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Daniel 7



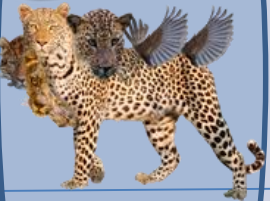
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Daniel 7 (NET) In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream filled with visions while he was lying on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream in summary fashion. Daniel explained: “I was watching in my vision during the night as the four winds of the sky were stirring up the great sea. Then four large beasts came up from the sea; they were different from one another.



The first one was like a lion with eagles' wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off and it was lifted up from the ground. It was made to stand on two feet like a human being, and a human mind was given to it.

Then a second beast appeared, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and there were three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and devour much flesh!'



After these things, as I was watching, another beast like a leopard appeared, with four bird-like wings on its back. This beast had four heads, and ruling authority was given to it.



After these things, as I was watching in the night visions a fourth beast appeared – one dreadful, terrible, and very strong. It had two large rows of iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and anything that was left it trampled with its feet.

It was different from all the beasts that came before it, and it had ten horns.



As I was contemplating the horns, another horn – a small one – came up between them, and three of the former horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This horn had eyes resembling human eyes and a mouth speaking arrogant things.

While I was watching, thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His attire was white like snow; the hair of his head was like lamb's wool. His throne was ablaze with fire and its wheels were all aflame. A river of fire was streaming forth and proceeding from his presence. Many thousands were ministering to him; Many tens of thousands stood ready to serve him. The court convened and the books were opened.

Then I kept on watching because of the arrogant words of the horn that was speaking. I was watching until the beast was killed and its body destroyed and thrown into the flaming fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their ruling authority had already been removed, though they were permitted to go on living for a time and a season.

I was watching in the night visions, And with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching. He went up to the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed, and the visions of my mind were alarming me. I approached one of those standing nearby and asked him about the meaning of all this. So he spoke with me and revealed to me the interpretation of the vision: ‘These large beasts, which are four in number, represent four kings who will arise from the earth. The holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will take possession of the kingdom forever and ever.’

Then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others. It was very dreadful, with two rows of iron teeth and bronze claws, and it devoured, crushed, and trampled anything that was left with its feet. I also wanted to know the meaning of the ten horns on its head, and of that other horn which came up and before which three others fell. This was the horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking arrogant things, whose appearance was more formidable than the others.

While I was watching, that horn began to wage war against the holy ones and was defeating them, until the Ancient of Days arrived and judgment was rendered in favor of the holy ones of the Most High. Then the time came for the holy ones to take possession of the kingdom. This is what he told me: 'The fourth beast means that there will be a fourth kingdom on earth that will differ from all the other kingdoms. It will devour all the earth and will trample and crush it. The ten horns mean that ten kings will arise from that kingdom. Another king will arise after them, but he will be different from the earlier ones. He will humiliate three kings.'

He will speak words against the Most High. He will harass the holy ones of the Most High continually. His intention will be to change times established by law. They will be delivered into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

But the court will convene, and his ruling authority will be removed – destroyed and abolished forever! Then the kingdom, authority, and greatness of the kingdoms under all of heaven will be delivered to the people of the holy ones of the Most High.

His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; all authorities will serve him and obey him.'

This is the conclusion of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and the color drained from my face. But I kept the matter to myself.”

Daniel 7

Which View Is Accurate?



God's Kingdom



God's Kingdom

Interpretation Clues

Daniel 12:2-4 (NET) But at that time your own people, all those whose names are found written in the book, will escape. Many of those who sleep in the dusty ground will awake— some to everlasting life, and others to shame and everlasting abhorrence. But the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse. And those bringing many to righteousness will be like the stars forever and ever. “But you, Daniel, close up these words and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will dash about, and knowledge will increase.”

Some of Daniel cannot be understood until the end time.

Interpretation Clues

Daniel 7:17 “Nations will arise. . .”

This seems to be future. Babylon was close to its demise when this vision appeared to Daniel. The Medes and Persians were already attacking and defeating the borders of Babylon.

Babylon and Medo-Persia were already present.

Interpretation Clues

Daniel 2 names Babylon.

Daniel 8 names Medo-Persia and Greece.

Daniel 7 does not name any nation. Why?

