

Daniel 7:1-8; 15-22; The Vision Of Four Beasts.

This vision came to Daniel after the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, but before the Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Medo-Persian Empire. Daniel [Chapters 1-6](#) describe the life and persecution of Daniel and his three colleagues. [Chapters 7-12](#) describe visions God revealed to Daniel.

- i. **The first beast; Lion with Eagles wings:** This majestic beast is humbled (**wings were plucked off**) and made human). This is the Babylonian Empire, Nebuchadnezzar had his wings plucked off.
- ii. **A second beast, like a Bear:** slower, stronger, and more crushing than a lion - and this bear has a voracious appetite for conquest. This is the Medo-Persian Empire, succeeding the Babylonian Empire. Most think the **three ribs** are their three great conquests: Babylon, Egypt and Lydia.
- iii. **A third, like a Leopard:** known for its sudden, unexpected attacks. This one is especially swift (with **four wings**), and clever (having **four heads**). The **leopard** represents the Greek Empire. Alexander the Great quickly conquered the civilized world by age 28.

After his death his empire was divided into four parts (**four heads**); Casander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy.

- iv. **The fourth beast:** a dreadful, horned beast, with one conspicuous horn.

The fourth beast is indescribable, and uniquely horrific in its power and conquest. The fourth beast represents the Roman Empire, which was the largest, strongest, most unified and enduring of them all.

Among the ten horns, three are replaced by one horn that is noticeable for its dominance (**before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots**), intelligence (**eyes like the eyes of a man**), and its boastful talk (**speaking pompous words**).

Daniel is especially interested in the fourth, most terrible beast - and especially about its conspicuous **horn**.

- The conspicuous horn must be the antichrist (*opposite/instead of Christ*), arising out of a confederation of ten nations after subduing three, that is, in some way a restoration of the Roman Empire. He is going to be a representative of Satan in human flesh through politics, economics and religion.
- The little horn speaks pompous, blasphemous words.

- Persecute saints for time, times and half a time.
- This "little horn" will **intend** to change times and law.

The Antichrist will ascend to rule the world through brokering a seven-year Peace Agreement between the Israelites and the Arabs/Muslims that will allow the reconstruction of a new Temple just near the Dome of the Rock Mosque/Shrine.

***Revelation 11:2** - "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.*

In the middle of the agreement the anti-christ will abolish Temple sacrifices and will demand to be worshipped as God; will then persecute those who don't worship him.

***2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** - Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

***1John 2:18** - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.*

***1John 4:1-3** - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*