



# The Four Terrible Beasts

DANIEL CHAPTER 7

# Biblical Prophecies

- ▶ Daniel's prophecy is just like the book of Revelation or any other prophecy in the Bible—we must use the **Bible** to interpret the prophecy with plain common sense according to the writer's culture. Otherwise it is guessing. It is better to say "I don't know" than to guess.
- ▶ Let us examine this prophecy to see the history and the future of the Gentile's nations.

# The Four Great Beasts



- ▶ (v.2) The **sea** represents a world of nations (Isa. 17:12-13)—a chaotic sea referring to a world in turmoil.
- ▶ (v.3) The four beasts refer to four Gentile **kingdoms** (v.17), one after another until the **end** of the age of the Gentiles. (v.9-14)
- ▶ The “Ancient of Days” will come to put an end to the age of Gentiles and establish His everlasting kingdom.



# Four Beasts in Daniel 7



1

- Like a Lion
- With eagle's wings
- Wings plucked later
- Lifted up from earth
- Man's heart given



2

- Like a Bear
- Raised up on its side
- Had 3 ribs in its mouth
- Was told to arise and devour much flesh



3

- Like a Leopard
- With 4 fowl's wings
- Had 4 heads
- Given dominion



4

- Exceedingly dreadful, terrible beast
- Iron teeth, brass nails
- Had 10 horns
- A little horn, which plucked 3 horns





# First Beast—Babylon







2<sup>nd</sup> Beast—Medo  
Persian Empire




3<sup>rd</sup> Beast—  
Macedonian  
Empire (Greece)



- ▶ These four beasts (kingdoms) are **parallel** to the four kingdoms in Daniel chapter 2.
- ▶ Just like in ch. 2, the fourth kingdom (Rome) would come in **two stages**.

## 4 Beast Comparison Chart

Gold	Dan. 2: 	Babylon		Dan. 7:4	
Silver		Medo-Persia		Dan. 7:5	
Bronze		Greece		Dan. 7:6	
Iron		Rome		Dan. 7:7	
Iron/Clay		Final Empire		Dan. 7:8	

# Timeline According to Daniel ch.7



Chapter 2, first iron,  
then iron and clay

Chapter 7, first iron teeth  
with 10 horns, then a little  
horn took over

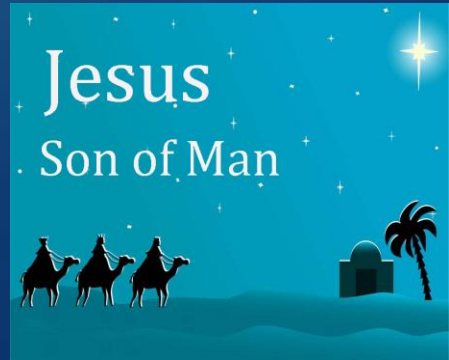


# Antichrist—the Little Horn

- ▶ This little horn will be mentioned in detail in the **Revelation**. (Rev. 13:1-8) note: mouth (Dan. 7:8, 25; Rev. 13:5-6)
- ▶ (v.20) Three of the 10 horns will be conquered. (also in v.24) (i.e. the red horse (Rev. 6:4)
- ▶ (v.25) He will rule for three and a half years. (Rev. 13:5)
- ▶ (v.21) “The saints” is referring to the **believing Jews** (Rom. 11:25; Rev. 7:4; 12:1-6) and the nation of Israel.



- ▶ (v.13) The **Son of Man** is **Jesus**, therefore the **Ancient of Days** (v.9) is also referring to our Lord.
- ▶ The Age of Gentiles began with the destruction of Jerusalem (586 B.C.) and will end when our Lord establishes His kingdom on earth. (v.14)
- ▶ Notice: We (the **church**) are nowhere to be found in this timeline. The Church is a “mystery” not to be revealed until **the fullness of time**. (see. Eph. 3:3-10; also Col. 1:26-27, Rom. 16:25)





From ch. 7 onward God is revealing to Daniel the **timeline** for the whole age of the Gentiles, and summarizes in the key prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27.



Conclusion

As we continue we will add information to this timeline until we see the whole picture of God's plan.