

WELCOME . . . Please do not interrupt a study in progress. The room is open for discussion AFTER the study. Please reserve your questions until then. Thank you.

All Bible quotes are from the KJV.

First a little review. Over the last two nights we identified the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast of Revelation 13 as the Islamic states of the Middle East and Islam as the final spiritual enemy of the Church and Israel.

Following the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast is another beast: the beast with "Two Horns like a Lamb."

Rev 13:11 "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

Scripture declares this new beast to be "like a lamb." The Greek word used in Revelation for lamb is *arnion*, accurately defined as "a little lambkin."

Arnion appears 26 times in Revelation, and in every place but here, *arnion* refers to the "lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world" (Joh 1:29).

So why did the Lord use a lamb to describe this new beast?

Because of its nature. This beast will appear to be Christ-like, it will appear to be Christian, but Two-Horns really speaks like the dragon.

In other words, this beast would sound like a Christian empire, but it too would be militant and strongly influenced by Satan.

Now, this beast has two horns. In other words, this empire will have have two major kings or kingdoms that will control the Holy Land.

These kingdoms might exist at the same time, or they could appear at DIFFERENT times, like they do in Dan 8:3 and 8:8.

So how can we know who these two horns are? The Bible doesn't directly state who, but it does tell us when they will rule.

Rev 13:12 "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

The Old English of the KJV is a little confusing here, but "before him" in Greek is *enopion*, or "in the sight of." The two-horned beast will rule in the sight of, or in the presence of, the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast.

Now the Leopard-Bear-Lion was given authority over Jerusalem from 688 to 1967. So for this lamb-like beast to rule "in the sight" of LBL, he would have to rule there during that same time.

This "beast like a lamb's" two horns would have to come up between 688 and 1967. That's the key to the identity of Two Horns, so I'm going to say it again:

For the beast with Two Horns like a Lamb to be in the presence of the Leopard-Bear-Lion, he would have to take control of the Holy Land while the Leopard-Bear-Lion was in power.

In other words, the two horns would have to come up between 688 and 1967!

"In his presence" also means that Two Horns and the Leopard-Bear-Lion will coexist. Two Horns will not destroy LBL, but will be given authority in the Holy Land while LBL remains there.

Does this fit history?

In the 10th Century, Pope Urban II called for the Crusades to begin. Christian knights from Europe and England captured Jerusalem and ruled in the Holy Land for the next 200 years.

But by the end of the 12th Century, the Crusaders were driven out and Islam again ruled the country. Moslems continued to rule the Holy Land through several regimes, the final one being the Ottoman Empire.

The Crusaders didn't destroy the Dome of the Rock, nor drive the Moslems out of the land so the Crusaders were "in his sight." The Crusaders were the first horn, and they were in the presence of the Leopard-Bear-Lion!

Then during World War I, another group of "Christian knights" seized the Holy Land. The British, and their rulership of the Holy Land was known as the British Mandate.

So the western nations, appearing "like a lamb," ruled in Jerusalem twice. Neither destroyed the Dome of the Rock and neither drove the Moslems out. Both were horns "in the sight" of the Leopard-Bear-Lion.

1st Horn: The 10th through 12th century Crusades

2nd Horn: The 1917 to 1948 British rule of the Holy Land.

So we have now identified the two horns of the Beast like a lamb. That takes us up to 1948, but it isn't the end of the story . . .

Rev 13:12-14 And he [2 *Horns*] exerciseth all the power of the first beast [the Leopard-Bear-Lion Islamic beast] before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast [the Leopard-Bear-Lion]

". . . whose deadly wound was healed. And he [2 *Horns*] doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men"

After World War II, the Beast with Two Horns experienced an accelerated growth in its economy and industry. With western oil fields insufficient for its needs, Two Horns turned to the Middle East.

Over the next six decades, a major portion of western hard currency flowed into the coffers of the Leopard-Bear-Lion. Those Middle Eastern nations then used those funds to rebuild Islam and to buy modern weaponry from the West.

The Beast with Two Horns "healed" the beast who had a wound of the sword, and Leopard-Bear-Lion came back to life.

