

Daniel 7

I. The 4 Beasts

A. Daniel 7 1-8, 17

1 "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter." 2

"Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea." 3

"And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another." 4 "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." 5 "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.'"

6 "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."

7 "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."

8 "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."

17 "These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth."

B Daniel 2 31-33

31 ""You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32 The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

C. Revelation 13 1-2

1 "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. 2 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."

John combines Daniel's four beasts into one composite beast.

Daniel = Four successive empires

Revelation = One final global system embodying all previous kingdoms

Daniel 2 (Statue)	Daniel 7 (Beasts)	Historical Empire	Revelation 13 Connect
Head of Gold	Lion with eagle's wings	Babylon	Lion imagery in the final beast
Chest & Arms of Silver	Bear raised on one side	Medo-Persia	Bear-like strength in the beast
Belly & Thighs of Bronze	Leopard with four wings & heads	Greece	Leopard appearance in the beast
Legs of Iron	Terrifying beast with iron teeth	Rome	Foundation of final world power
Feet of Iron & Clay	Ten horns	Final kingdom structure	Ten horns of the beast

II. The Fourth Beast

A. Daniel 7 19-21

19 ""Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying,

with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet," 20 "and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions."21 "As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them,"

B. Daniel 2 42-43

42 "And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.

43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay."

C Revelation 13 4-8

4 "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?"

5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise

authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.”

III. The Ancient of Days

A. Daniel 7 9-14

9 ““As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.”

10 “A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.”

11 ““I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was

killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.” 12 “As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.” 13 ““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.” 14 “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.”

B. Daniel 2 44-45

44 “And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

C. Revelation 22

10 "And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.""

12 ""Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.""

14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."