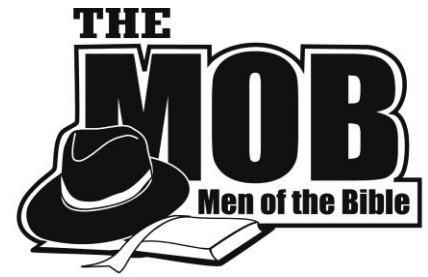




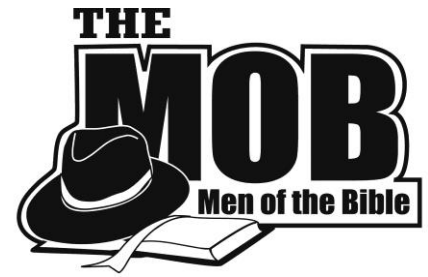
Announcements



- Welcome to MOB!
- [Max McLean, Fellowship for Performing Arts, "C.S. Lewis Onstage: The Most Reluctant Convert," Apr 20 – May 8, 2016, Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th Street NW, Washington, DC](#)
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Memory Verse



Daniel 7:14 (ESV)

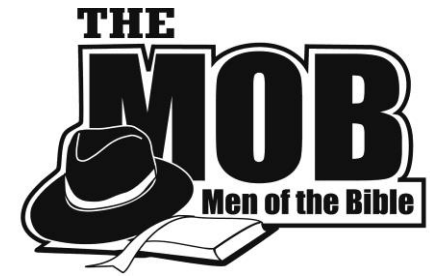
And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:14 (ESV)

(Daniel's dream in which *One* "like the Son of Man" (Jesus) appears)



Daniel Outline



Focus	Daniel's History	Prophetic Plan for the Gentiles				Prophetic Plan of Israel		
Reference	1	2 - 4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - 12
Division	Personal Life of Daniel	Visions of Nebuchadnezzar	Visions of Balshazzar	Decree of Darius	Four Beasts	Vision of Ram and Male Goat	Vision of Seventy Weeks	Vision of Israel's Future
Topic	Daniel's Background	Daniel Interprets Others' Dreams				Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
	Hebrew	Aramaic				Hebrew		
Time	Written in Babylon or Persia around 605 – 536 BC							



Daniel and the Lions' Den

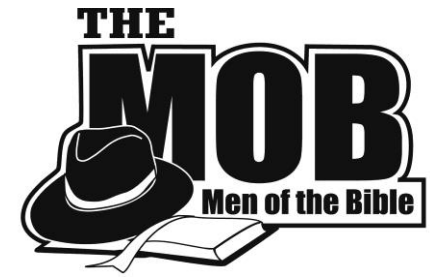
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Daniel's Answer to the King by Briton Rivière, 1892 (25 x 35 in)



This Week



Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts

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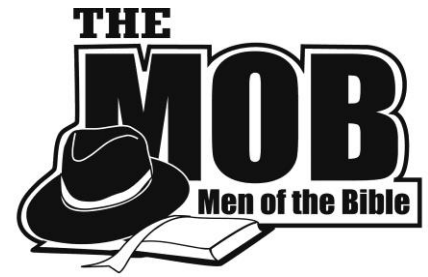
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Daniel 7:1-8 (ESV)

Vision of the Four Beasts



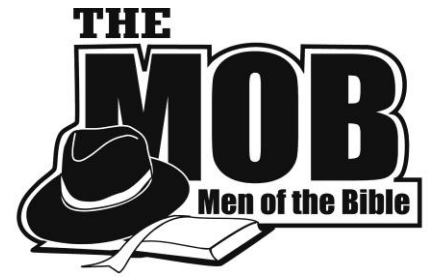
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² Daniel declared, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then 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.’



