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The Book of DANIEL Chapter 7

"The Beast, the One World Government & the Second Coming!"

Introduction: Chapters 1-6 of Daniel gave us an historical revelation. Chapters 7-12 of Daniel gives us a prophetic revelation. (In chapter 2 we saw a pagan king's vision of an image representing the world's empires and their destruction. In chapters 7 & 8 we receive a man of God's vision of the world's empires and their destruction. King Nebuchadnezzar saw a beautiful image filled with power, majesty, and glory! Daniel observed the empires as ravenous, bloodthirsty beasts of prey.)

(v1-8) Daniel's Vision of World Empires! (v9-14) Daniel's Vision of the 2nd Coming of Christ! (v15-28) Interpretation of the Daniel's Vision!

(v1-8) Daniel's Vision of World Empires!

(v1-3) "the Great Sea" - "Sea" is generally used as representing the "sea of humanity." (Isa 17:12-13; 57:20; 60:5; Ezek 26:3; Rev 13:1; 17:15).

(v4) The LION = Babylonian Empire (609 - 539 B.C.)

- The lion with the wings of an eagle (Dan 7:4) represented the empire of Babylon, which in Nebuchadnezzar's image was the head of gold (2:37-38). In Scripture, Babylon is identified with both the lion and the eagle (Jer 4:7,13; 48:40; 49:19-22; 50:17; Ezek 17:3,12; see also Hab 1:6-8). The description of the lion being lifted up to stand like a man, and then given a man's heart, reminds us of how God humbled King Nebuchadnezzar, and made him live like a beast for seven years (Dan 4:16,28-34). God told Daniel that the Babylonian Empire would fall.

(v5) The BEAR = $Medo-Persian\ Empire\ (539 - 331\ B.C.)$

-The bear with three ribs in its mouth (Dan 7:5) symbolized the empire of the Medes and Persians who defeated Babylon (Dan 5) and parallels the arms and chest of silver in the great image (2:39). The bear was raised up on one side because the Persians were stronger than the Medes. In the later vision of the ram with two horns (Dan 8), the higher horn represented the Persians (vv. 3, 20). Interpreters aren't agreed on the meaning of the three ribs that the bear carried in its mouth. The best explanation is that they stand for Lydia, Egypt, and Babylon, nations that the Medes and Persians had conquered. The armies of the Medo-Persian Empire did indeed "devour much flesh" as they marched across the battlefields.

- The leopard with four wings (Dan 7:6) represented Alexander the Great and the swift conquests of his army, resulting in the incredible expansion of the kingdom of Greece. This beast is identified with the number four: four heads and four horns (see 8:8,21-22). Alexander's untimely death in 323 left him without a successor and his kingdom was divided into four parts and assigned to his leaders. Palestine and Egypt went to Ptolemy I; Syria was ruled by Seleucus I; Thrace and Asia Minor were assigned to Lysimachus; and Macedon and Greece were governed by Antipater and Cassander.

(v7) The BEAST with 10 horns = Revived Roman Empire

- The "dreadful and terrible" beast represented the Roman Empire, as strong and enduring as iron and as uncompromising as a beast on the rampage. The Roman armies swept across the ancient world and defeated one nation after another until the empire extended from the Atlantic Ocean east to the Caspian Sea and from North Africa north to the Rhine and Danube Rivers. Egypt, Palestine, and Syria were all under Roman domination. This beast corresponds with the legs of iron on Nebuchadnezzar's image (2:40-43), but the ten toes (ten kings, vv. 43-44) are represented by ten horns (7:7,24). Often in Scripture, a horn is a symbol of a ruler or of royal authority (1 Sam 2:10; Ps 132:17) (from The Bible Exposition Commentary)

(v8) "the little horn" - the ANTICHRIST, also known as:

"the prince to come"- Daniel 9:26

"abomination"- Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:15

"Beast rising up out of the sea"- Revelation 13:1-10

"the man of sin"- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8

(This "little horn" will be earth's last and most awful tyrant, Satan's cruel instrument of wrath and hatred against God and the Jewish saints. To him Satan gives the power, which he offered to Christ (Mt. 4:8-9; Rev. 13:4).) Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not; if another shall come in <u>his own name</u>, him you will receive." (John 5:43)

> Compare Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel Ch. 2:

- Head of Gold Babylonian Empire (609 539 B.C.)
- Chest & Arms of Silver Medo-Persian Empire (539 331 B.C.)
- Belly & Thighs of Bronze or Brass Grecian Empire (331 168 B.C.)
- Legs of Iron Roman Empire (168 476 A.D.)
- Feet of Iron & Clay Revived Roman Empire of the last days!
- The GREAT IMAGE: (Revelation of Gentile World Empires to the second return of Christ, Who is the "Stone!")

New Yorld Government" (NEW WORLD ORDER): In Revelation 17 we are told that 10 kings will give power and strength to the Antichrist, whereas, it is now believed by many that these 10 kings may not refer to specific nations but to 10 regions of nations carved out of the globe by *New World Order*

(NWO) organizations to which all nations of the earth will submit! The book of Revelation tells us all nations will follow the Antichrist and his one world government. Each of these 10 regions will have one designated leader representing their region. By having 10 regions, it is following the governance of the old Roman Empire, this last days *revived Roman Empire* is spoken of in Daniel 2:31-45; 7:7-27; 9:27. Revelation 17 speaks of a MYSTERY BABYLON and a whore (representing a one world religious system) riding and controlling the beast, which many believe will operate from the city of Rome, research the Club of Rome.org for some fascinating insights.

> Here is the global plan for the 10 regional unions:

- 1. European Union
- 2. Eastern European Union
- 3. North American Union
- 4. South American Union
- 5. Central American/Caribbean Union
- 6. Middle Eastern/North African Union
- 7. African/Sub-Saharan Union
- 8. South & Central Asian Union
- 9. Eastern & Southeastern Asian Union
- 10. Asian Pacific Union







This statue is located outside EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.



> THE E.U. HAS RE-CREATED THE TOWER OF BABEL, THAT WHICH GOD JUDGED.



> CAPITAL HILL, ROME, OCTOBER 29, 2004 - SIGNING OF THE E.U. AGREEMENT UNDER A STATUE OF POPE INNOCENT X.

- <u>David Rockefeller in his memoirs</u> said, "Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure—one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it." (David Rockefeller, *Memoirs*, p. 405)

(v9-14) Daniel's Vision of the 2nd Coming of Christ!

- Prophetic view of Christ 2nd Coming: Mark 14:61-62- But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
- Luke 1:32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.
- Read Psalm 2 regarding Christ & the nations.

- Read Revelation 19:11-16 for Christ 2nd return (Mt. 24:21-31) (In the Millennial Kingdom: Micah 4:2-3- Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.)

(v15-28) Interpretation of the Daniel's Vision!

(v18) "saints" - <u>There are Old Testament saints, New Testament saints, and</u> Tribulation saints.

(v19-25) Here we see the Antichrist's rule during the time of the tribulation!

- (v25) "<u>time and times & half a time</u>" - 3 ½ years or 42 months (Daniel 9:27; Rev. 11:2; 13:5) or one thousand two hundred and sixty days (Rev. 12:6)

(v26-28) This speaks of <u>the second coming of Jesus Christ!</u> – Revelation 19 & 20