

Kings of Europe and the 7th Restoration

End-Time Prophecy fascinates Bible Students of nearly every persuasion. We know of them, but their identities seem to be so elusive. Could it be that though they're right before us, they're hidden behind unthinkable conclusions?

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We can't possibly relate end-time events that are soon coming upon us without considering the well-documented "Ten Kings" spoken of and woven into so many end-time prophecies. Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Revelation 13 and Revelation 17 each focus on them. These prominent individuals are essential to the scenarios that so many prophecy students speculate around.

While we know of their existence in the scheme of things, those explaining various prophecies usually refer to them as 'nations' rather than actual kings. But is that correct? While kings typically represent their nations, we can see from Revelation 17:12-3 that they are indeed kings. *"And the **ten horns** which thou sawest are **ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."* While the nations that these kings are to rule have existed for generations, yet their monarchs (at least in any nations that presently don't have one) will be the political heads who will steer their nations into the combine of nations that will comprise the Beast Power.

Identifying Europe

The Churches of God have long taught that the rising Beast Power would be European, would be dominated by Germany, and would comprise ten 'nations'. It was the position that 'kings' was only a euphemism for nations, as there are or were no real kings who could be these actual monarchs.

In another area of understanding, the churches also taught that the nations of northwestern Europe are descended from the "lost Ten Tribes" of Israel. For some reason, it was unthinkable that we would connect the two teachings in interest of forming a deduction that in ordinary situations would be quite logical.

Is Germany Assyria?

We have also posed that Germany is the modern equivalent of ancient Assyria, the empire that took the northern Ten Tribes of Israel captive in the eighth century BC. (That's 2700 years ago!) This view facilitated the position that the Beast Power was "Gentile", overlooking the obvious. Germany (if actually descended from a people whose empire was overcome in defeat in the late 600's BC) does not comprise the entirety of the Beast Power. Somehow this isn't factored-in. Dominance is one thing, but there are nine other nations to become incorporated into the Beast, which are understood to be of Israelite heritage, if we had that right! So, will the Beast be largely Israelite?

It was in the context of the United States and Britain where the German domination of the Beast Power was made the focus. It was prophesied that the Beast Power would conquer the US and Britain, allowing the loose application of certain prophecies in Isaiah.¹ Though these prophecies admittedly were given to the northern kingdom, the ancient House of Israel, in the years prior to their being taken into captivity by the ancient Assyrians, the prophecies were posed as having a modern day application as well.

How it is that an empire (one not involved in the prophecies given to Daniel) would still be a potent military force some 2600 years after their empire was defeated and their peoples absorbed into the Babylonian Empire which succeeded it. Is there any other reason to pose that Germany would conquer the US and Britain in the near future other than these few prophecies in Isaiah?

The reality is, the Beast Power will be formed of ten nations (the prevalent teaching) for just a few years who are to be overseen by "ten kings" who collaborate together to form it. It is in no way to be just one nation.

¹ In particular: Isaiah 10:5; 11:16; 14:25; & 19:23

A Chink in Thinking

It's the position that the Beast is to be Gentile that creates the barriers to following a logical identity-progression . Another chapter of this booklet considers the issue of who or what is a Gentile?

The question is posed in a previous chapter as to which nations, in what region of the earth, could possibly be compatible in religion, political philosophy and culture to where such a union could happen. The Common Market was the focus at first, leading to the EU (United Europe) later, where these ten nations were thought to come from. Many speculated as to which nations would be likely to be among the ten.

Europe was the usual suspect! But the compatibility question alluded to another unconsidered factor which made the union even more logical.

Flash Forward

Where are there ten kings in the modern era? Where have there been a number of monarchies ruling a region in the recent past? Again, we're drawn to Europe as the most likely region where they could come from.

On the cover panel there is a rare and unique photograph taken about a century ago. It is extraordinary for a number of reasons. It is reproduced here for further discussion.



These European royals gathered in London for the funeral of King Edward VII. Among the mourners were nine reigning kings, who were photographed together in what very well may be the only photograph of nine reigning kings ever taken. As a note, the kings in the center, both sitting and standing are first cousins, (their mothers were sisters) and their empires would be at war against one another in about four years from the date of this gathering.