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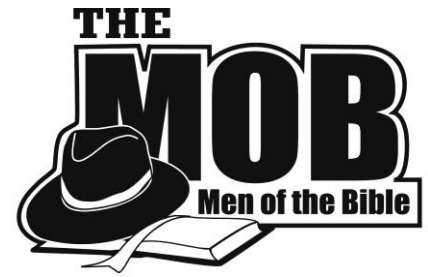


⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; 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.



Daniel 7:9-12 (ESV)

The Ancient of Days Reigns



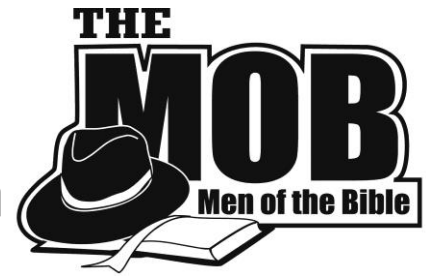
⁹ “As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

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.



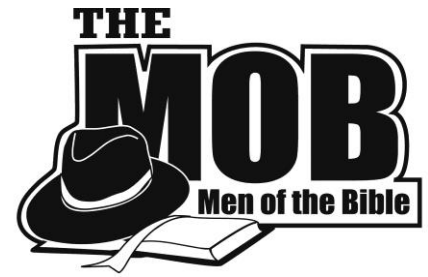
[Daniel 7:13-14](#) (ESV) **Son of Man Given Dominion**



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
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[Daniel 7:15-28](#) (ESV) **Daniel's Vision Interpreted**

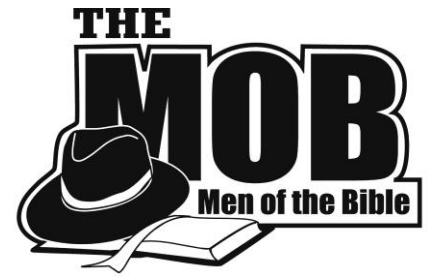


¹⁵ “As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ ‘These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.’

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, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.



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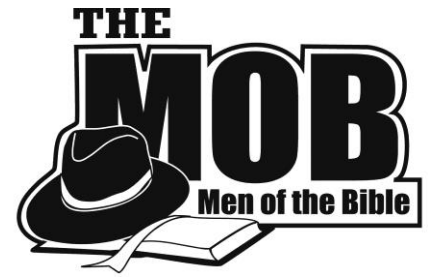
²³ “Thus he said: ‘As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces.

²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings.

²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.



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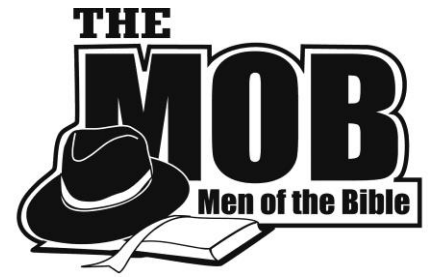
²⁶ But the court shall sit in judgment,
and his dominion shall be taken away,
to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

²⁷ And the kingdom and the dominion
and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven
shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High;
his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

²⁸ "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts
greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in
my heart."



Daniel 7 Observation



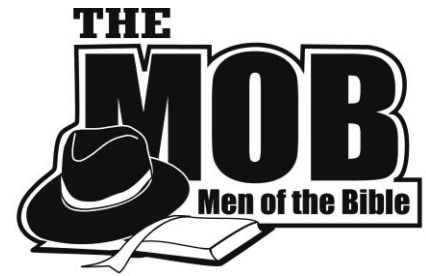
5 W's - Who, What, When, Where, Why

- **Who** is involved?
- **When** does this event occur?
- **Where** does this event occur?
- **What** happens?
- **Why?** (Interpretation)