Interpretation Clues

The wingless, standing lion is not a symbol of Babylon.

Winged lions, winged bulls, and dragons (dinosaurs) were symbols of Babylon. A wingless, standing lion was never a symbol of Babylon.

The animals represented on the gate are young bulls (aurochs), lions, and dragons (sirrush). These animals are symbolic representations of certain deities: lions are often associated with Ishtar, bulls with Adad, and dragons with Marduk.
https://www.worldhistory.org/Ishtar_Gate/



Interpretation Clues

The Ram is a much better symbol of Medo-Persia than a bear. Daniel 8 tells us that the Ram is the symbol of Medo-Persia.

Why would the Bible give two different beasts to represent this nation?



Interpretation Clues

The Goat is a far better symbol of Greece than the leopard.
The leopard is totally missing the most important king –
Alexander.

Why would the Bible give two different beasts to represent
this nation?



Interpretation Clues

Daniel 7:2-3 Daniel explained: “I was watching in my vision during the night as the four winds of the sky were stirring up the great sea. Then four large beasts came up from the sea; they were different from one another.

Babylon would not come up from the sea. It was a river nation.

The four beasts came up in close sequence to each other.

Interpretation Clues

Daniel 7:11 “Then I kept on watching because of the arrogant words of the horn that was speaking. I was watching until the beast was killed and its body destroyed and thrown into the flaming fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their ruling authority had already been removed, though they were permitted to go on living for a time and a season.

All the beasts were there together at the end. Babylon and Medo-Persia are long gone.

Interpretation Clues

The Four Beasts of Daniel 7 seem to be the same as the one beast of Revelation 13

Daniel 7 (4 beasts)

Revelation 13 (1 beast)

Revelation 13:1-2 (NET) Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, and on its heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave the beast his power, his throne, and great authority to rule.



Daniel 12:4 – Seal the book until the end times

Daniel 7:17 – “Nations will arise” (future)

No nations are named (Daniel 2 & 8 name nations)

The standing lion is not Babylon

The ram is Media&Persia (not bear)

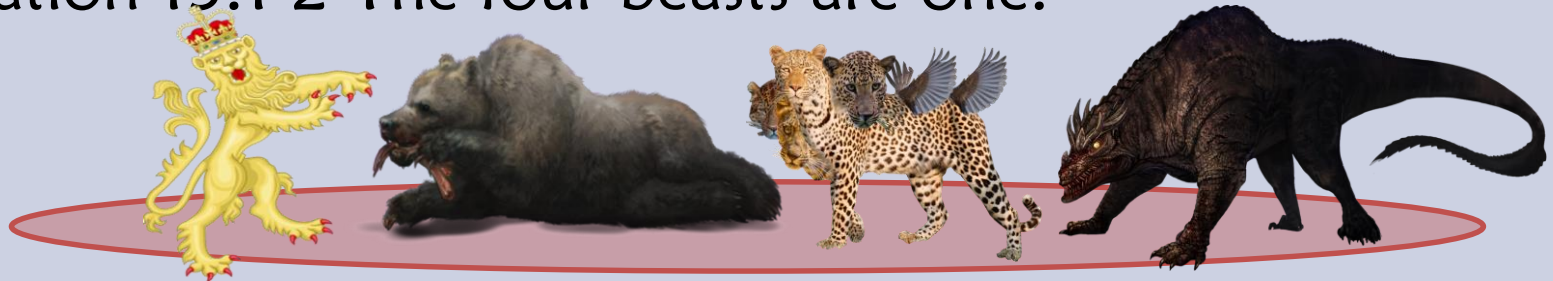
The goat is Greece (not leopard)

Babylon would come from a river, not the sea

The four beasts come up together

All four beasts exist at the end

Revelation 13:1-2 The four beasts are one.





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There is one nation that has a national symbol of a standing lion acting like a human with no remaining eagle wings.

This is the UK royal coat of arms.



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“The Russian Bear is a widespread symbol for Russia, used in cartoons, articles and dramatic plays since as early as the 16th century.”

Wikipedia



Russia invaded Georgia in 2008.

Russia invaded Crimea in 2014.

Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022.

