



Verses 1-7

- ¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he wrote the dream down *and* related the *following* summary of it.
- ² Daniel said, “I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. (That is the Mediterranean Sea)

<p>Read Numbers 34:6-7;</p>	<p>⁶‘As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea, that is, <i>its</i> coastline; this shall be your west border.</p> <p>⁷‘And this shall be your north border: you shall draw your <i>borderline</i> from the Great Sea to Mount Hor.</p>
<p>Joshua 1:4; 9:1; 15:12 and 47; 23:4;</p>	<p>^{1:4} From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.</p> <p>^{9:1} Now it came about when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country and in the lowland and on all the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it,</p> <p>^{15:12} Their south border was from the lower end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that turns to the south.</p> <p>^{15:47} Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; as far as the brook of Egypt and the Great Sea, even <i>its</i> coastline.</p> <p>^{23:4} See, I have apportioned to you these nations which remain as an inheritance for your tribes, with all the nations which I have cut off, from the Jordan even to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.</p>

<p>Ezekiel 47:15 and 19; 48:28;</p>	<p>^{47:15} “This <i>shall be</i> the boundary of the land: on the north side, from the Great Sea <i>by</i> the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad;</p> <p>^{47:19} “The south side toward the south <i>shall extend</i> from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook <i>of Egypt and</i> to the Great Sea. This is the south side toward the south.</p> <p>^{48:28} And beside the border of Gad, at the south side toward the south, the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook <i>of Egypt,</i> to the Great Sea.</p>
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³ “And four great beasts (man-eating beast) were coming up from the sea, (around the Mediterranean Sea) different from one another.

They are all animals, yet they differ. Animals in contrast to Nebuchadnezzar’s statue of chapter 2. God sees human race as animals...with no consciousness of His being or of His plan.

⁴ “The first *was* like a lion (Babylon) and had *the* wings

of an eagle. (swiftly conquers) 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

(Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 4.)

- 5 “And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear.

(Medo-Persia Look at Daniel 8:3-4 and 20;)

And it was raised up on one side, (Persia became dominate) and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; (Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon—first 3 heads of the seven-headed dragon) and thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’ (conquer more land than any of the empires before it.)

- 6 “After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, (Greece under Alexander the Great) which had

on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. (division of his land by 4 great generals into 4 empires.)

read 8:22

²² The broken *horn* and the four *horns that* arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from *his* nation, although not with his power.

It was Darius who really started the Persian wars with Greece.

verse 7 is the **TERRIBLE BEAST** [–Rise of the Romans]

⁷ After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

INTRODUCTION

This verse will give discernment of ancient history and discernment of current history, if properly understood and applied by Holy Spirit through the understanding of Scripture. Many Christians try to understand history of world without grasping the details given in Holy Scripture.

Daniel describes this fourth beast as being so different from the first three beast. It not only looks differently but acts differently.

The first three kingdoms are described in terms of ferocious animals but there is no animal to which this beast is likened. Most alarming is that this beast has large iron teeth!

These two things-

(1) -not compared with any other beast and

(2) -having iron teeth alerts us to this 4th beast (iron is a metal that is developed by man... unlike gold, silver – this draws our attention to mankind.)

We have seen how the third empire (–Greece–) was in the making for almost 1000 years before it became a powerful nation of the Great Sea. Well, this 4th empire has been in the making for hundreds of years.

While things were going on in Babylonian empire and in the Medo-Persian Empire and in the Greek empire, Rome was being formed.

Origin of Romans...various tribes of people eventually came together:	
	-Valley people... [called the Latin's—called Villanovans]
	-Mt. People... [Two races fused –Etruscans—ancient people of Italy; and the Gauls.]

We have to the south: the group of Greek people

All these merged into what is now known as as Romans.

Starting coming together ca 700 bc and will last as an empire for over 1000 years.

Other than the Jews, God has used the Romans more than any other people in history.

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Republic and the Empire and between these two stands:

Gaius Julius Caesar ...Born: c 100 bc ... died in 44 bc.



Julius Caesar

Born: circa 100 bc ... died in 44 bc

Caesar brought in the Empire setting up the perfect time for the Incarnation—The Fullness of time—Roman History with Koine Greek.