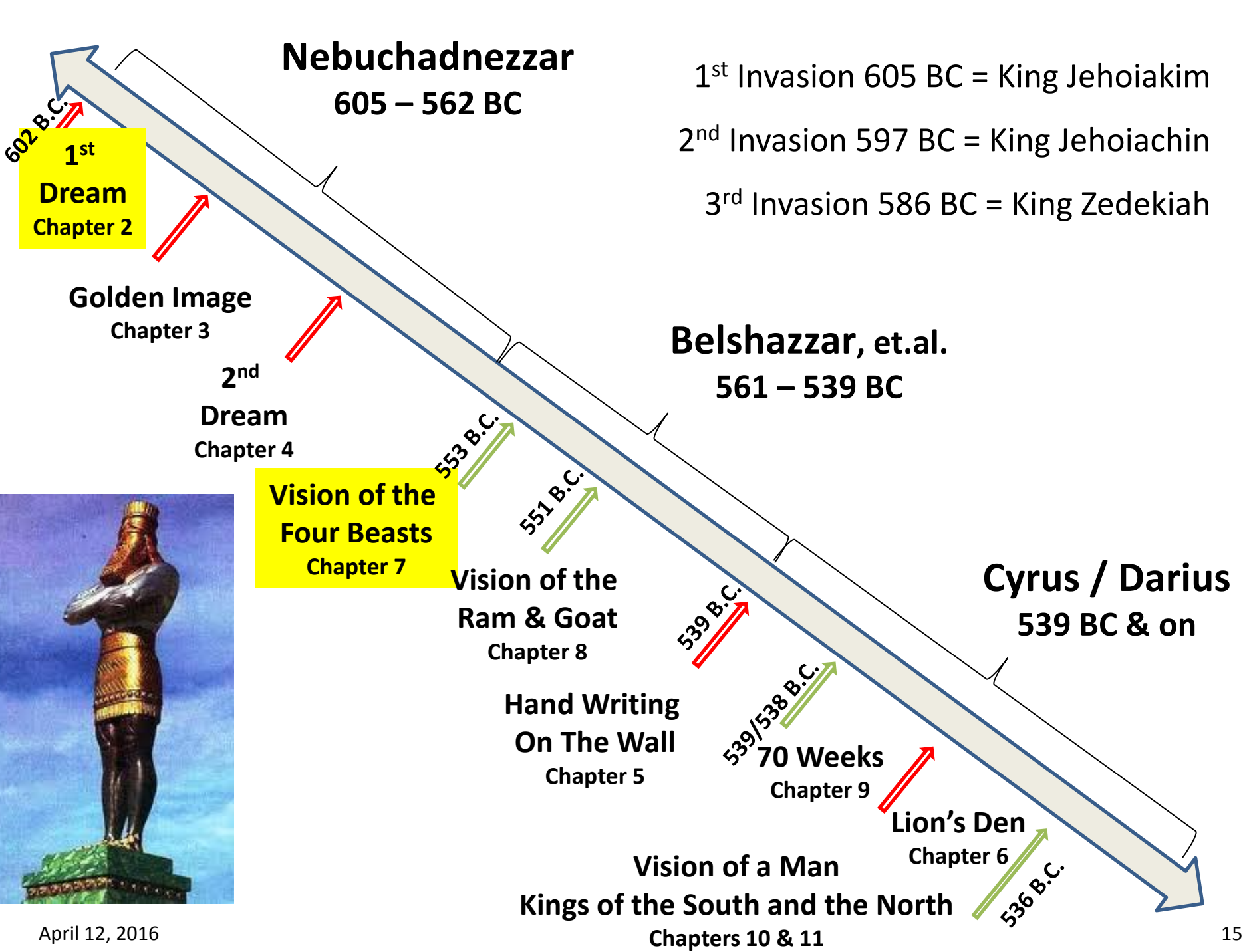


Daniel 7

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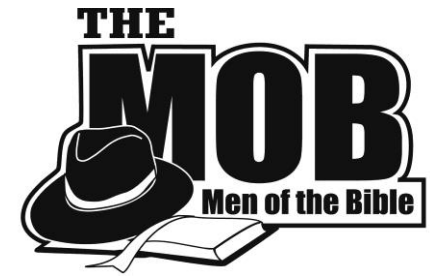