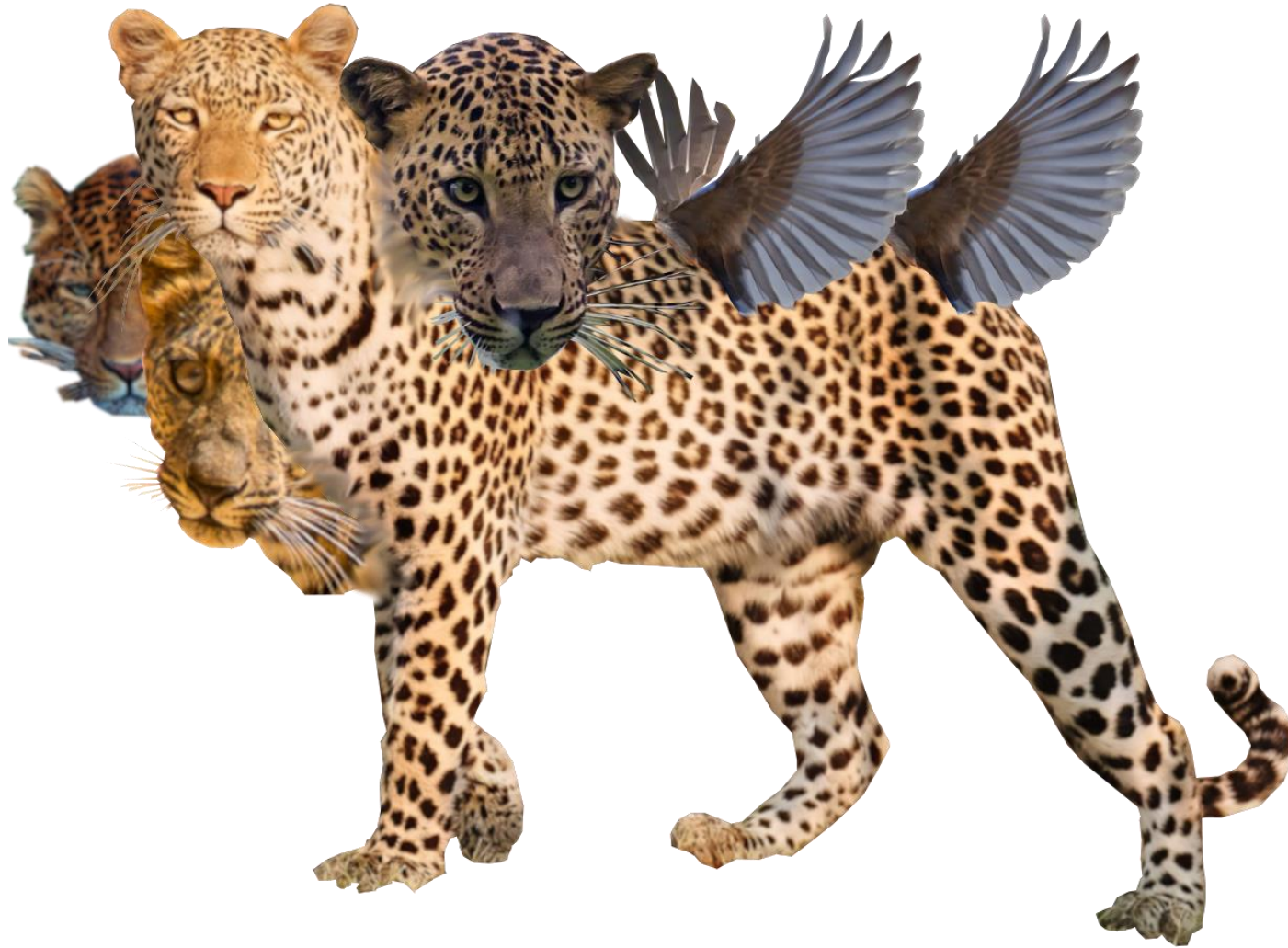




