

The Book of Daniel
Chapter 7

Verse 1

1. Belshazzar's first year: around **553 BC**.

Verses 2 & 3

2. The four winds of heaven: North, South, East, West, stirring up the waters. Who are these winds? Destructive agents. Fallen **ANGELS**. (Revelation 7:1-3)
3. What is the "great sea"? (Revelation 17:1,15) It represents all the **NATIONS** of the earth.
4. We see "four great beasts" rise up from among the nations of the earth. In Daniel's dream, we see these world kingdoms as seen from God's point of view: as **BEASTS**. In Chapter 2, we saw the kingdoms from man's view: as precious metals. Chapter 7 and Chapter 2 depict the same kingdoms.

Verse 4

5. The winged lion represents **BABYLON**.
6. A lion is swift, but a winged lion is even more swift, more agile.
7. The lion's wings will be **PLUCKED**. He will be humbled. (Remember, a king and his kingdom are synonymous in Daniel & Revelation.)
8. Was Nebuchadnezzar ever humbled?
9. He was made into a beast, to live as a beast of the field for **SEVEN** years.
10. Daniel 4:16 says, "*Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.*" Nebuchadnezzar was given a heart of a **BEAST** for seven years.
11. However, at the end of the seven years, he was "*made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.*" Nebuchadnezzar was **SAVED**. He truly had a 'change of heart'.

Verse 5

12. The bear represents **MEDO - PERSIA**.
13. It is **RAISED** up on one side. As we will see, the higher something is, the more powerful it is. Persia came to dominate the kingdom, over Media.

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14. The three ribs represent the three **CONQUESTS** of Medo-Persia. They conquered Babylon, Egypt, and Lydia (Asia Minor).
15. Who said, “*Arise, devour much flesh*”? The **PRINCE** of Persia. (Daniel 10:13,20) One of the “winds striving on the sea” from verse 2.
 - a. Medo-Persia tried to “devour much flesh”. They tried to conquer Greece, but despite their overwhelming numerical advantage, were unable to do so. This gave Greece confidence to later attack the Medo-Persians.

Verse 6

16. The four-winged, four headed leopard represents **GREECE**.
17. A leopard is **FAST**. A four-winged leopard is even **FASTER**.
18. Greece conquered all of the world in just 13 years, led by its first king: **ALEXANDER** the **GREAT**.
19. The four heads represent the division of the Greek empire after the death of Alexander the Great, at the young age of **32**. The empire was divided up four ways, among four of Alexander’s generals:
 - a. Cassander – West
 - b. Lysimachus – North
 - c. Seleucus – East (Syria)
 - d. Ptolemy – South (Egypt)

Verse 7

20. The fourth beast represents **ROME**.
21. How do we know? It has **IRON** teeth, just as Rome was represented by legs of iron. It “brake in pieces”, the exact words used in chapter 2, describing the legs of iron. It has “ten horns”, just as the image had “ten toes”.
22. In Daniel’s dream, there is only 4 beasts. In Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, there were 5 kingdoms. Nebuchadnezzar saw the fifth kingdom: the feet, “part of iron, part of clay”, as separate from the fourth. Daniel sees the fifth kingdom as just a continuation of the fourth. That is why we call the kingdom of the coming Antichrist the ‘Revived **ROMAN** Empire’. It is a fifth kingdom, but it is very closely related to the fourth.
23. There has never been a time in history when Rome has had ten kings. This is yet in the future. A gap occurs in the middle of verse 7, between “...*stamped the residue with the feet of it:*” and “*and it was diverse...*”

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Verse 8

24. This is yet **FUTURE**.
25. How many horns? **TEN** What do the horns represent? **KINGS** (Daniel 2:44; 7:24; Revelation 13:1; 17:12)
25. There came up "*another little horn*". This horn is not one of the ten. It is an eleventh horn. The 'Little Horn' is another name for the **ANTICHRIST**.
26. The 'Little Horn' plucks up **THREE** of the ten kings.
27. The Antichrist is a man, and has a loud **MOUTH**.

Verses 9-14

28. The kingdoms of men, the "thrones" will be "cast down" when Christ returns. The "Ancient of Days" is **GOD**, specifically here, God the **SON**. (Revelation 1:13-16)
29. "*The judgment was set, and the books were opened,*" refers to the Great **WHITE** Throne judgment, found in Revelation 20:11-15. The books refer to the books that are filled with all of our **WORKS**.
30. Again, we see the Little Horn' speaking "**GREAT words**".
31. The 'Little Horn' is also referred to as the '**BEAST**', in verse 11. This is one of his main names in the Book of Revelation.
32. The 'Little Horn's' body will be "*destroyed, and given to the burning flame*". This is exactly what we read in Revelation 19:19,20 when he is cast into the **LAKE** of **FIRE**.
33. The rest of the beasts, the rest of the kingdoms, though they had no power, their spirit lives on in hearts of men, for "*a season and a time*". Throughout the Millennial Kingdom, men and women will still have the same rebellious spirit, seen from the Tower of Babel until the end, when Satan is loosed after 1000 years, to gather the people to battle against Christ one last time.
34. Christ, the "*Son of MAN*", will be given dominion over a kingdom that shall never be destroyed and will never pass away.

Verses 15-18

35. The four beast are four **KINGS**. The sea, in V3, is the **EARTH**.

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36. As always, we see that at the end, Christ is **VICTORIOUS**. We will possess the kingdom for ever, even for **EVER** and **EVER**.

Verses 19 & 20

37. Daniel is very curious about the fourth beast, **ROME**, especially about the ten horns, and of the 'Little Horn'.

38. In verse 20, we learn that his look was "*was more stout than his fellows*". The 'Little Horn' starts out small, but becomes **STRONGER** than the other kings.

Verses 21 & 22

39. The Antichrist will make war with the **SAINTS**. He will **PREVAIL** until Christ returns, after which the saints will possess the kingdom.

Verses 23-28

40. The 'Revived Roman Empire' will be led, at the start, by **TEN** kings.

41. The Antichrist will arise "*AFTER them.*"

42. The Antichrist will subdue **THREE** of the ten kings.

43. Again, we see that the Antichrist will be a great **ORATOR**, he will "*speak great words against the most High...*".

44. The Antichrist will "*think to change times and laws*". He very well may try to change our **SEVEN** day week, which is based off of the Bible. He may try to change our Christian-based **HOLIDAYS**. He will, no doubt, change laws, even God's laws, as written in the Bible. We are already doing this!

45. The Antichrist will "*wear out the saints of the most High*". He will persecute those who profess Christ. He will persecute the **ELECT** Jews. (Daniel 12:1)

46. The "*saints of the most High*" will be "*given into his hand*" for "*a time, and times, and the dividing of time.*" This is equal to **3½** years. This is what is known as the Great Tribulation.

47. His dominion shall be **TAKEN** away and given to the "*saints of the most High*".