

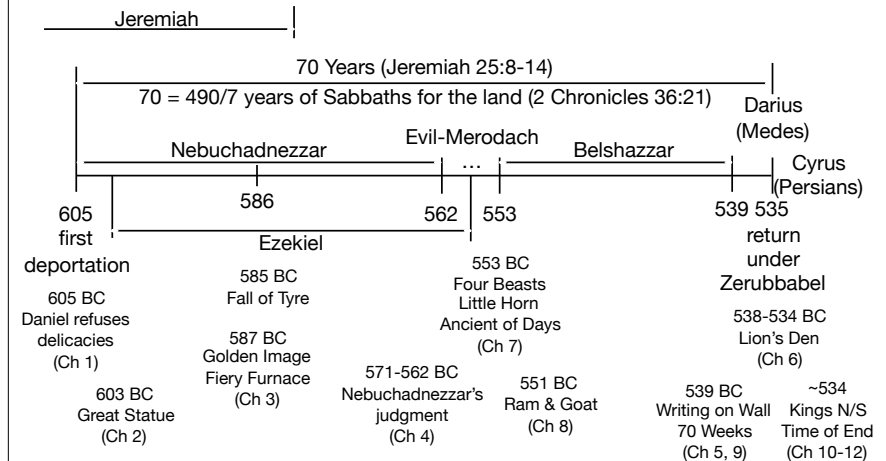
Vision of the Four Beasts and the Eternal Dominion of the Son of Man



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Chronology of The Book of Daniel



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Chiasmus of Daniel 2 - 7

Daniel 2:4b-7:28 is written in Aramaic not Hebrew

- A : Dream of four kingdoms replaced by a fifth (Ch 2)
- B : Daniel's three friends in fiery furnace (Ch 3)
- C : Daniel's interpretation of dream for Nebuchadnezzar (Ch 4)
- C : Daniel's interpretation of handwriting on wall for Belshazzar (Ch 5)
- B : Daniel in the Lion's Den (Ch 6)
- A : Vision of four kingdoms replaced by a fifth (Ch 7)

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Five Kingdoms of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Daniel 2

Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar v 37, 38)

Media / Persia

Greece

Rome (which becomes divided)

Millennial / Eternal Kingdom



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Kingdoms in Daniel

Kingdom	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of Statue Daniel 2	Daniel's Vision of Four Beast Daniel 7	Daniel 8
Babylon	Head of Gold	Lion with eagle's wings	
Media / Persia	Chest and arms of silver	Bear raised up on one side with 3 ribs in teeth	Ram with 2 horns
Greece	Belly and thighs of bronze	Leopard with 4 wings and 4 heads	Goat with 1 horn - horn breaks and 4 horns appear
Rome	Legs of iron Feet of iron + clay	Large iron teeth and 10 horns - little horn removes 3	
Millennial	Stone cutout by no human hand	Son of Man is given an everlasting dominion	

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Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts Daniel 7:1-8

"beasts came of from the sea" v.2

First beast of Revelation 13 rose "out of the sea"

Lion with wings (v. 4)

Bear (v. 5)

Leopard with four wings and four heads (v. 5)

Beast with iron teeth and ten hounds (v. 7)



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Babylon

Neo-Babylon Empire (626 - 539 BC) defeated Assyrian Empire

Nebuchadnezzar the Lion (605 - 562 BC)

"A lion .. destroyer of nations" Jeremiah 4:7

"wings plucked off" Daniel 4:28-33

"the mind of a man was given to it." Daniel 4:34

Babylon the Great (as a type of world system) receives wrath from God at the end of the Tribulation (Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:1,2,10,21)

"Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the Great!" Religious and Political system

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Media and Persia

Persian Empire (539 - 331 BC)

Bear : voracious and cruel "*arise, devour much flesh*"

"*raised up one one side*" superiority of Persians,

"*three ribs*" conquered kingdoms (possibly Egypt, Lydia, and Babbylon?)

Judgement of Babylon Jeremiah 50, 51. Medes Jeremiah 51:48.

Bible records Darius the Mede first entering Babylon (Daniel 5:30) when in fell to the Persian in 539 BC.

Belshazzar's feast foretells of the defeat of the Babylonians (Daniel 5)

It was under Darius rule that Daniel was placed in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6).

Babylon surrendered to Cyrus the Great in 539 according to secular historians.

Darius the Great rules the empire at its peak

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Greece

Leopard with four wings: swift predator

Alexander the Great became king at 20 years of age (336 BC) and spend most his years in military campaigns and was undefeated in battle. At 30 years of age he had created an empire that extended from the Adriatic Sea to the Indus River.

Defeated the Persian King Darius III in 336 BC

Alexander suddenly died in Nebuchadnezzar's palace in 323 BC at the age of 32.

"*four heads*" : empire was divided between four generals: *Cassander, Ptolemy (Egypt), Antigonus, and Seleucus (Syria)*

The Syrian wars between the Seleucid Empire and the Ptolemaic kingdom is the subject of Daniel 11. Seleucid King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the great persecutor of the Jews, will desecrate the Temple and bring the rise of the Maccabean Revolt.

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The Fourth Beast

The fourth beast is sometimes tied to Syria, but the next great kingdom to rise is Rome.

The *Iron Age* followed the *Bronze Age* and Rome heavily used iron in armor and weaponry and alloyed it with carbon to make steel.

Even though Rome was founded centuries earlier, they did not become a world power until they defeated Greece in the middle of the second century BC. Julius Caesar was the first dictator in 45 BC. The Roman Empire begins when Augustus declares himself Emperor in 27 BC.

The 10 Horns and the little horn that subdues three kings : Daniel 7:23-25

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The Heavenly Court Daniel 10:9-14

The Ancient of Days and the heavenly court (v. 9-10)

The fourth beast is slain and the remaining beasts have their dominion taken away (v. 11-12)

Son of Man is given dominion (v. 11-14)

Jesus before Caiaphas (Matthew 26:24)

Kingdom of Christ is ushered in

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The Fourth Beast

Great iron teeth (v. 7) and bronze claws (v. 19).

Devoured, broke and pulverized the whole world (v. 23).

10 horns = four kings (v. 17, 24)

Another king will arise, different than the others, and will put down three of the kings.

He will blaspheme the Most High, wear out the saints, and change the times and the law (v. 25; Daniel 8:24,25;11:36; Revelation 13:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:4)

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The Beast from the Sea

Revelation 13:1-10

Has 10 horns and 7 heads and 7 crowns on 10 heads (13:1)

Satan (12:3) / *Antichrist* (term from 1 John 2:18)

Man of lawlessness (1 Thessalonians 2)

Prototype Antiochus Epiphanes IV

The Beast is a conglomerate of all of Daniel's Beasts

Like a leopard

Feet like a bear

Mouth like a lion