- **Who** is involved?
 - Daniel
 - Four Beasts
 - First: Like a Lion with Eagle's Wings
 - Second: Like a Bear with 3 Ribs in its Mouth
 - Third: Like a Leopard with 4 Wings on its back and 4 Heads
 - Fourth: Terrifying, Dreadful, Strong, Iron Teeth, 10 Horns + 1 - 3
 - The Ancient of Days / Most High
 - "a thousand thousands" who serve Him
 - 10,000 x 10,000 who stood before Him
 - One like a Son of Man
 - Bystander / Interpreter
 - Saints of the Most High
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 - In the first year of Belshazzar King of Babylon (c. 556 – 550 BC)
- **Where** does this event occur? Babylon (city)





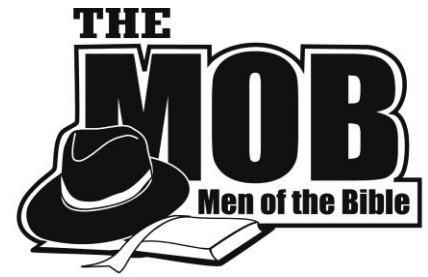
Daniel 7 Observation



- **What happens?**
 - Daniel has a **dream and visions** while lying in his bed
 - Daniel wrote down the dream, summarizing the matter
 - Daniel saw **4 great “beasts”** come up out of “the great sea” in succession
 - The 4th beast had **10 horns**
 - **1 little horn** came up, before which 3 of the horns were plucked up
 - The little horn had eyes like a man’s & mouth speaking great things
 - Daniel saw the **Ancient of Days** on his throne
 - “A thousand thousands” served Him & 10,000 x 10,000 stood by Him
 - God’s court sat in judgement and the books were opened
 - The 4th **beast “wears out” the saints** of the Most High
 - The 4th **beast is killed** and given over to be burned with fire
 - The other 3 beasts lose their power, but allowed to live a little while longer
 - Daniel saw one like a **Son of Man** presented to the Ancient of Days
 - Ancient of Days gives Son of Man dominion, glory, and eternal kingdom
 - The **saints** of the Most High **reign with the Son of Man forever** and ever



Daniel 7 Interpretation



² the four winds of heaven = **4 is the number of the Earth; 4 is symbolic of the “Four Corners of the Earth” - North, South, East, West; the winds of heaven stir up the whole Earth ([Daniel 7:2](#))**

the great sea = **Humanity; all of the people of the Earth ([Daniel 7:2](#) and [Daniel 7:17](#)); also perhaps the Mediterranean Sea (see also [Isaiah 17:12-13,57:20,60:5](#); [Ezekiel 26:3](#); [Revelation 13:1,17:15](#))**

³ four great beasts = ¹⁷ **four kings who shall arise out of the earth (compare [Daniel 7:2](#) and [Daniel 7:17](#))**

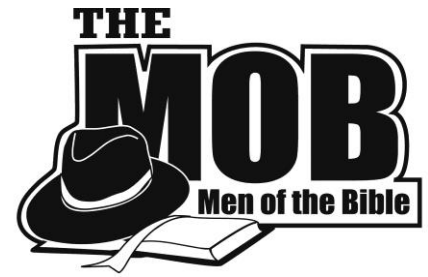
⁴ first was like a lion ... eagles' wings = **[Neo-Babylonian Empire](#) led by [Nebuchadnezzar II](#)**

wings were plucked off = **[Nebuchadnezzar's](#) humiliation ([Daniel 4:4-33](#))**

then 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 = **[Nebuchadnezzar's](#) restoration ([Daniel 4:34-37,1-3](#))**



Daniel 7 Interpretation



⁵ another beast, a second one, like a bear = Medo-Persian Empire
led by Cyrus II, the Great and then his son Cambyses II

raised up on one side = older, more passive Median Empire led by
the newer, more aggressive Persian Empire