Standing, from left to right: King Haakon VII of Norway, Tsar Ferdinand of the Bulgarians, King Manuel II of Portugal and the Algarve, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and Prussia, King George I of the Hellenes and King Albert I of Belgium.

Seated, from left to right: King Alfonso XIII of Spain, King George V of the United Kingdom and King Frederick VIII of Denmark. Missing is the Czar Nicholas II of Russia, who was also directly related to the British Royal Family.

The publisher of this photograph adds this: “There are several family relations in that picture. For instance, Frederik VIII of Denmark (bottom right) was the father of Haakon VII of Norway (top left), while Wilhelm II of Germany (top, 3rd from the right) was first cousin of both George V of the United Kingdom (bottom center), and Queen Maud of Norway who was wife to Haakon VII of Norway and sister to George V of the United Kingdom – which made Haakon VII of Norway and George V of the United Kingdom brothers-in-law. George V of the United Kingdom’s and Queen Maud of Norway’s mother was incidentally Alexandra of Denmark, sister to Frederik VIII of Denmark. This means that Frederik VIII of Denmark was also the uncle of George V of the United Kingdom.

“George V was a grandson of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and the first cousin of Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. The funeral of King Edward VII was the last time all of the great European monarchs would meet before the First World War, the same war that would end most of the monarchical lines of Europe. Imagine, if they all had known a war was coming, all knowing it was going to be between them. Looking at this picture really makes one realize how much the First World War was the result of national egos embodied by monarchs.

And just how full of nonsense they were with any supposed sense of honor or duty to their states.”

But as this explains, there’s another consideration here. You see, each and every one of these men are **relatives** of one another. All ascribed to the ‘christian’ religion, many were educated in the same or very similar institutions. All seemed to share a similar value system. We would wonder why any international problems couldn’t be adequately resolved among themselves. But, as it turned out, that wasn’t how it worked! Europe was enmeshed in a brutal multi-year, stalemated killing field shortly thereafter, World War One. Rather than seek measures to resolve the issues, they were involved in creating instruments of mass- slaughter and destruction being inflicted on their counterpart’s citizenry.

Appearances Aren’t Everything

Just consider these magnificent and impressively regaled individuals. They were some of the most well-educated, sophisticated, high class, refined people the world has ever known, it would seem.

But that was then. This is how it is presently.

Currently, there are Seven Royal Houses remaining in Europe:

Ancestry: **Both Q.Victoria & K.Christian 9 = of K.Christian 9 = of Q.Victoria only**

1. **Belgium:** King Philippe & Queen Mathilde

2. **Denmark:** Queen Margrethe II

3. **Norway:** King Harald V & Queen Sonja

4. **Spain:** King Felipe VI & Queen Letizia

5. **Sweden:** King Carl XVI Gustaf & Queen Silvia

6. **United Kingdom:** Queen Elizabeth II & Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (P.Charles / P.William)

7. **Netherlands:** King Willem-Alexander & Queen Máxima (desc. of British K.George II) (post Beatrix)

ww1 6. **England:** George V: > d.1941 grandson of QV {1st cousins} { twins} (dau. of king of Denmark)

ww1 8. **Russia:** Tsar Nicolas II: >1918 m.QV granddaughter } K. Edward VII was his uncle appeared as twins w/ Geo.V (mothers were sister) (dau. of king of Denmark.)

8. Nicholas II wife: Alexandra Feodorovna (granddaughter of QV.)

ww1 9. **Germany:** Kaiser Wilhelm II: > grandson of Q.Victoria

The British Royal Family were German == House of Windsor was *Saxe-Coburg and Gotha* Edward VII and, in turn, his son, George V, were members of the German ducal House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha by virtue of their descent from Albert, Prince Consort, husband of Q. Victoria.

With restorations of the kings of France, Germany and Russia, there again would be TEN KINGS!

Panic Would Precipitate Changes?

Considering their past experiences, we might wonder why nations in Europe would ever want to restore their functioning monarchies. As things are now, it wouldn't make as much sense. But as things will be, when there is enormous political turmoil to the degree that it poses a threat to their national well-being, sentiments will change. With the liberal elites and their globalist agendas,² compounded by the massive foreign immigration from the Middle East, eventually we'll see it creating social and political turmoil unlike anything seen in the modern era. How the people will react to this is unforeseen at present.

