

# Daniel Chapter 7

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# Origin of the Beasts

## The Great Sea (7:2-3)

## The Earth (7:17)



Lion - Babylon

Bear - Persia

Leopard - Greece

4<sup>th</sup> Beast - Rome



# Lion – Nebuchadnezzar/Babylon

The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

Daniel 7:4



ONE NIGHT, DANIEL HAS A DREAM. FOUR BEASTS RISE OUT OF THE SURGING SEA ...

FIRST, A LION WITH EAGLE'S WINGS.

# Bear - Persia

And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

Daniel 7:5



# Leopard - Greece

After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

Daniel 7:6



# 4<sup>th</sup> Beast - Rome

After this I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying  
and dreadful and exceedingly strong.  
It had great iron teeth; it devoured and  
broke in pieces and stamped what was  
left with its feet. It was different from  
all the beasts that were before it, and it  
had ten horns...





# 4<sup>th</sup> Beast - Rome

...I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 7:7-8



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# One Like a Son of Man

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him...

# One Like a Son of Man

...And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should *serve* him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:7-8



Metals from Chapter 2	Identity	Beasts from Chapter 7
Gold	Nebuchadnezzar/ Babylon	Lion
Silver	Medo-Persia	Bear
Bronze	Greece	Leopard
Iron and Clay	Rome	4 <sup>th</sup> Beast
Stone	Jesus & Kingdom	Like a Son of Man



# Echoes in Revelation

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority...



# Echoes in Revelation

...One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

Revelation 13:1-4



# The Issue at Hand

Overcoming the Power of the Nations

The Power of the Nations

The Power of the Son of Man

Overcoming that Power?

But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?” Matthew 26:63-68

# The Issue Addressed

Overcoming the Power of the Nations

The Powerlessness of the  
Son of Man is His Power



And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.



And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,...

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:6-14

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:10-12





# Questions for Reflection

1. How have I let the world's view of power shape my approach to the world's problems?

2. When my “color changes and I am alarmed” how will I cope?

