

And four great beasts were coming up from the sea,

different from one another

Daniel 7:3



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## Verse 4 Rise of The Chaldean Empire

4<sup>th</sup> The first *was* like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

Chaldean-warriors –Nabopolasser—united the 5 tribes then he turned against Nineveh.

His son—Nebuchadnezzar (606-605 bc) taking Daniel to Babylon.

Then from Nebuchadnezzar down, rulers were weaker than the one before  
Evil Merdoc—Nebuchadnezzar – Nabonidus – Belshazzar.

The lion is a combination of power and speed (some have power, Some have speed), but a **LION**—combines both—**King of Beast**

The **lion** has great power in its mouth—its jaws, its teeth.

You will recall that the Anti-Christ in the Tribulation will have a mouth like a **lion!**  
Powerful mouth—it's jaws and teeth will soon conquer the world to set up it's one world government.

The **Chaldean Empire** —one of the great empires of all time,  
1<sup>st</sup> in Time of Gentile

**With wings of an eagle** swift fighters –swoops and hits and kills;  
(Ezekiel 17:3) When you combine power and speed of a lion with the swiftness of an eagle you have why the Chaldean Empire rose so quickly and became the first empire of time of the Gentiles.

What is interesting is that today, in the British Museum one can see the winged lions carved in stone that once guarded Babylon.

This is seen in Isaiah 8:8

**Wings were plucked** Introduces the decline and fall of the Babylonian Empire.

Two things happened:

1<sup>st</sup> Military broke down by weakness, pleasure, prosperity; and arrogance.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dismantling of the empire....economic disasters loss of wealth by economic arrogance

It was lifted up from the ground...a picture of the restoration of Nebuchadnezzar

Man's heart was given to it restoration by the gospel and by advance doctrine given to Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 7:5

<sup>5</sup> And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth;

We are concerned with world history from **God's** perspective, not **man's** perspective.

View of History God

View of History Man



## God views world history from the standpoint of the Jews.

And if we understand history from God's perspective  
then the three ribs represent the first 3 heads of the Seven Headed Dragon.

The **Bear** represents the **Medo-Persian Empire**.

## So who did the Medo-Persians defeat?

Medo-Persians

defeated

The Babylonian Empire

Babylonian Empire

defeated

The great Assyrian Empire

Assyrian Empire

defeated

The Egyptian Empire

Think about **The Egyptian Empire**...They were the first empire to impact the

history of the Jews. And this was prophesied to Abraham in the Abrahamic Covenant.

*Genesis 15:13* God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where

they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

**Israel was under the bondage of Egypt for 400 years.**

**If we understand history from God's perspective**

**Egypt was the first Gentile world power in history to enslave the Jews.**

**Egypt was the first head of the Seven Headed Dragon.**

**So here is the first rib in the mouth of the Persian Bear.**

**Now, next in history of Israel,**

what world power swooped down and took away the ten northern tribes of Israel?

**The Assyrians!**

So the second rib in the mouth of Persia is the great **Assyrian Empire**, the Second Head of the Seven Headed Dragon. So the first and Second Empires of the world directly affected Israel.

Then who defeated this great Assyrian Empire? **Babylon!**

**And what did this third great empire do in regards to Israel?**

Under Nebuchadnezzar they invaded Judah, three times, finally destroying the temple and the city itself, taking into slavery Jews they did not kill.

So we have the three great ribs inside the ferocious mouth of the Bear.

## Egypt, Assyria and Babylon.



Properly understanding history: **past, present** and **future** requires an understanding of history from God's perspective. And understanding history from God's perspective is **UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF THE JEWS...past, present** and **future**.

**Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, and Medo-Persian** Empires.

The Seven Headed Dragon begins with **Egypt**.

The History of Israel in Daniel begins not with Egypt but with **Babylon**.

### Why?

What has changed in Israel?

- 1 Since leaving Egypt in the Great Exodus, Israel has remained in the Promised land.
- 2 Then Shekinah Glory departed from the Temple. Ezekiel 8-11
- 3 Under Babylon's rule the Jews are taken out of the land, and their temple and the city of Jerusalem is destroyed.
- 4 From this point on, all the way to Second Advent of JESUS CHRIST will be the Times of the Gentiles, where Israel will be under the rule of a Gentile power.

Luke 21:24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

And the Times of the Gentiles will not be fulfilled  
until end of the Tribulation.

- 5 Even during the period of Incarnation of JESUS CHRIST, Israel was under the rule of Rome...the 4<sup>th</sup> –Terrible Beast of Daniel 7
- 6 Another interesting phenomenon in the Times of the Gentiles is the Spreading of the gospel and teaching of the Word of God.  
  
These things will be done by Gentiles as well as by Jews.  
  
This started with the Salvation track of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4 and the spreading of the gospel in the Church-Age; part of the Times of the Gentiles is fundamentally accomplished by Gentile Christians.

In the Tribulation this will be primarily done by 144,000 Jews spreading the gospel around the world.

**7** Part of the sign of the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom was when they became a nation of their own which took place in May of 1948.

**Daniel 7:5** **And behold** [as if the lion were not enough to give Daniel a lot to think about] **and behold, another beast, a second one** [different from the first] **resembling a bear**

Remember, that to the Jew, the two most vicious and frightening animals the Jew would encounter throughout his life were the lion and the bear.

In 1 Samuel 17 while explaining to Saul how he could take on the giant (Goliath), David relayed how he had encountered and killed both the lion and the bear.

The lion and the bear —man eating beast— are used to symbolize mankind, in the way man treats man.

**5: devour much meat**

—[ a lot had to be destroyed; degeneracy set into the empire. ]

**and thus they said** to it this is being said to Cyrus, but who is doing the talking? Most likely it is one of the demonic angels of the four winds who causes a new empire to break forth.