For the first time since the Battle of Vienna, the Islamic states again threaten the peace of Israel and the Western world. Most of them do it secretly, but their threat is visible through the terrorists they support.

The Beast with Two-Horns "performs great signs" which deceive men and turn their eyes from God. The western nations are the most scientifically advanced on earth.

"And (2 Horns) deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the [*Leopard-Bear-Lion*] beast."

If you had been standing on the streets of Baghdad in 1991 or 2003, or in Kabul last year, the phrase, "and he even makes fire come down out of Heaven to the earth in the presence of men," wouldn't have been any mystery to you.

Guided missiles and smart-bombs are indeed a "fire from Heaven" that is visible to all.

Rev 13:14 "And he [*the Two-Horned Beast*] deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the (Leopard-Bear-Lion) beast;

". . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the [Leopard-Bear-Lion] beast [*a likeness of, or a new Islamic power*], which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

Image (dictionary definition): A duplicate, counterpart, or other representative reproduction of an object. One that closely or exactly resembles another, a double. A mental picture of something that is not real or present.

An image is a likeness of any kind. A photograph is an "image" of the original scene, a book is an "image" of the thoughts of the writer and a child can be the "image" of his father.

The new Moslem Jihad that faces the West and Israel today is indeed an image of the first Jihad that almost destroyed Christendom in the 8th and 17th centuries.

". . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the [Leopard-Bear-Lion] beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

And now a likeness of the first Islamic Jihad is springing up all over the world, Al Queda just being the most visible.

The fastest growing religion in Europe is Islam. As of this writing, the largest mosque in the Western world is in Rome.

The largest place of worship in Toronto, Canada, is a mosque, and there are more people attending mosques in England than there are going into the Church of England.

In Holland, state-owned Christian churches are being turned over to Moslems, and 14% of the immigrants into the United States are Islamic.

Rev 13:15-16 And he [*2 Horns*] had power to give life unto the image of the [*Leopard-Bear-Lion*] beast . . .

And we gave life to Islam by buying their oil, by inviting them into this country, and by putting Palestinian wishes above those of our only real ally in the Middle East, Israel.

Arafat and the PA are among the worst terrorists that ever lived, and yet, we insist that Israel make peace with them. How can you make peace with those intent on your destruction?

". . . that the image [*or likeness*] of the [Leopard-Bear-Lion] beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

But all of that is far away, and Islam could never be a danger here, right? Most thought so until the World Trade Center fell.

By 1991, Islam was already a major force among the Black youth in America and many prison populations are now totally controlled by Black Muslims. Anti-Christian Farrakan has a half million Black Muslim followers.

Islamic fundamentalists hold secret meetings in such unlikely places as Tampa, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, and Kansas City to plot terrorist acts against our nation and collect donations.

60% of funding for the terrorist organization, Hamas, comes from Palestinian Moslems in the United States.

Rev 13:17 . . . that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Though 666 is for another study, the mark of the beast is also as an economic bondage, "that no man might buy or sell"

If you were in a native in any Islamic country, that "buy or sell" would be no mystery to you.

Christians are routinely beaten, robbed and murdered in any place where Moslems are the majority, Sudan being the worst example . . .

In the last few years, fundamental Moslems in Sudan have slaughtered over 2,000,000 unarmed villagers, both Christian and animists. Christian pastors are routinely crucified.

Christian women have their breasts cut off so they can't feed their babies who subsequently starve to death. My God, doesn't anybody care? How bad does it have to get before we see that the Church it is already in "Great Tribulation" and has been for many years.

Brethren, why am I telling you all this? Because the Church needs to wake up. We need to be on our knees, not only for ourselves, but also for our suffering brethren world wide.

The return of Jesus is at hand and we keep playing our little doctrinal games . . . whether there is going to be a millennium or whether we are going to be raptured out before the tribulation or not. <sigh>

It will be for us just as scripture predicted it would . . .

Amos 5:18-19 "Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! To what end *is* it for you? The day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light."

". . . As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him."

Well, that is enough for one night. The room is now open for discussion.