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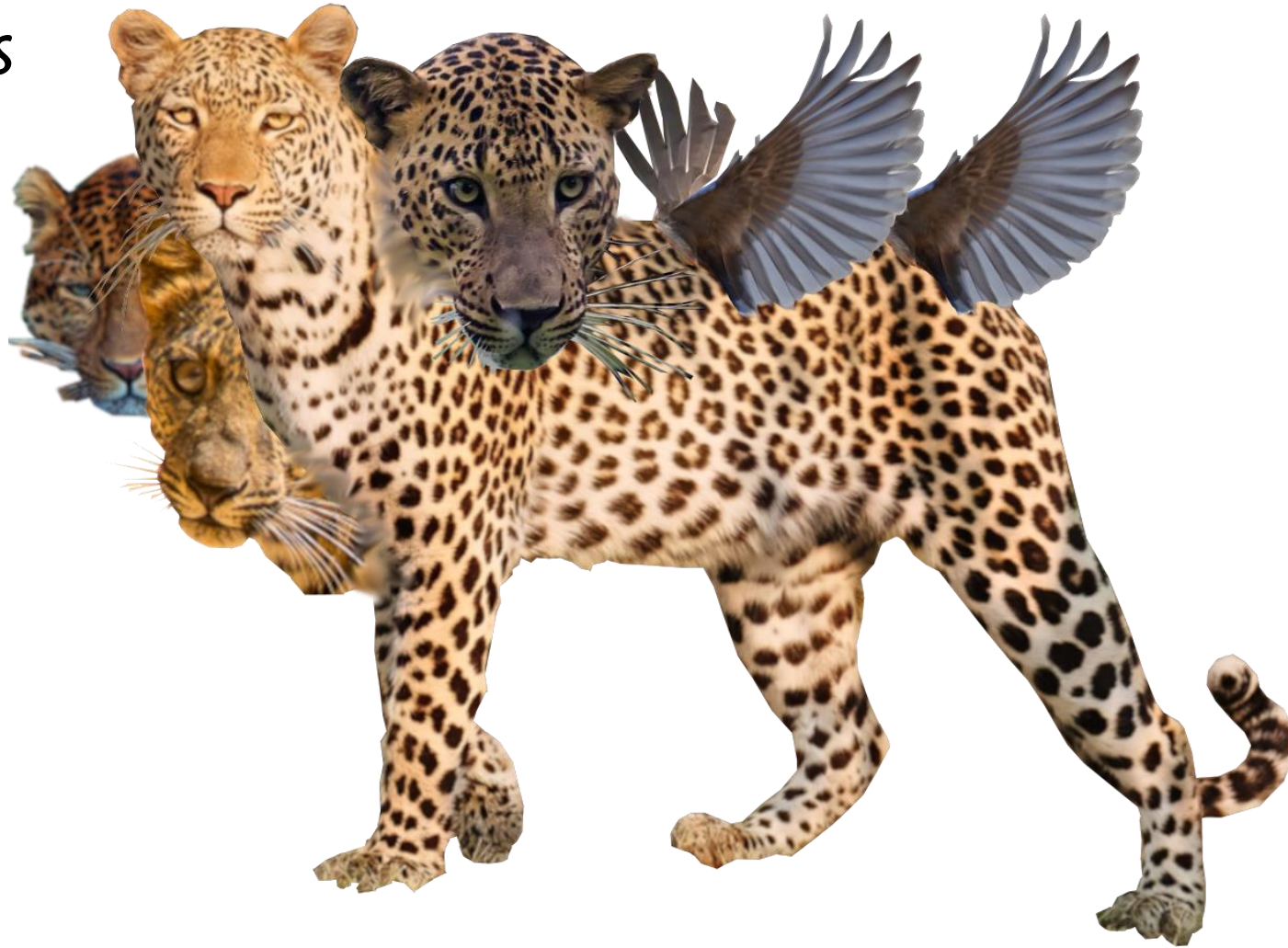