**Devour much flesh** This empire conquered Greece to India...and Arabia in  
The south.

Most of all this came under the believer Cyrus: Isaiah 41:1-

In 24 years Cyrus conquered all this.

verse 3 he--Cyrus

verses 1-8

Isaiah 44:28

## **Under Cyrus—great. period of evangelization of the gospel**

He understood the importance of the Temple as a means of communicating God's  
message...

Isaiah 45:1 His Shepherd...now His anointed

Isaiah 45 verses 1-13—Rebuild Jerusalem

## **God Uses Cyrus**

Isaiah 45

' Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed,  
Whom I have taken by the right hand,  
To subdue nations before him  
And to loose the loins of kings;  
To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

<sup>2</sup> “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth;  
I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.

<sup>3</sup> “I will give you the treasures of darkness  
And hidden wealth of secret places,  
So that you may know that it is I,  
The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

<sup>4</sup> “For the sake of Jacob My servant,  
And Israel My chosen *one*,  
I have also called you by your name;  
I have given you a title of honor  
Though you have not known Me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
Besides Me there is no God.  
I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

<sup>6</sup> That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun  
That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other,

<sup>7</sup>The One forming light and creating darkness,  
Causing well-being and creating calamity;  
I am the LORD who does all these.

## **God's Supreme Power**

<sup>8</sup>“Drip down, O heavens, from above,  
And let the clouds pour down righteousness;  
Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit,

And righteousness spring up with it.  
I, the LORD, have created it.

<sup>9</sup>“Woe to *the one* who quarrels with his Maker—  
An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth!  
Will the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’  
Or the thing you are making say, ‘He has no hands’?”

<sup>10</sup>“Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’  
Or to a woman, ‘To what are you giving birth?’”

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:

“Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons,  
And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

<sup>12</sup> “It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it.  
I stretched out the heavens with My hands  
And I ordained all their host.

<sup>13</sup> “I have aroused him in righteousness  
And I will make all his ways smooth;  
He will build My city and will let My exiles go free,  
Without any payment or reward,” says the LORD of hosts.

Captives go free—end of 70 years of captivity

The next empire will be represented by a beast like a **Leopard** –

## **Greek Empire under Alexander the Great.**

**Alexander the Great** – Short lived Empire [some 12 years] but vitally important to the Jews right up to this day!

**Alexander** never believed in JESUS CHRIST—unlike **Nebuchadnezzar** or **Darius** or **Cyrus** — here God uses an unbeliever

**God uses unbelievers and God uses believers**

**[ unprepared believers prepared believers ]**

6“After this I kept looking, and behold, another one,

[ another beast coming out of the sea of Gentile world. ]

like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.—

### What does all this mean?

**After this** [after seeing the ferocious bear, Daniel kept looking in his vision and] **behold** [introduces the fact that this was not the end of his vision...]

behold another one! [this one] like a leopard.

Which had on its back four wings of a bird

**Leopard: SPEED** – indicating the fact of history that this empire will secure world dominance quicker than any other empire in history. Under Alexander, he will conquer the known world with a speed like army in 11 years.

Leopard – speed—speed in moving

# Four wings:

1 <sup>st</sup> Wing:	Asia minor—battle of <b>Granticus</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> wing:	<b>Tyre, Syria and Palestine</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> wing:	<b>Medo-Persian Empire</b> Darius III runs and is defeated by Alexander at the <b>Battle of Arbela</b> —near old Nineveh but runs and is killed by his own men. So the lopsided bear destroyed
4 <sup>th</sup> wing:	to Babylon – <b>Hemalians</b> Northern India...through the Hindu Cush

All this accomplished in 11 years. **Quick** like a **LEOPARD**

Alexander never lost a battle and was wounded some 24 times.

Alexander drank every night...murdered some of his own men in personal conflict, and anger. Finally his army had battle fatigue and wanted to go home to Macedonia

*Alexander went to Babylon--and did nothing but drink and wanted to build a United Nations to form a one world government under his control: but he got sick... and was dying and army came by one by one 18,000 men came by and saluted him then he died. When asked to whom he was leaving his empire, Alexander replied **“to the strongest”***

And this brings us to **the four heads**

Alexander lasted just 12 years.

Koine Greek in which the New Testament was written was designed by Alexander.

Belshazzar died in Babylon;

Alexander died in Babylon one month before he would have turned age 33.

-June 323 bc-

the beast also had four heads and dominion was given to it

Four of Alexander's generals

became rulers of different areas of the Alexanderian Empire.

1 <sup>st</sup> head:	one is most brilliant –surviving general <b>Seleucus</b> –today's Syria; but it was empire from India to Middle East— Seleucid dynasty
2 <sup>nd</sup> head:	<b>Ptolemy</b> —Egypt. Lasted the longest---until Cleopatra
3 <sup>rd</sup> head:	<b>Lysimachus</b> —modern day Turkey
4 <sup>th</sup> head:	<b>Cassander</b> –Macedon but did not last 4 years



The image displays the name 'DANIEL' in two distinct styles. The top line features the Hebrew name דָּנִיֵּאל (Dani'el) in a highly stylized, calligraphic font with thick black outlines and decorative flourishes. The bottom line shows the name 'DANIEL' in a Gothic or Blackletter script, also with thick black outlines and decorative elements.

Today Lesson does not include a crossword puzzle

KING OF KINGS  
LORD OF LORDS

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The LOGO of **†CROSS** (of Christ) **†** plus **†WORD** (of God) **†** is no shadowy puzzle. Everything is made very clear in the **LIGHT** of the Cross, Jesus Christ.

It is written "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

.....drawing created by James Webb