The prophecies state that these Beasts arise out of the Sea,³ which he then define as ... *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*. The picture we can draw from this is that it's energized by a popular uprising among these nations to address their insoluble political, economic, cultural and ethnic problems! It describes different nations who speak different languages! They'll look to leadership with a high level of 'iron-handed' authority, unlike the 'mushy clay' of 'liberal democracy'. Under periods of national distress there is a desire for the stabilizing effect of strong leaders. Add to that the auspices of a historic dynasty and a trusted institution: the Church, and we see an acceptable formula to address chaos.

Military Security

Add to that scene military threats from outside, (let alone the threat from 'internal' terrorism) the desire for political unification is similarly logical. There's where having a monarchy, with real powers while maintaining independent oversight of their national sovereignty concerns, poses a reassuring appeal. People will opt for security over freedoms when things are dangerously chaotic.

We can see from the mention in Revelation 4:4 "... *Who is like unto the beast? who is able to*

² Globalism strips away national sovereignty.

³ "*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.* Rev. 17:15

make war with him?" That shows a strong military position is to become a factor in these developments. Unlike their relatively weak military condition today, as compared to Russia to their east or the U. S. to the west, or a highly militarized Middle East, they will seek a change to one of unchallengeable military preeminence. We will even see the Church embracing and funding a military protector.⁴ (And, not the first time for that Church!) This in reaction to some form of a panic situation.

Global Economic Collapse?

That too could result from economic causes. It takes massive amounts of money to wage war. The world's economic condition could also factor heavily into the fear that takes hold among the European populations. The world's economic elites are and have been based largely in Europe for centuries. If the security shield provided by the west for more than a generation is gone, what will Europe do?

This speaks to the European situation, but there's more regarding how and why all of this will come to a political / military head.

The Seventh Head

The Ten Kings are associated with the 'seventh head', not with the previous six.⁵ From Daniel 2 to Revelation 17, these ten kings are referred to repeatedly.⁶ It's important that we identify who and where they are to be able to understand the interrelated prophecies regarding all this.

We know that these Ten Kings are given power (again?) and then collaborate to create a great world power at the time leading up to the Second Coming of Christ. They are the key figures who bring the Beast Power into being, with the 'little

⁴ Daniel 11:38 "*But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.*"

⁵ The seven 'restorations' of the (Holy Roman Empire) HRE are enumerated under Appendix B.

⁶ Daniel 2:41-44; Daniel 7:20 & 24; Revelation 13:1; Revelation 17:7 & 12.

horn', the religious beast, (the false prophet) who is 'inspired' by the Dragon.⁷

Another prophecy stream in Daniel casts added light on the Beast Power. It's found in chapter 11 of the book of Daniel. It deals with a power struggle between two major powers referred to as the King of the North and the King of the South.

While this chapter describes a generations-long struggle between two dynasties: the Seleucids of Mesopotamia and the Ptolemys of Egypt, doing so with such startling accuracy that some scholars have posed that it was written after the fact, not before. Would Jesus Christ have recommended this prophecy if it wasn't legitimate? (Mt. 24:15)

But their 'post-event' argument is irrelevant. What's important about this prophecy is that it describes a **latter-day repetition**. At some point in the narrative – likely about verse 29 – there's to be a second repetition of these struggles between two major world powers, though not the same two. It tells us that the 'repeated' events of the prophecy are to be based in a different place and time than were the earlier struggles.

Seleucids Were the First King of the North

As mentioned in the previous chapter "Origins and Dispersions", the Parthians became the legitimate successors to the Seleucid Empire, controlling old "Assyria" for some 450 years. The Parthians were the peoples who migrated north into Europe across the Caucasus Mountain range in their massive numbers in the early third century AD. The Parthians, migrating north with their Scythian brothers, were largely of Israelite heritage. This indirectly gives them a connection with the prophesied modern King of the North.

