The KINGDOM of the **LEOPARD**



⁶After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.



The prophetic picture of the Leopard is a perfect fit for Germany, whose Leopard tanks have been used predominantly in European armies since their introduction in the 1960's. There is more to this Leopard than just tanks.

THE FOUR HEADS:

In Germany's history there have been three German Empires *[Reich's]* The phrase "German Reich" commonly describes (but not limited to) Germany from 1871 to 1945.¹

The three Reich's refer to:

- The **First Reich** The Holy Roman Empire, from the 10th century and ending in the 19th century. It spanned the territories that Charlemagne conquered.
- The **Second Reich** The German Empire, from 1871 to 1918, where Otto von Bismarck united all of Germany, ending with the defeat of Germany after WWI and the birth of the Weimar Republic.
- The **Third Reich** Hitler's Nazi Germany, from 1933 to 1945. Hitler was obviously hoping to recreate the glory (and territories) of the Holy Roman Empire, and chose the name to reflect it.

Daniel's prophecy isn't finished with Germany yet, there are four heads on the Leopard. Three have come and gone and Daniel tells us there will be a fourth.

"Although Hitler's Third Reich collapsed almost 75 years ago, its successor – the **Fourth** Reich – is alive and well. That, at least, is the claim of some European and US journalists, politicians and other activists, who, in recent years, have used the phrase to attack opponents.

In the last decade, Greek leftists and Russian nationalists have accused the German Chancellor Angela Merkel of using the EU to impose a Germandominated Fourth Reich on Europe."²

So this leopard from Daniel 7 has not finished. One thing I know about Bible prophecy is that it will be fulfilled... look for Germany (in some form) to have a future Fourth Reich.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Reich#:~:text=The%20history%20of%20the%20nation,Nazi%20Germany%20(1933%E2 %80%931945)

² https://www.historytoday.com/history-matters/fears-fourth-reich

THE TWO SETS OF WINGS:

Each set of wings portrays Germany's bid for world dominance. Twice in its history Germany sought to exert itself onto the world scene as a Super Power.

- 1. "The major cause of **World War I** was Imperial Germany's determination to become a "world power" or superpower by crippling Russia and France.
- 2. World War II began in Europe on September 1, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland. Great Britain and France responded by declaring war on Germany on September 3. The war between the U.S.S.R. and Germany began on June 22, 1941, with the German invasion of the Soviet Union.



After looking at the first three nations that will arise in the time Latter-days, we also see that they will become a part of the 4th Beasts system (Revelation 13 Beast out of the Sea) and be in existence when Jesus returns.