A leopard is
the national
animal of
Afghanistan
and Pakistan

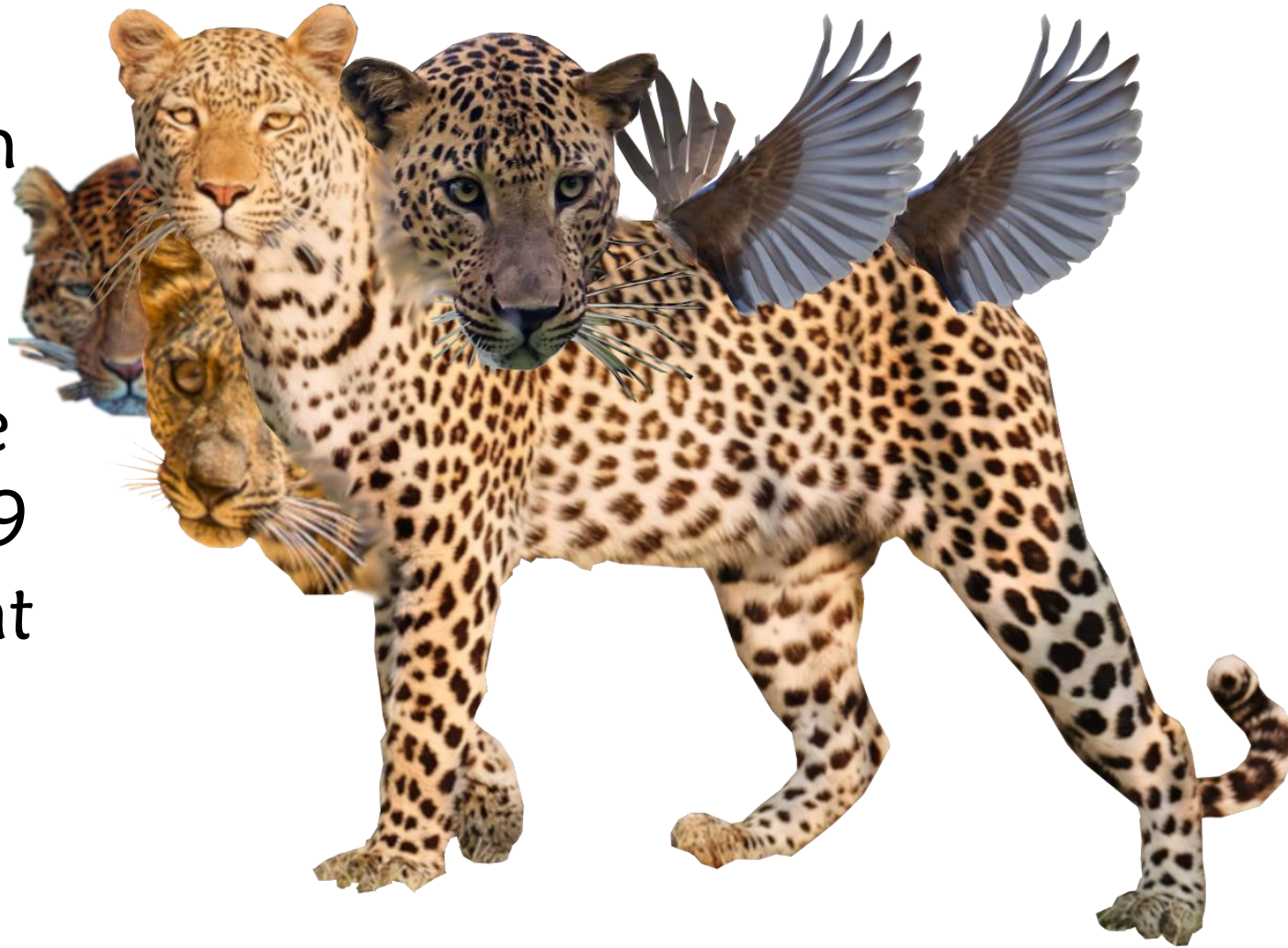


Turkey wants
to unite all
Islamic
nations.

Turkey, Iran,
Afghanistan
and Pakistan
are all noted
for drones.



Turkey, Iran,
all the ...stan
countries,
Sudan, and
Libya are the
Ezekiel 38-39
countries that
will attack
Israel.





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What country is the
fourth beast?

