

THE FOUR BEASTS AND THE FINAL KING (Part 1)

Daniel 7:1-28

Theme of Daniel: The absolute _____ and _____ of the _____ and _____ God.

Chiastic Structure of the Aramaic Structure (Daniel 2-7):

A. Dan. 2 – Vision of the four world empires

B. Dan. 3 – Deliverance of Daniel's friends from the fiery furnace

C. Dan. 4 – Judgment of Nebuchadnezzar resulting in repentance

C. Dan. 5 – Judgment of Belshazzar resulting in death

B. Dan. 6 – Deliverance of Daniel from the lions' den

A. Dan. 7 – Vision of the four world empires

Four Scenes in the Prophetic Panorama of World History and Things to Come:

1. The Imperial Rise of the Four Beasts (7:1-7)
2. The Boastful Arrival of the Little Horn (7:8)
3. The Fiery Judgment of The Ancient of Days (7:9-10)
4. The Everlasting Kingdom of the Son of Man (7:13-14)
5. The Sobering Interpretation of the Vision (7:15-28)

The Four Beasts (Which are Four Earthly Kingdoms, cf. v. 17)

1) *Lion with Eagle Wings* = _____ (605-539 BC)

2) *Lopsided Bear* = _____ (539-331 BC)

3) *Four-Headed Leopard* = _____ (331-146 BC)

4) *Monster Beast* = _____ (146 BC-AD 476 [West]/1453 [East])

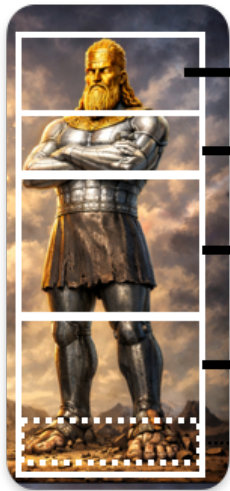
▪ *Ten Horns* = _____ (cf. v. 24) (yet future)

Reasons Why This is Yet Future:

The Parallels of Daniel 2 and Daniel 7

Daniel 2
The Segmented Statue

Daniel 7
The Four Beasts



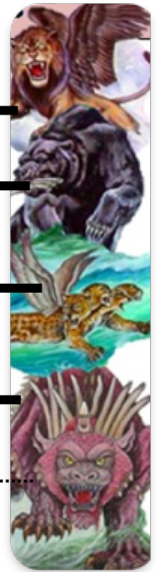
Head of Gold → **BABYLON** ← Lion with Eagles Wings

Chest & Arms of Silver → **MEDO-PERSIA** ← Lopsided Bear

Belly & Thighs of Bronze → **GREECE** ← Four-Headed Leopard

Legs of Iron → **ROME** ← Monster Beast

..... Ten Toes of Iron/Clay → **REVIVED ROME** ← Ten Horns



Prophetic "Telescoping"
(aka "Prophetic Foreshortening")

Prophet's Viewpoint (as he sees and reports it)

Peak #1
Near Fulfillment

Peak #2
Far Fulfillment



Later Revelation (not different information, but **more**)

Valley:
Previously **unforeseen** gaps of
depth, distance, details, and duration

Peak #2
(same event
originally
foreseen)

Peak #1
(same event
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"I see a peak and right behind it another one..."
"X will happen then Y will happen..."