The Prophecy of Daniel: Call to Prayer

'Watch and pray' (Matt 26:41) means, not only do we need to be aware of what is happening around us and in the world, but we need to pray so we will have a divine understanding of what we see. We are to have a prophetic understanding of the times and the seasons we are living in.



1 Daniel 1-7 vs Daniel 8-12

There is a change of perspective from 3rd person to 1st person as we proceed to Daniel 8. So Daniel 8-12 is his diary. The book of Daniel moves from story to visions, and from history to prophecy. Daniel is a man of prophetic insight, but he is now struggling to understand his frightening vision and needs divine revelation. Did Daniel have deep concern over the welfare of Babylon when the foolish playboy king Belshazzar took the throne (7:1)?

2 Daniel's Dream

Daniel 7's main elements are divided into 2 parts:

- (i) Part 1 FOUR successive brutal hybrid-type beasts:
 - Daniel looks down and sees from the earthly perspective. Something horrible is conjuring up from the troubled sea of humanity, whipped up by the four winds from heaven. Four successive beast-like creatures appear to do tremendous damage to the people of the earth.
- (ii) Part 2 THREE glorious man-like figures:

Then Daniel looks up and sees from the heavenly perspective.

- a) Scene 1 The Ancient of Days sitting with books open.
- b) Scene 2 One like the Son of Man coming on the clouds before the Ancient of Days and receiving the kingdom and replacing the kingdoms of the earth forever.
- c) Scene 3 The FOURTH beast turns on the saints of the Most High to persecute them, but they overcome the beast, and they too receive the kingdom from God forever.

3 Traditional Interpretation

Babylon (lion), Persia (bear), Greece (leopard), Rome (4th beast, terrifying creature). Some of the unresolved issues of the traditional view are:

- a) The details do not all fit together well with major differences from Dan 8. E.g. Rome was never ruled by ten kings. Greece did not start with four heads, but with one head Alexander the Great.
- b) In Daniel 8 the angel specifically identifies the ram to be Media/Persia, and the goat to be Greece (8:20-21). In Daniel 8 are wild natural animals, but Daniel 7 which is about the Lord's return shows grotesque hybrid beasts that are unnatural. E.g. a beast 'LIKE a lion with eagle's wings', or 'LIKE a leopard with four heads', etc. It shows evil would reach a new level at the time of the Lord's return.
- c) Daniel was told by an angel that the four beasts represent the kingdoms that will arise out of the earth (7:17). However, at the time Daniel received this revelation (553BC), the Babylonian empire was almost over, thus rendering the first beast mostly to the past rather than the future.
- d) Daniel was told that for a short time the first three beasts will survive the destruction of the fourth and the last beast, which represents the antichrist's kingdom (7:11-12).

4 Then What? (C.f. David Pawson)

a. Hybrid beast (7:8) – We will start with the fourth beast which is one yet to come (C.f. Rev 13:1-2, The beast with seven heads and ten horns rising out of the sea.) The four winds of the earth held it back until God's sealing of His servants was complete (Rev 7:1-3). The fourth beast incorporates the brutal features

of the first three beasts into itself, but it does NOT replace them. It has the 'body of a leopard, feet like a bear, the mouth of a lion.'

b. Lion with eagle's wings (7:4) – Lion is a symbol of many nations including Babylon (e.g. Ishtar gate), but also Great Britain. The lion is known to be the king of the jungle. Lions by nature exercise strong leadership which is reflected in their hunting and social life. Eagle is the national symbol of the USA. Eagles are unrivalled in air combat, and command unrivalled authority over a vast territory. Historically both Great Britain and the USA possessed ambitions to exercise global leadership over the nations.

Eagle's wings being plucked out from the lion – This probably started with the revolutionary war of the late 1770s.