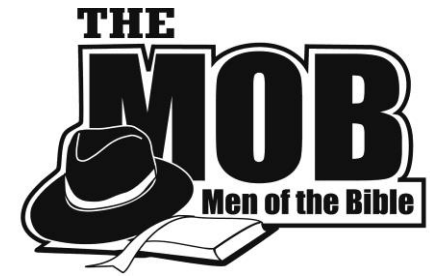
three ribs in its mouth between its teeth = the three Kingdoms
conquered by Cyrus the Great and his son Cambyses II:

- 1) Lydia (Western Asia Minor; 547 BC)
- 2) Babylon (539 BC)
- 3) Egypt (525 BC)

it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' = see Isaiah 44:24-45:13



Daniel 7 Interpretation



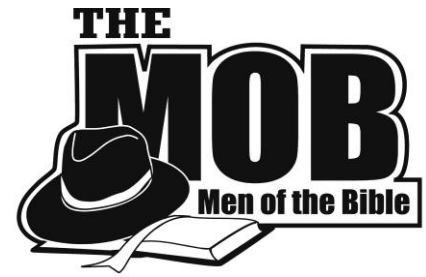
⁶ another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back =
Macedonian (Greek) Empire led by Alexander III of Macedon (the Great)

four heads = **4 generals** (diadochi = successors) **who divided the empire**
after of Alexander the Great's death in 323 BC:

- 1) Macedonia ruled by Alexander IV and then Philip III of Macedon
- 2) Ptolemaic Egypt ruled by Ptolemy I Soter
- 3) Seleucid Empire (Syria, Babylon, Persia) ruled by Seleucus I Nicator
Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175–164 BC) – persecuted Jews
- 4) Attalid Kingdom (Asia Minor; Pergamon) ruled by Lysimachus



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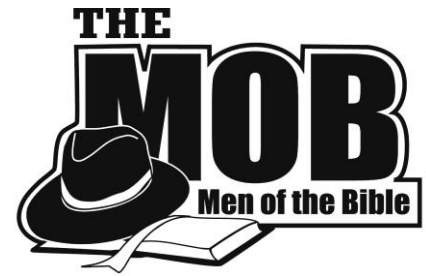


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Daniel 7

Middle Eastern History



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Egypt 3100 – 332 BC

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- Ptolemaic Kingdom 305 BC – 30 BC (Ptolemy I Soter) – Egypt

- Kingdom of Lysimachus (Thrace, Asia Minor, Macedon) 306 - 281 BC (Lysimachus)

Kingdom of Pergamon 282 BC – 133 BC – Attalid Anatolia / Asia Minor

- Kingdom of Macedon 305 – 297 BC (Cassander)

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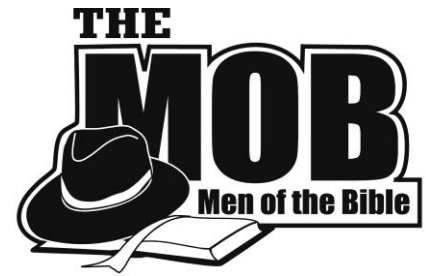
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Daniel's Vision: **Four Beasts**



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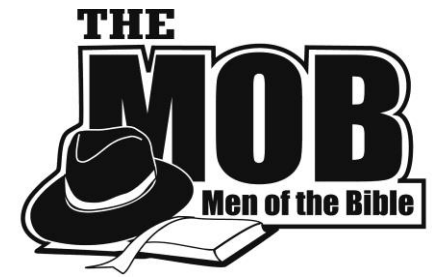
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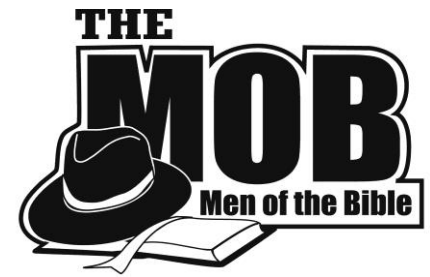