A New Time and Place

Daniel 11:29 "***At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.***" This tells us that there's a specific 'time appointed' for these things to occur. It wouldn't say that if it was referring to historic events. This passage is also

enlightening as it makes clear that under the repetitive phase, we're not to expect these events to involve the same players in the same places. "North" and "South" will have shifted, and it's no longer to be among and between Grecians.

We're shown that there will be a 'pushing match' between these powers, causing one to intend to invade and conquer the other. Is it ethnic clashes, or manipulating oil supplies? We'll see.

A Formidable Naval Presence

But a naval force in the region will frustrate the King of the North's intentions, infuriating him, causing him to work behind the scenes conspiring with and colluding with "those who forsake the Holy Covenant". (v. 30) Apparently, this collusion will result in the removal of that naval presence from the scene. Not long thereafter, the King of the North will invade the King of the South with a massive overwhelming force. (v. 40-41)

[30] "*For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.*"

What He Will Do After Invading

[31] "*And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the **abomination that maketh desolate**.*" Jesus Christ Himself places this passage in Daniel 11 as relevant to the end-time prophecies. (see Mt. 24: 15 & Mk. 14:13.)

[32] *And such as do **wickedly against the covenant** shall he corrupt by flatteries:..* Is this referring to the secular 'deep state'? *...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.* Likely a reference to what the Saints will be doing during the era of the 'two witnesses'.⁸

[33] *And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.* Clearly referring to Daniel 12:1 & 10.

⁷ Revelation 13:2, 4 & 11

⁸ Revelation 11:1-14 They prophecy for 3-1/2 years.

A time of **great tribulation**. It continues: [34] *Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.* While their exploits will have results, the adherents will not be all that genuine. [35] *And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to **the time of the end**: because it is yet for a **time appointed**.* Reaffirming the premise that this section of the narrative applies specifically to the end-time! Referencing again the ‘time appointed’ reflects back to verse 29.

Non-Traditional Passions

[36] *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall **exalt himself**, and **magnify himself above every god**, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.* Again, referring to other prophecies such as Revelation 13:6 and Daniel 7:25.

[37] *Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.*

[38] *But in his estate shall he honour the **God of forces**: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.* Military power and vast wealth are to be what he worships.

[39] *Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall **divide the land for gain**.* Selling regional jurisdictions to the highest bidder?

The Invasion of the South

[40] *“And **at the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.* Provocations from the south will be met with an overwhelming invasion, partly airborne. Here again we are made aware that this prophecy has an end-time repetition.

[41] *He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.* So, this ‘King of the South’ will be made-up of several nations, as is the case with the ‘King of the North’. The land of modern Israel will be taken, but exempting two in the region. [42] *He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.* This reveals one of the nations in this southern coalition.

Full Economic Control

[43] *“But he shall have **power over the treasures** of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.*

Alarming Developments

If we are to wonder where the Far Eastern powers will stand with regard to Europe’s actions, there’s this: [44] *“But tidings **out of the east and out of the north** shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.*

The Asian nations will marshal a huge military force, numbered in the 200 millions. Those disturbing reports no doubt will include news of their pending invasion. At the time of the end, we’re told that this vast army will first invade his homeland. Revelation 9:14-18 says this of them: *“Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*

[15] *And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, **for to slay the third part of men.***

[16] *And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them... That’s 200,000,000.*

[18] *By these three was the **third part of men killed**, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.* Where would this “third part of humanity” be if not in Europe? If the Beast Power is their adversary, would it not be logical that they’d first neutralize his power base?

The Beast's Last Stand!

With a return to his homeland out of the question at this point, he takes a stand, having established his military headquarters in the Middle East. Daniel 11:45 explains: *"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet **he shall come to his end**, and none shall help him."* In other words, nothing can change the outcome that has long been determined!

How That Will Happen

From 'the east', a great military force will sweep into the 'north' lands first, inflicting enormous casualties and effectively cutting off any resupply to their forces in the Levant. Then, that force will move south across the Euphrates toward his last bastion, the 'palace' stronghold of the Beast.

Here a great confrontation will be set to take place. We can read of that in Revelation 16:10. *"And the **fifth angel** poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; (the Beasts' political base) and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,"* This sounds like it may be the result of the destruction of their electrical grid, to where there is no machinery, no appliance, no transportation and no communication device left functioning. This as a result of the Asian invasion and the resulting devastation caused there.

