a revelation that only one person is able to decipher. These are almost always revelations with a limited reach (given to only one person or only a few) and are for the short term. The purpose is for them to be deciphered immediately, or soon after they were given. Examples of these are: Pharaoh’ servants, the one given to Pharaoh himself, the vision of the Lofty Tree, given to Nebuchadnezzar, and the writing on the wall to Belshazzar.
The second case is that of most prophecies in the Bible, those which are intended for future generations. Examples of these are: the four beasts in Daniel; the ram and the goat; the seventy weeks; the ones found in Revelation, Isaiah 53, etc. These are to be interpreted by many of those who read them at their appropriate time. At that time, the symbols utilized to convey the message in these prophesies will acquire a meaning, a meaning that will be understandable to anyone, due to the circumstances at that point in time. It does not seem to require a miracle of God to allow us to interpret these types of prophecies. They are designed precisely for this: so that everyone who reads them understands them, at its appropriate time. Assuming, of course, that the reader does not willfully refuses to understand them.

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

For this reason I believe that every writer should be accessible to edifying healthy discussion, and not lock himself in an ivory tower to avoid discussion of his ideas. For this very reason, I will give anyone a chance to refute what is said in this book; because I consider that from a healthy discussion comes light. I can become the beneficiary this way, because people show me my
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
to discuss their doctrines, or their interpretations of
a prophecy. They convey things dogmatically to
persuade the listener to believe. We can describe
this attitude with the old Latin phrase: “Magister
dixit”; which means, “because the teacher says so”.
If anyone attempts to refute them in writing, they
simply say they do not want to “waste time”
because they are “too busy”.

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

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How to discuss opposing viewpoints

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

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 not correct.

That is why the lines on the left margin are numbered. If anyone disagrees with something I’ve written in this book, feel free to discuss the matter with me. The lines are sequentially numbered for easy reference. At the time of this printing my postal address is P. O. Box 655126, Miami FL 33265-5126 USA and my e-mail address is rlserralta@netzero.net.