It was made to stand up like a man and a man's heart was given to it - As the center of humanism and democracy, its influence will be reduced to no more than just a man. But man's heart will also be given to it like Nebuchadnezzar – this is a call to be sheep nations in the earth and to stand for the remnant of Israel (C.f. Ezek 38:13).

c. Like a bear (7:5) – This is the national symbol of Russia. Bears do not possess great ambition for conquest, but whatever global leadership influence it lacks in speed and alliance, it makes up by its sheer weight, power, and ferocity when it is challenged. Historically Russia has been mostly an introspective nation, happy to trade with Europe to become one of the leading nations on the earth. Thus far, Russia has been more concerned about securing its own territory and border than taking over global leadership like Great Britain or the USA.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989-1992, the bear has gone into hibernation, but now 30 years later, the bear is coming out of hibernation. And she is greatly provoked and getting ready to pounce. Who will win? The bear is raised to one side to pounce – in the westward direction. The bear is on friendly terms with China who is covering her back.

There is a disturbing voice to the bear, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' It is the only direct voice from heaven, and it was only given to the bear. How much flesh is enough? What are the three ribs in its mouth?

d. Like a leopard with four heads and four wings of a bird (7:6) – If this interpretation is correct so far, then we can be confident this beast will arise quickly as the war between the bear and lion intensifies. Leopard (also panther, cheetah) is known to be the fastest land animal on earth. It can run at ~120kmph, but has no sustaining power. Leopards are solitary animals with no group loyalty. It hunts alone at night with the stealth attack and mostly dwells alone.

This leopard has four heads and four wings of a bird, and a great dominion was given to it. Some eastern and middle eastern countries have Leopard or Panther as their national symbol, but we do not know who the four heads are yet. We can expect their rise to power to be spectacular and lightning fast, and also their demise from power to be just as quick and spectacular. Watch out for the powerful energy-producing nations in and around the middle east.

5 Application:

- a. When you see the 'leopard nations' rise in great power, pushing other nations around by weaponising their energy (while the west comes to realise that the Green Agenda leads to a dead end), then nobody has to tell you what is coming next. We can know for certain the fourth beast is going to arise shortly for a time, and the final battle will unfold in which the saints of the Most High God will shine like the sun (7:25).
- b. In those last years of human history the saints of God must take a stand and exercise our authority in Jesus Christ, and become the prophetic voice to the world, and bring in the final harvest of the nations. We must have the prophetic church arise with the ministry of divine authority like Elijah.

These prophetic scriptures provide us with unshakable assurance and hope that the saints of God will be victorious and we will receive the kingdom from God and we will reign with Christ forever.

Are you born again? Are you preparing to rule and reign with Christ by living righteously today?

- c. **Intercession 1**: Back to the angelic voice to the bear, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' How much flesh is enough? It is unquantified. This is where intercession comes in to make a real difference.
 - Could there be enormous pressure on Mr Putin right now from within the Russian government, to respond much tougher and harsher to the Western world? The talk of nuclear weapons and WW3 has increased radically in the past two weeks.
 - Note: Paul Kim's dream about Russia and NATO/USA. His 2nd dream of personally admonishing Mr Putin. Paul's warning dream 10 years ago about the changes in the world in 2021-2022 leading to a war-like state in Israel. My prayer is that this will not come to pass. I believe we are at a crossroads right now.
- d. **Intercession 2**: Two elections in Nov 2022, in Israel and the US mid-term, and the issue of the two-state solution.
 - ✓ Sept 21, 2022 President Joe Biden delivered a major speech before the UN General Assembly, calling for the creation of a Palestinian state, '…the Palestinians are entitled to their own state…' as the US announced \$64 million aid for the Palestinian refugees. Joe Biden said, 'We will continue to advocate for a lasting, negotiated peace between the Jewish and democratic state of Israel and the Palestinian people…' Immediately after the speech, on September 23 the storm that became known as Hurricane Ian was officially identified as 'Tropical Depression Nine'. One week later it landed in Florida as a high category 4 storm (close to Cat 5). In 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a Cat 3 storm, caused \$170B in damage to the US. Hurricane Ian most likely has done double the damage of Catrina in dollar terms.
 - ✓ Here is something even more disturbing. On Sept 22 the day after Joe Biden spoke, Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid also gave a major speech at the UN General Assembly, calling for the creation of a Palestinian state. 'The future Palestinian state that will exist next to Israel must be peaceful and not terror-based...If that condition is met, then the best path forward is an agreement with the Palestinians based on two states for two peoples...This is the right thing for Israel's security, for Israel's economy, and for the future of our children.' According to the Jerusalem Post, a source inside the Israeli government is saying that 'we will act on our own...' if they feel that is the best option... 'If it is necessary...(if) this is agreed upon with the Americans, we will act on our own...We do not have to update anyone, and we do not need to ask permission from anyone.' This means Israel's election on Nov 1 will be on the issue of the 'two-state solution.' What will Israel's vote be?
 - ✓ If Israel chooses to divide Jerusalem with the help of the USA, I believe that instead of peace, Israel will receive a rain of rockets on her territory. We need to pray for Israel and USA's elections.

