AI & Bible Prophecy: The Fourth Beast

Some time has passed since the vision of Daniel 2. A new king, Belshazzar, is on the throne in Babylon. His reign will soon be coming to an end by the rising "silver" empire as depicted in that vision. In chapter 7, we find Daniel is given a new vision while resting upon his bed. Like Nebuchadnezzar's vision, there are 4 kingdoms represented except this time, by beasts. When Daniel is given the explanation, it interestingly focuses on the 4th beast. Not the Roman Empire (as we know from history), but the final kingdom that comes out of it, diverse and more terrible than any of the others (*double application*). With these additional clues that are given, could AI have an even bigger role in this future kingdom?

Animal Invasion

Daniel 7:1-6

- "*the great sea*": defined in the Bible as the Mediterranean Sea - Num. 34:6-7; Joshua 1:4, 9:1, 15:12; Eze. 47:20, 48:28.
    - Medes-Persian, Grecian, and Roman empires all surrounded this sea.
- <u>First beast</u>: *like* a lion with _____ wings. After a time, the wings are plucked.
- <u>Second beast</u>: *like* a bear. It raises itself up on one side and has three ribs in its mouth between its teeth telling it to devour much flesh.
- <u>Third beast</u>: *like* a leopard with four wings of a fowl on its back and four heads.

Daniel 7:7-8

- <u>Fourth beast</u>: dreadful and terrible. Great <u>iron</u> teeth that devour with <u>feet</u> that "*stamped the residue*". It is different from the other beasts. It also has _____.
    - Corresponds with the 10 toes and the feet of the image in chapter 2.
    - "Horn" in the Bible represents strength, power, authority, and _____ - 1 Sam. 2:10; Jer. 48:25; Lam. 2:2-3; Dan. 8:20-22; Rev. 17:12; Luke 1:69.
    - 10 in the Bible can represent:
        - Law and order (*10 commandments*: Ex. 20; Deut. 5) and legal completeness - Ruth 4:1-12.
        - Giving or what belongs to God (_____) - Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:10; 2 Chron. 31:6; Luke 11:42.
        - Testing/trial - Ex. 7-12 (*10 plagues of Egypt*); Num. 14:22 (*Israel testing God 10 times in wilderness*); Dan. 1:12-15 *(Daniel & friends tested 10 days on diet)*.
        - Most commonly, 10 is known to represent _____ - Zech. 8:23; Dan. 7; Rev. 17:12, 13:1.

- o These 4 beasts represent Gentile kingdoms and the final, most terrible, ***world-wide*** kingdom yet to come which will be ruled by Antichrist. This future kingdom will have 10 seats of authority, power and dominion. 3 of them will be uprooted by Antichrist. Dan. 7:17, 19, 23-24.
- These beasts show up again in Rev. 13:1-2. (Note the order is reversed from Daniel as John is looking backward in time!)

The 10 horns are commonly believed to represent 10 _____ that will band together, perhaps like a revived Roman Empire, United Nations, European Union, or something similar.

However, an important clue is given about them - Rev.17:12-13. Remember that a "horn" can also represent *authority* and *dominion*. A kingdom can include multiple nations. Instead of focusing on the "who", let's examine the "what".

Key Characteristics of a World System

1. Worldwide Scope - It affects the entire planet.
2. Interconnection - Countries, institutions, and/or people are linked together within the same structure.
3. Standardization - Shared rules, policies, currencies, governing, etc.
4. Centralized Coordination - A central authority behind it all.

Major World Systems:

1. **Global Economic / Financial System**
   - o Cryptocurrency run by AI.
2. **Global Healthcare System**
   - o Immortality through AI.
3. **Global Legal System**
   - o AI is increasingly used to draft legislation, analyze policy, and suggest regulatory language. Tools like ChatGPT are utilized for drafting, while governments trial AI to speed up lawmaking processes.
   - o In 2023, a Brazilian municipality passed the first known law drafted entirely by AI without disclosing its origin.
4. **Global Judicial / Governance System**
   - o COMPAS – used in the USA to assess risk of an individual reoffending. Judges use in sentencing decisions.
   - o UK Deputy prime minister vows to reform justice system with AI including jury-less trials.
5. **Global Security / Military System**
   - o Automated defense systems, planes, ships, smart bombs, and robots.
6. **Global Communication/Information System**
   - o Internet infrastructure, satellites, telecommunications networks.
7. **Global Transportation System**
   - o Autonomous vehicles. Logistics & supply chain routes. Traffic management.

8. **Global Energy System**
   - Oil, gas, electricity markets, and international energy distribution. Not just controlling, but consuming (data centers).

9. **Global Food and Agriculture System**
   - Worldwide food production, trade, and distribution networks.

10. **Global Religious System**
    - _____: when all of these systems come together under a single leader, worship and economics are easily merged! (Rev. 13:17-18, 17:1-5.)

All the world's differences, nations, ideologies, religions, economies, governments, and ways of life seem way too splintered to unify. What laws, kings, and militaries cannot achieve, AI can! That is the ability to synchronize and control all of these systems. The systems are being put into place. All that is needed is _____ to take control...