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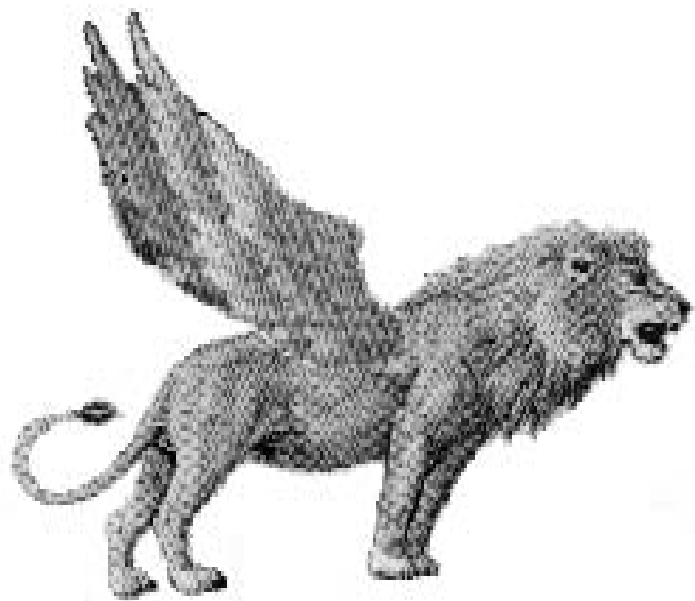
“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” 1 Cor. 14:8

What is Going on in the World Today?

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Daniel 7



What is a Beast?

Who are the Four Beasts?

Not a verse by verse commentary.

A guide to help individuals who are moved to study the Bible.

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Daniel 7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

History and Symbols

Waters = peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. Revelation 17:15

Winds = a symbol of strife - War - Jeremiah 51:1-4; 49:36
“Four winds of heaven striving upon the great sea, represent the terrible scenes of conquest and revolution by which kingdoms have attained to power”. - Great Controversy 439,440 Daniel 7:2

Beast = King / Kingdom - Daniel 7:17, 19, 23

Wings = Swiftmess, Haste - Habakkuk 1:6-8

The **Lion** represents the first kingdom in the series of four great world governing powers and parallels the head of gold in Daniel 2.

Lion = power, destruction. Jeremiah 50:17

Babylon conquered Israel in 606BC

“the crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.” Education 179.

Medo-Persia, two kingdoms combined, overthrew Babylon in 538BC. The Persian Empire became the greater part and took control represented by the bear raising on one side.

Greece conquered the Persian Empire in 321BC, the speed of conquest was as wings and the kingdom reached from Europe to India. Alexander died soon after conquering the world, his kingdom was divided between his four generals, and continued as the Greek kingdom.



7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse 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 little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

The fourth kingdom, Rome rose to govern in 168BC and continued through three phases until 1798AD.

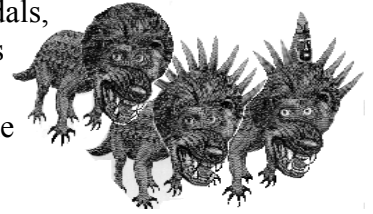
Phase 1} Pagan Rome 168BC - 476 AD - beast without horns.

Phase 2} Ten divisions, he grew ten horns 476-538AD. The Huns, the Ostrogoths, the Visigoths, the Franks, the Vandals, the Suevi, the Burgundians, the Heruli, the Anglo-Saxons, and the Lombards.

Phase 3} Papal Rome 538-1798. Stout little horn uprooted three of the ten horns - the Heruli, the Ostrogoths, and the Vandals, For refusal to accept the non-scriptural doctrines of Rome especially that of of trinity.

Note: These ten horns come in the middle of the Roman rule (476-538) not at the end of time.

The toes of Daniel 2 are not, as many believe, the parallel of the ten horns on this beast. The ten kings that parallel the toes of Daniel 2 are found in Rev. 17:12,16,17 “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. ...These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. ...And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.



Names of the Eternal Creator God: Ancient of days, Father in Heaven, Almighty, the Eternal, Jehovah, God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, Eternal Judge, The Most High, I Am.

Books were opened

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Revelation 20:12

“And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws:”

Daniel 7: 25

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law**, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:” Matthew 5:18,19

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

The **Second Coming of Christ** with the clouds of heaven

“And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.” Isaiah 66:23

“Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.” Exodus 31:13

“ I *am* the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.” Ezekiel 20:19, 20

“And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.” Mark 2:27

“...O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments” Daniel 9:4

“Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:12

Daniel asks for a better explanation.

Beast = King / Kingdom

Both King and kingdom needs to be identified. i.e. Germany under Adolph Hitler is a different kingdom than Germany under Chancellor Angela Merkel.

“The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberty of conscience Nothing is dearer or more fundamental. Pope Pius IX, in his Encyclical Letter of August 15, 1854, said: ‘The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error—a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state.’ The same pope, in his Encyclical Letter of December 8, 1864, anathematized ‘those who assert the liberty of conscience and of religious worship,’ also ‘all such as maintain that the church may not employ force.’ Great Controversy 564

Daniel asks again for a better explanation of the forth beast that was so different than the former three beasts. This beast is a composite of the other beasts plus it is so vicious it even grinds down the residue with its feet.

Horns = kings / sub kingdoms

Prophetic time a day is equal to a year. Rome persecuted the True Christians for twelve hundred sixty years, from five thirty-eight to seventeen hundred ninety-eight when Napoleon dealt the deadly wound. Revelation 13:3.

Time times and the dividing of time is the same as three and a half years or twelve hundred sixty days. Ezekiel 4:5 “For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days...”