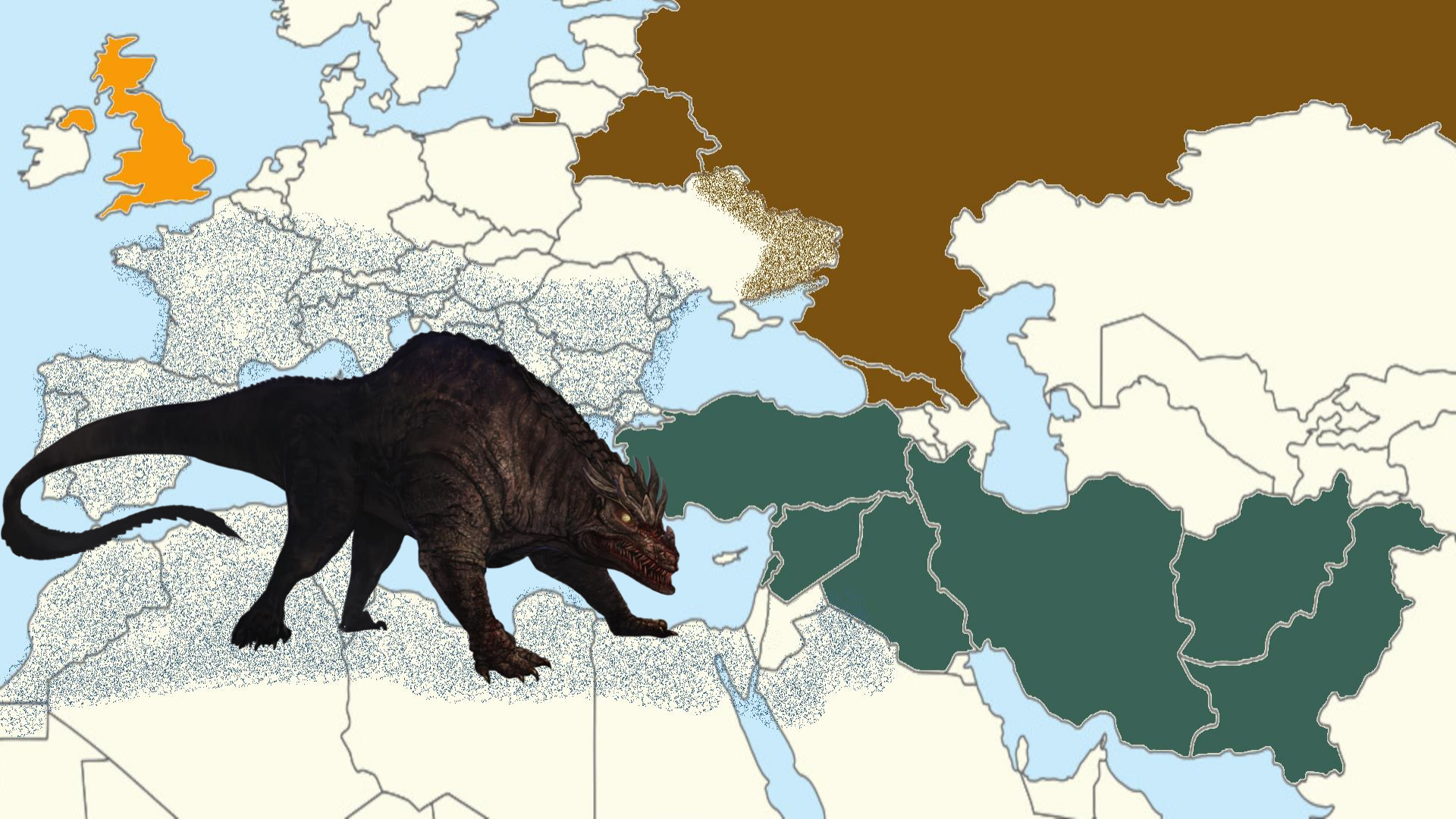


Do the dragon-like features make it seem like China?

Do the ten horns (leaders) and the sea make it seem like a revived Roman empire?



Styracosaurus





Where is America in end times?

Prediction & Prophecy

Removed eagle wings

Missing in Ezekiel 38-39 battle

One-world money (mark of beast)

Main Point

Daniel 7:13-14 (NET) “I was watching in the night visions, And with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching. He went up to the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed.

Purposes of Prophecy

Warn of approaching calamity – repent.

Gain peace, security, and hope – God is in control.

Authenticate God's word.

Our Prayer

Matthew 6:9-10 (NKJV) In this manner, therefore,
pray: Our Father in heaven,
 Hallowed be Your name.
 Your **kingdom** come.
 Your will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven.

1 Peter 4:7-8 (NET)

For the culmination of all things is near. So be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of prayer. Above all keep your love for one another fervent, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Daniel 7 Timeline

Lamb's
Marriage
Feast

You Are
Here

Rapture

Millenium
Begins

7 year
Tribulation