Neo-Babylonian Empire





Persian Empire



Greek Empire

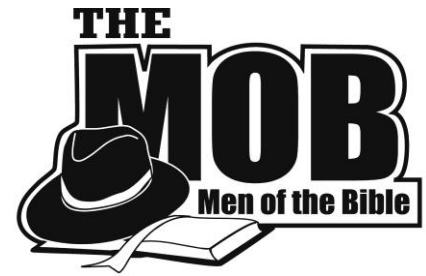


Roman Empire





Daniel 7 Interpretation



(4th Beast, continued) ⁷ ...it had ten horns... ²⁰ ten horns on its head...

²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise

= 10 kingdoms that grow out of the Roman Empire; much speculation about the identification of these 10 kingdoms

⁸ ...there came up among them another horn, a little one... another shall arise after them; different from the former ones = **Antichrist will be more powerful than all of the kings and kingdoms that came before** ([2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#), [Revelation 13:1-10](#))

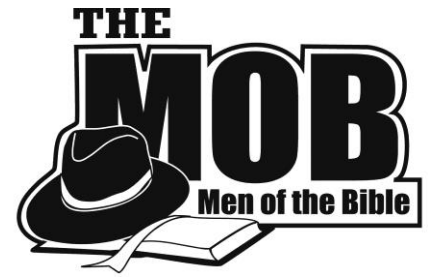
three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots = **3 kingdoms destroyed / absorbed by the kingdom of the Antichrist**

in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man = **Intelligence; Worldly wisdom; Man's wisdom – NOT God's wisdom**

and a mouth speaking great things = **Proclaiming Worldly wisdom; not the Truth of the One True, Triune God**



Daniel 7 Interpretation



²¹ ...this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them...

²⁵ He shall... wear out the saints of the Most High... and they shall be given into his hand = **Antichrist establishes himself as god on Earth and persecutes God's saints during the Great Tribulation**

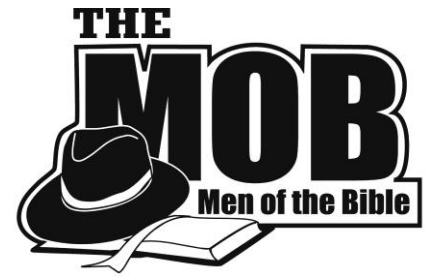
([Revelation 11:7,13:1-10,17:14](#))

²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High... and shall think to change the times and the law; = **Antichrist will abolish God's religious observances / holidays and God's laws / worship of the One True God**
([Matthew 24](#))

for a time, times, and half a time = **3.5 years; the second half of the Tribulation** ([Matthew 24](#))



Daniel 7 Interpretation



⁹ the Ancient of Days took his seat; clothing white as snow, hair like pure wool = **God (God the Father); perfect righteousness; morally pure**

Throne... fiery flames; wheels... burning fire. ¹⁰ stream of fire... came out from before him = **God's judgement** ([Isaiah 30:33,66:15](#))

“a thousand thousands” = 1M served him = **God's angelic host**

10,000 x 10,000 = 100M stood before him = **Angels + Saints** ([Revelation 7](#))

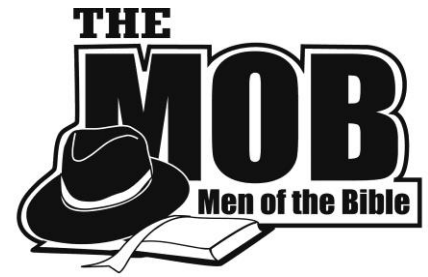
¹³ with the clouds of heaven... came one like a son of man = **Jesus Christ** ([Matthew 24:29-31](#), [Mark 13:26](#), [Revelation 1:7](#))

and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him = **Jesus, the Messiah, God the Son presented before God the Father**