6 Israel & the USA

Note: Over the past several decades, whenever the USA was involved in an effort to divide the land of Israel, terrible misfortunes visited the USA.

- ①. On March 26th 1979, Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty was signed in Washington. As a result of that treaty, Israel gave up a tremendous amount of territory. Two days later, on March 28th, the worst nuclear power plant disaster in US history made headlines all over the globe. The following comes <u>from Wikipedia</u>...
 - The **Three Mile Island accident** was a partial <u>nuclear meltdown</u> that occurred on March 28th 1979, in reactor number 2 of <u>Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station</u> (TMI-2) in <u>Dauphin County</u>, <u>Pennsylvania</u>, United States. It was the most significant accident in U.S. commercial nuclear power plant history. The incident was rated a five on the seven-point <u>International Nuclear Event Scale</u>: Accident With Wider Consequences.
- ②. On October 30th 1991 President George H. W. Bush opened the Madrid Peace Conference which brought Israelis and Palestinians together to negotiate for the very first time. In his opening speech, Bush told Israel that "territorial compromise is essential for peace". At the exact same time, "the Perfect Storm" was brewing in the north Atlantic. This legendary storm travelled 1000 miles in the wrong direction and sent 35ft waves slamming directly into President Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

- ③. On August 23rd 1992 the Madrid Peace Conference moved to Washington D.C., and the very next day Hurricane Andrew made landfall in Florida causing 30 billion dollars in damage. It was the worst natural disaster up to that time in U.S. history.
- ④. On January 16th 1994 President Clinton met with President Assad of Syria to discuss the possibility of Israel giving up the Golan Heights. Within 24 hours, the devastating Northridge earthquake hit southern California. It was the second-worst natural disaster up to that time in U.S. history.
- ⑤. On January 21st 1998 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at the White House but received a very cold reception. In fact, President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright actually refused to have lunch with him. That exact same day the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, sending the Clinton presidency into a tailspin from which it would never recover.
- ⑥. On September 28th 1998 Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was working on finalizing a plan which would have had Israel give up approximately 13 percent of Judea and Samaria. On that precise day, Hurricane George slammed into the Gulf Coast with wind gusts of up to 175 miles an hour.
- ①. On May 3rd 1999 Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was supposed to hold a press conference to declare the creation of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital. On that precise day, the most powerful tornadoes ever recorded in the U.S. ripped through Oklahoma and Kansas. At one point one of the tornadoes actually had a recorded wind speed of 316 miles an hour.
- ®. On April 30th 2003, 'the Road Map to Peace' that had been developed by the so-called "Quartet" was presented to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon by U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer. Over the next seven days, the U.S. was hit by a staggering 412 tornadoes. It was the largest tornado cluster ever recorded up to that time.
- (9). In 2005, President George W. Bush (the son of George H. W. Bush) convinced Israel that it was necessary to remove all of the Jewish settlers from Gaza and turn it over entirely to the Palestinians. According to the New York Times, the very last of the settlers were evacuated on August 23rd 2005. On that precise day, a storm that would be given the name "Katrina" started forming over the Bahamas. The city of New Orleans still has not fully recovered from the damage that storm caused, and it ranked as the costliest natural disaster in all of U.S. history up to that time.
- ①. On May 19th 2011 Barack Obama told Israel that there must be a return to the pre-1967 borders. Three days later on May 22nd a half-mile-wide EF-5 multiple-vortex tornado ripped through Joplin, Missouri. According to Wikipedia, it was "the costliest single tornado in U.S. history."