[11] *"And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.* Are the sores a result of epidemics, or is this referring to serious wounds inflicted among the survivors by the invasion?

With this accomplished, the 200 million army, now that its secured its northern flank, can move south across the Euphrates into the Land of Israel.

[12] *"And the **sixth angel** poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the **kings of the east** might be prepared.* So, this is another coalition of forces. (perhaps China, Mongolia and Japan).

[13] *"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of*

the false prophet. We have to wonder what this 'desperate call' will include. Their intent will be to marshal every military reinforcement for themselves from every quarter of the Earth, as this will become the definitive battle for their existence and dominance of the world (as they would see it at the time). It's the struggle for the continuing existence of the Beast and False Prophet (and indirectly, the control held by the Dragon, as they're his primary instruments!) [14] *"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto **the kings** of the earth **and of the whole world**, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.* It couldn't be any clearer that this prophecy in Revelation 16, along with the latter half of Daniel 11, are the events leading directly to the 'end of the age' (not the end of the world, as some 'prophets' incorrectly consider it).

What happens when that **seventh angel** pours out his vial? We read of that in Revelation 16:17-21, but more specifically in Revelation 19:17-21.

A Word to the "Wise"

[15] *"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.* These garments refer to our spiritual condition.

[16] *"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.* It is in this place, on the vast Plains of Megiddo, on which the world's Anti-Christ armies will assemble, with intent to square off against one another.

Both the Beast's Army, and all of his supporters on one side, and the vast Asian hordes on the other, will be poised to advance toward each other. This to them will have all the appearance of being the battle to end all battles, with there being no other military power after the victory is achieved here. Absolute world control is the prize and the objective of both combatants.

"Divine Interruption"

It is at this exquisite moment in time, as the array of forces are preparing to square off against one another, that the intended purpose of this great gathering will take place.

Daniel 2:44 explains: *“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.”* This is what is illustrated by the ‘stone cut out without hands’ smashing the image on its ten toes (they being these same ten kings). Conveniently, not only is the Beast Power destroyed, but also any other possible opposing world force.

A Cleaned Field

The establishment of Christ’s Kingdom on Earth will occur with no significant opposition force remaining. Any vestiges of historic political entities, whether Babylon, Persia, Greece or Rome, will have been reduced to dust in the wind. As it says: *“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. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. (Daniel 2:34-35 & 44-45). “Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.... Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”*

So, we’re brought to see the political scene at the time of the end. The fourth beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 is one-and-the-same as the seventh head of Revelation 17. This seventh head is the seventh restoration of the “Holy Roman Empire” (while there’s nothing “holy” about it – that’s why it’s called ‘blasphemy’), that’s brought into being by the ten kings of Revelation 17:12-13, that are brought into power under the auspices of the “False Prophet” (the little horn) in the end time.

This is why the identity of these ten kings is so important in making sense of all these prophecies.

Yet Another Relevant Prophecy

But, there’s one other prophecy that relates to these kings. Back to Daniel 7 again. *“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.*

These Predatory Animals

A standing lion, a voracious side-leaning bear and a wing-backed leopard. If these do represent 20th century empires (the British, Russian and German Empires), then we have further indication of where the Ten Kings are based.⁹ As it happens, Daniel’s order is the same in which these three Empires came into being. [7] *“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; ... and it had ten horns.”* It’s this final restoration of the HRE that’s to have the ten horns.

So we have Ten Kings (horns / crowns / toes) as key components of the HRE’s ‘seventh head’. They likely are located in the region where the ‘Ten Tribes’ relocated into in the fourth century AD from beyond the Caucasus Mountain region. They are deeply involved with the ‘little horn’ religious entity and have had such ‘relations’ for centuries. These kings of Europe are basically all of one Royal bloodline, with a philosophical, cultural, governmental, educational and religious heritage and a compatibility unlike the situations among any other group of nations. Add to that their being of a single ethnicity (Caucasian) and being the successors to the prototype “King of the North” (the Seleucids) and we have a formidable challenge to any other list of possibilities! 

⁹ An article and a chapter explaining Daniel 7 in another booklet analyses who these beasts represent, as does chapter 3 of this booklet!