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Little Horn

The stout, strong, little horn, in which were eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. He shall speak great words against the most High time and times and the dividing of time - three and one half years - twelve hundred sixty days /years Ezekiel 4:4

538 -1798 the third phase of Rome ruled and attempted to crush out any worship it did not approve. The Bible was kept from the common people, and tradition of men taught in place of "Thus saith the Lord".

Persecution under the Roman Empire took place to control the people. At the birth of Christ all male children under two were killed. Worship of the True God sets the mind at peace and allows freedom of conscious, a challenge to any dictatorial government. Czars, kings, and pontiffs, all demand worship of themselves.

Ten Horns of Rome 476-538 A. D.: Almanni, Anglo-saxons, Burgundians, Franks, Lombards, Suevi, Visigoths, Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths. Three nations, that would not accept the non-scriptural teachings of Rome especially the doctrine of Trinity, the eucharist and the confessional, were the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoth

He shall ... think to change times: The Gregorian calendar thinks to change:

- (1). New years from the first New Moon after the spring equinox on God's calendar to the arbitrary time now called January one.
- (2). Every month on God's calendar starts on the New Moon
- (3). God says; at even when the sun sets starts a new day - changed to midnight, an arbitrary time requiring a time piece.

He thinks to change laws: Everything concerning the plan of salvation has been altered, to put his church dispensing salvation and forgiving sins, instead of going by faith directly to the Father in the name of Christ.

He thinks to change the Ten Commandments leaving out God's 'Seal of Authority' (elements of a seal: Name, Authority and Dominion) which is required to make a law binding. These are part of the fourth commandment. Also left out is the command against worshipping idols.

All Official Seals contain: Name, Position of Authority and Dominion. Name: the Lord Thy God. Position: Creator. Dominion: heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*.

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11

“RULES OF INTERPRETATION”

Written By - Wm. Miller *emphasis added*

1. **Every word** must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible. *Proof*, Matt. 5:18.

2. **All Scripture is necessary**, and may be understood by a diligent application and study. *Proof*, 2 Tim. 3: 15-17.

3. **Nothing revealed** in Scripture can or will be **hid** from those who ask in faith, not wavering. *Proof*, Deut.29:29; Matt.10:26,27; 1Cor.2:10; [p-49] Phil.3:15; Isa.45:11; Matt.21:22; John14:13,14; 15 :7; James 1:5,6; 1John5:13-15.

4. **To understand doctrine, bring, all the Scriptures together** on the subject you wish to know: then let every word have its proper influence; and, if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in error. *Proof*, Isa.28:7-29; 35:8; Prov.19:27; Luke24:27,44,45; Rom.16:26; James5:19; 2Pet.1:19,20.

5. **Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself.** If I depend on a teacher to expound to me, and he should guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom, is my rule, and not the Bible. *Proof*, Ps.19:7-11; 119:97-105; Matt.23: 8-10; 1Cor.2:12-16; Eze.34:18,19; Luke11:52; Matt.2:7,8.

6. **God has revealed things to come**, by visions, in figures and parables; and in this way the same things are oftentimes revealed again and again, by different visions, or in different figures and parables. If you wish to understand them, you must **combine them all in one.** *Proof*, Ps.89:19; Hos.12:10; Hab.2:2; Acts2:17; 1Cor.10:6; Heb.9:9,24; Ps.78:2; Matt.13:13,34; Gen.41:1-32; Dan.2nd, 7th & 8th; Acts10:9-1 6.

7. **Visions are always mentioned as such.** 2Cor.12:1.

8. **Figures always have a figurative meaning**, and are used much in prophecy to represent future things, times and events-such as mountains, [p-50] meaning governments; Dan.2:35,44; beasts, meaning kingdoms; Dan.7:8,17; waters, meaning people; Rev.17:1,15; day, meaning year, &c. Eze.4:6.

9. **Parables** are use as comparisons to illustrate subjects, and must be **explained in the same way as figures**, by the subject and Bible. Mark 4:13.

10. **Figures** sometimes have two or more different signification, as day is used in a figurative sense to represent three different periods of time, namely, first, indefinite; Ecel.7:14; second, definite, a day for a year; Eze.4:6; and third, a day for a thousand years. 2Pet.3:8. The right construction will harmonize with the Bible, and make good sense; other constructions will not.

11. **If a word makes good sense** as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, it is **to be understood literally**; if not, figuratively. Rev.12:1,2; 17:3-7.

12. **To learn the meaning of a figure**, trace the word through your Bible, and when you find it explained, substitute the explanation for the word used; and, if it make good sense, you need not look further; if not, look again.

13. To know whether we have the **true historical event for the fulfillment of a prophecy**: If you find **every word** of the prophecy (after the figures are understood) is **literally fulfilled**, then you may know that your history is the true event; but if one word lacks a fulfillment, then you must look for another event, or wait its future development; for God takes care that history and prophecy shall agree, so that the true believing, children of God may never be ashamed. [p-51] Ps.22:5; Isa.45:17-19; 1Pet.2:6; Rev.17:17; Acts3:18.

14 **The most important rule of all is, that you must have faith.** It must be a faith that requires a sacrifice, and, if tried, would give up the dearest object on earth, the world and all its desires - character, living, occupation, friends, home, comforts and worldly honors. If any of these should hinder our believing any part of God's word, it would show our faith to be vain. Nor can we ever believe so long as one of these motives lies lurking in our hearts. We must believe that God will never forfeit his word; and we can have confidence that He who takes notice of the sparrow's fall, and numbers the hairs of our head, will guard the translation of his own word, and throw a barrier around it, and prevent those who sincerely trust in God, and put implicit confidence in his word, from erring far from the truth. - *from SKETCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PUBLIC LABORS OF WILLIAM MILLER* - by ELDER JAMES WHITE - STEAM PRESS OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, BATTLE CREEK, MICH. 1875. Pages 49-51