Background for Old Testament--Special history is around—Jewish people- history

Background for Church Age—Romans (there are no true Romans today)

Fourth beast (200 bc)

The center of the activity of history shifted to Rome in about 200 bc

From Alexander — Greece and his four generals to Rome.

Rome 200 bc — 3 continents around Mediterranean Sea.—The Great Sea!

The Church Age began under Roman environment; Remember that according to Galatians 4:4

4	<p>But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law</p>
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and this **FULLNESS OF TIME** came during the time of the Roman Empire, ushered in by **Gaius Julius Caesar** and as we are seeing in our study of

the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, that the two great systems of Law, **Jewish Law** and **Roman Law** broke down and the man Jesus declared innocent by two Roman leaders (—Herod and Pilate—) was crucified.

But it was under the Terrible Beast of Daniel 7 that Jesus Christ will come into the world the first time and it will be under the Revived Roman Empire at the end of the Tribulation that Jesus will return to this earth.

All of the ancient world flows into Rome and all of the modern history flows out of it.

Rome will last so long because of a disciplined people and a profound respect of Law. USA started out this way but soon departed from respect of law and started changing law to meet its subjective goals.

We will study verse 7 by taking it apart and examining each part.

This fourth beast is not described as some known beast and is stronger than the 3 before it and ruled more land than any of the preceding three empires. This fourth beast is Rome and was represented by the legs of iron in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of chapter. 2.

Daniel 7:7-8

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⁸ While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a

man and a mouth uttering great *boasts*.

But now look down at 7:19-20 and 23-26

- ¹⁹ “Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,
- ²⁰ *and the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three *of them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates.
- ²³ “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.
- ²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.
- ²⁵ He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

²⁶ But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.

In 24-25, the interpreting angel makes it clear about this 4th beast that he will be active in Tribulation. —10 horns —10 kingdoms in the Tribulation and **Amillennialists** and **Post Millennialists** have to say that these have already occurred but cannot identify them.

<p><i>In Christianity</i> THE MILLENNIUM</p>	<p>the millennium the <u>period of a thousand years of Christ's awaited reign upon earth</u></p>
<p>Premillennialism view</p>	<p>Premillennialism in Christian eschatology is the belief <u>that Jesus Christ will literally and physically return to the earth and take the righteous back to heaven with him.</u> This return is referred to as the <i>Rapture</i>, and rather than Jesus descending to touch the Earth, the righteous will be raised to meet Him in the air.</p>
<p>Amillennial view</p>	<p>The amillennial view holds that the thousand years mentioned in Revelation 20 is a <u>symbolic number, not a literal description</u>; that the <u>millennium has already begun and is identical with the current church age.</u> (or more rarely, that it ended with the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. Although some postmillennialists hold to a literal millennium of 1,000 years, other postmillennialists see the thousand years more as a figurative term for a long period of time (similar in that respect to amillennialism). Among those holding to a non-literal "millennium" it is usually understood to have already begun, which implies a less obvious and less dramatic kind of millennium than that typically envisioned by premillennialists, as well as a more unexpected return of Christ.</p>
<p>Postmillennialism view</p>	<p>Postmillennialism is an interpretation of chapter 20 of the Book of Revelation which sees <u>Christ's second coming as occurring after (Latin post-) the "Millennium",</u> a Golden Age in which Christian ethics prosper.</p>

Note carefully verse 19:

Daniel is not unlike any of us: *Daniel desires to know more about this beast.*

We know that **[the devouring, crushing & trampling]** are

accomplished by the iron teeth and bronze claws.

So what is going on?

I don't want you to miss this, AS MANY DO, and not see what is being said here. There are some who do see this. (this is not new with me, others have taught this)

What is emphasized about this 4th beast is its man-made nature. Teeth of iron and claws of bronze, these are man-made metals, and it is its man-made nature that renders it so vicious.

God allows the sinful, evil, destructive nature of man to rule in this fourth beast.

Brief over view of Roman history

--- God allows the development of the empire that will be at both Advents of Jesus Christ.

(to be continued next Sunday)

The Roman Empire



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