¹⁴ to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him = **God the Father gives God the Son (Jesus, Messiah) His kingdom**



Daniel 7 Interpretation

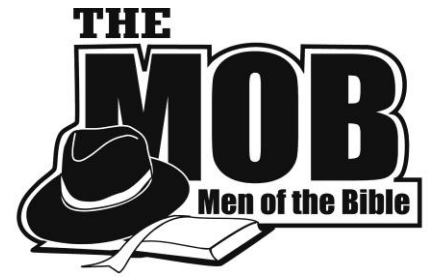


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¹² the rest of the beasts' dominion was taken away, but lives prolonged for a season and a time = **God allows the people of the earth and their earthly governments to continue for a time**



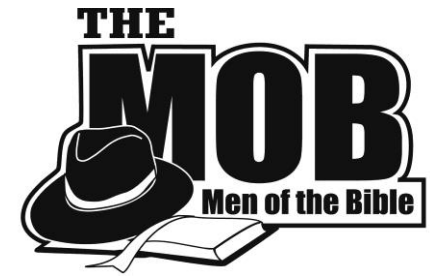
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¹⁸ the saints of the Most High receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever... ²² the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed... ²⁷ And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey him = **God the Father gives God the Son (Jesus Christ) His eternal kingdom and the saints rule with Him forever and ever** ([Daniel 2:44](#), [Luke 1:33](#))



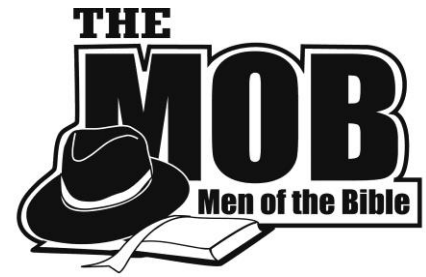
Daniel 7 Interpretation



<u>Daniel 2</u>	<u>Daniel 7</u>	Meaning
Nebuchadnezzar (Man's View)	Daniel (God's View)	Kingdoms
Head of fine Gold	Lion with Eagle's Wings	Babylonian
Chest & Arms of Silver	Bear with 3 Ribs in Mouth	Medo-Persian
Middle & Thighs of Bronze	Leopard with 4 Wings, 4 Heads	Greek
Legs of Iron; Feet partly of Iron and partly of Clay	4 th Beast with Iron Teeth	Roman
	10 Horns	10 that grow out of Roman
	1 (new) Horn (becomes greatest)	Antichrist
Stone cut out by no human hand (Psalm 118:22 , Matthew 21:42 , Acts 4:11)	Son of Man (Jesus Christ) presented to the Ancient of Days (God the Father)	Christ and His eternal kingdom



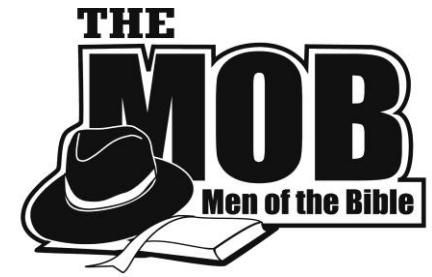
Daniel 7 Application



1. After seeing these visions, Daniel was *very* concerned. ([Daniel 7:15,28](#)) What worries you? Why?
2. Why is it important that history confirms Daniel's prophetic dreams and visions? What does this suggest about the rest of Daniel's unfulfilled prophetic dreams and visions?
3. If the "Ancient of Days" controls and directs the earth's kingdoms, what happens, and when; the "Son of Man" will ultimately have dominion over all kingdoms; and "the saints of the Most High" will reign with the "Son of Man" forever; how *should* this affect how you think about, speak about, and act (your actions) concerning current and future events in our nation and world?
4. If the "Ancient of Days" controls everything, should you be concerned about local and national (US) politics? Should you be politically active? Should you vote? Why or why not? Explain.
5. What have you learned by studying the book of Daniel so far that gives you hope? When and how will you share this with others?



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer