

And four great beasts were coming up from the sea,

different from one another

Daniel 7:3



## INTRODUCTION

### I. Terms of history:

- 1 “Times of The Gentiles” Luke 21:24 refers to The period of time from The conquest of Jerusalem by **Nebuchadnezzar** to the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.
- 2 “Fullness of The Gentiles” Rom. 11:25 This is that period of history where the Church *does not replace Israel*, but where the Church, the Body of Christ, takes the place of Israel as the guardians of divine truth (Word of God, the Bible and disseminates The Gospel).

### II. Chapter outline of The book of Daniel:

- 1 Verses 1-6 Prophecies revealed through **Nebuchadnezzar**
- 2 Verses 7-12 Prophecies revealed through Daniel

### III. Chapter 7 outline: There are 4 visions in the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter

- 1 Verses 1-6 The night vision of the three beast:
- 2 Verses 7-8 The night vision of the fourth beast with 10 horns and the little horn.
- 3 Verses 9-12 The vision of The Ancient of Days and Judgment
- 4 Verses 13-14 The Son of Man and His Kingdom

Then comes The interpretation of these visions by an angel

- 1 Verses 15-18 A general interpretation
- 2 Verses 19-22 Daniel expresses his desire to know more about the fourth beast
- 3 Verses 23-28 A more detailed interpretation of the fourth beast

Verses 7-12 Second part of Daniel

This second part will be by Daniels **Visions;**

We have seen two dreams by **Nebuchadnezzar**

– Chapter 2—Statue of the first 4 nations of the Times of the Gentiles and

– Chapter 4—The Great Tree

But now we move to God revealing **His Plan for the Ages** in Four Visions by Daniel 7:1-12:13

1<sup>st</sup> Vision Chapter 7 **Four World Empires as seen in four beast**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vision Chapter 8 **The Ram and the He-goat**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vision Chapter 9 **Daniel's 70 weeks**

4<sup>th</sup> Vision Chapters 10-12 **Israel...the Antichrist and Jesus Christ**

## Chapter 7: Four Beasts of Daniel's Vision

There are a multitude of interpretations of history:

Communist have theirs; Muslims have theirs; Mormons have theirs. Free world has theirs-and the interpretation of history in America today is changing from objective to subjective!

We are in an **Spiritual Warfare**—God permits the twisting of the interpretation of history—where people are not taught the Divine Objective's view of history. One's interpretation of history is dependent on views:

### View of God



### View of Man



Muslims' view of man with Allah

Communist view of man without God

Today...the view of man without God in America—is a view without The Word of God.

**Spiritual Warfare** has done a masterful job of rewriting American history. Denying actual facts of recorded history.

In our study: **Babylon**

**Why did it fall?**

**Why did it not last over 100 years?**

**What made it great and why did it fall?**

In the last Chapter, we come to the **Medo-Persian Empire**...but it will fall after some 200 years...

**What made it great?**

**Why did it fall?**

Then comes the **Hellenistic empire—Greece—**

**Why did it last less than 50 years.**

And **Rome**...

**Why only 500 years?**

There are many different interpretations of history...as to why these nation became great and why they failed.

Now in Daniel 7 we have the same empires we saw in Chapter 2—in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue only here in Daniel 7 they will be presented in the form of ***wild ferocious animals!***

Both cover the complete "**Times of the Gentiles**". Both begin with Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian empire and end with the victorious return of Jesus Christ.

The Question arises: **Why?**

Why are they presented as wild animals here in Chapter 7?

Because Chapter 7 views these empires from God's perspective!  
and emphasizes their fall!

Chapter 2 views these empires from **man's perspective** and man always sees himself as great,  
But here in Daniel 7 we have the fall of these empires, they each become **animals** as  
illustrated in Chapter 4.

Daniel's vision pictures the times of the Gentiles from their spiritual and moral decay.  
The image that Nebuchadnezzar saw filled him with arrogance and built a statue for all to  
worship...**that is the worship of man!**

But the image that Daniel saw reveals the **true nature** of **man**, filled with **greed** and **brutality**.

America is starting to look like animals, dress like animals, talk like animals and think like  
animals....and where does a nation...or an individual start becoming like animals?

Jeremiah 50:31

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, I (God) am against you (Babylon), O arrogant one,"

Declares the Lord GOD of hosts,

"For your day has come,

The time when I will punish you.

<KJ> most proud It starts with Arrogance--pride

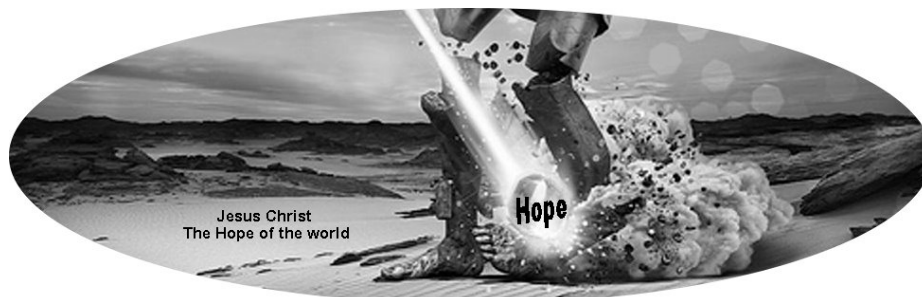
Remember Nebuchadnezzar— before he was chopped down to an **animal**— was boasting of his greatness...Belshazzar was so **arrogant**

Now it should be noted from the chart that God did not reveal the **Church Age** to Daniel or to any of the writers of the Old Testament. The **Church Age** began on the **Day of Pentecost** and will terminate with the **Rapture of the Church** off this earth. But, the **Church Age** is still part of the **Times of The Gentiles**, characterized by the rise and fall of nations. But in the period of the **Church Age** God is not using the nation of Israel but the **Body of Christ**, made up of both believing Jews and Gentiles.

The Churches in America have become proud, arrogant to the point they have moved away from the Bible to *“hip-hop music”*, *“inviting Jesus into your heart”*, *“programs”* and *“little to no sound teaching of the Word of God”*. *“No verse by verse...growing in the Word of God”*---The multitude of preachers are denying the Devine Inspiration and Validity of the Bible, following the evil Roman Catholic Church—*“be good and you get to heaven”*;

#### ECUMENICALISM.

From today’s perspective, most of Nebuchadnezzar’s statue has been fulfilled except for the 10 Toes of Iron mixed with Clay. So most of Daniel’s vision has been fulfilled except for the rising of the Ten Horns and another Little Horn of the Terrible Beast. When the Church is raptured (—taken away to heaven—) then the 10 Toes and Little Horn will begin to appear in history, until at the end of seven years of Tribulation **Jesus Christ** comes as **The Crushing Stone** of Daniel 2.



# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

The  
Times  
of the  
Gentiles



This STONE  
is the HOPE  
of the World

606 BC  
Babylonian  
Empire

538 BC  
Medo-Persian  
Empire

333 BC  
Grecian  
Empire

63 BC  
Rome  
(not named)

Approximately where we are,  
today

**Christ**  
THE STONE

LION



BEAR



LEOPARD



TERRIBLE  
BEAST



The Little Horn is the 'Anti-Christ' or dictator of Revised Roman Empire, who will be smashed by **The Stone** and then **Jesus Christ** will set up His Millennial Kingdom.

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Declares the Lord GOD of hosts,

"For your day has come,

The time when I will punish you.

<sup>32</sup> "The arrogant one will stumble and fall

With no one to raise him up;

And I will set fire to his cities

And it will devour all his environs."

NOW READ

<sup>35</sup> “A sword against the Chaldeans,” declares the LORD,  
“And against the inhabitants of Babylon  
And against her officials and her wise men!

<sup>36</sup> “A sword against the oracle priests, and they will become fools!  
A sword against her mighty men, and they will be shattered!

<sup>37</sup> “A sword against their horses and against their chariots  
And against all the foreigners who are in the midst of her,  
And they will become women!

Women! • Homosexuality • Weakness

Nations goes down when they no longer have a conquering military force. We live in a time when so many arrogant, foolish people want to get rid of our military and our President weakens our military advantage.

We are quickly becoming a nation of *animals* full of arrogance!

Humility is rare---**Who are the Humble?** Those who are saved by grace through faith and who live by faith. • Faith in God, • in Jesus Christ, • in the Holy Spirit; not faith in man! not faith in self!

*Vision of The Four Beasts* – Time of the Gentiles

Luke 21:24

<sup>24</sup> and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.



The first half of Daniel chapters 1-6

The last half of Daniel chapters 7-12 from the Chaldean Empire to Rome, then it skips over the **Church Age** to the **Revised Roman Empire**.

Daniel 7:1-14—why nations fall! Spiritual....moral....military decline.

This will be the key to properly understanding history, from the divine interpretation of history--and we will have understanding of what is going on today; in seeing the rise and fall of these nations we will see the rise and fall of the United States of America.

# THE TIMES OF THE GENTILE

GENTILE WORLD	MAN (DANIEL 2)	DANIEL 7
BABYLON	HEAD OF GOLD	LION WITH EAGLES WINGS
MEDO-PERSIA	ARMS AND BREAST OF SILVER	THE BEAR WITH THREE RIBS BETWEEN HIS TEETH
GREECE	THEE BELLY AND THIGHS OF BRASS	THE BEAST LIKE A LEOPARD
ROME	THE LEGS OF IRON	THE NAMELESS BEAST WITH IRON TEETH

(A LONG PARENTHESIS: THIS IS THE **CHURCH AGE** WHICH GOD DID NOT REVEAL TO DANIEL)

THE REVISED ROMAN EMPIRE	THE FEET AND TEN TOES OF IRON AND CLAY	BEAST AND THE LITTLE HORN, WHO IS THE ANTI-CHRIST
GENTILE DOMINON WILL END WITH THE RETURN OF CHRIST	THE SMITING STONE	THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN IN GLORY

(chart by L.T. Talbot)

As we look at these first 3 beasts—the **LION**, the **BEAR**, the **LEOPARD**;

do not forget the description of the Anti-Christ in Revelation 13:2

<sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.



This is meant to tell us of The ferociousness of this Anti-Christ in the last days of the Times of the Gentiles in the **7 years of Tribulation**. His will be all the power and evil of all the kingdoms in the **Times of the Gentiles** from **Babylon** to the **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent of Jesus Christ**.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

In the first year of Belshazzar this would be approximately 553 BC.

A half century has passed since Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue.

This means that DANIEL CHAPTER 7 IS OUT OF CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER in regard to the first half of the book. Chapter 7, historically fits in between Daniel 4 and 5.

This means that before the events of Chapter 5 Daniel had already had the vision of Daniel 7. This means that before Daniel was in the lion's den, he had already had this vision of Chapter 7

Daniel Chapter 2	Nebuchadnezzar's Statue	Took place in 603 bc
Daniel Chapter 3	Fiery Furnace	Took place in 603-562 bc
Daniel Chapter 4	The Great Tree of...	Took place in 603-562 bc
Daniel Chapter 7	Daniel's First Vision	Took place in 553 bc
Daniel Chapter 5	Fall of Babylon	Took place in 539 bc
Daniel Chapter 6	Daniel and Lion's Den	Took place in 538 bc or later

Question	Why is Chapter 7 inserted out of chronological order and placed in the last half of the book of Daniel?
Answer	<p>The first 6 Chapters of Daniel deal with the Gentiles, with the unbelievers, while the last 6 chapters deal with Israel, and with all believers, under the rule of hostile Gentile nations.</p> <p>The first 6 chapters deal with man's view of the Times of the Gentiles and chapters 7-12 deal with the same period of time from God's perspective.</p>
For Example	<p>The 4 empires in Daniel 2 are from man's perspective and therefore is given in the form of a great statue of fine metals:</p> <p>Gold ◀ Babylon</p> <p>Silver ◀ Medo-Persian</p> <p>Bronze ◀ Greece and</p> <p>Iron ◀ Rome</p>



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- 1 But in Chapter 7 these same empires are viewed in the form of ferocious animals—showing how God views mankind.
  - 2 While the Sovereignty of God is seen in all 12 Chapters of Daniel ... especially to the Gentiles, in the last 6 Chapters, God's Perfect Righteousness is the emphases. NOTE: Daniel 9:7, 14, 16, 24 and 12:3.
  - 3 The last 6 Chapters are concerned directly with the Jews and with the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, while the first 6 chapters are concerned with the nations of the Times of The Gentiles. Therefore, the emphasis is that God is Sovereign over all events of history, the rise and fall of nations and of kings.
  - 4 In the first 6 chapters,. Gentiles are having the Dreams and Visions while in the last 6 chapters only believers, namely Daniel.
  - 5 In the first 6 chapters Daniel interpreted the various kings dreams while in the dreams of Daniel an angel comes from God to interpret to Daniel the mystery of his dreams. A study of Revelation reveals that an angel comes to John to interpret the various dreams and visions and symbols of John. Angels are so important to the history of man and the work of Jesus Christ. Few people know of the intricate details of the invisible warfare.

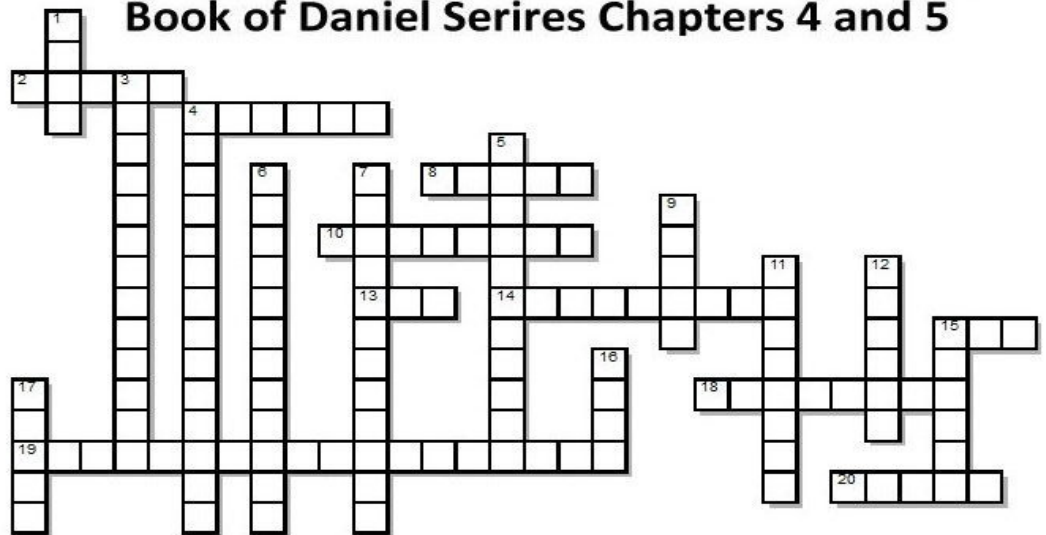
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DANIEL

Questions taken from the Sermons

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Book of Daniel Serires Chapters 4 and 5



KING OF KINGS  
LORD OF LORDS

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king of kings  
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| <p>2. On the very night that the Persian army, led by Cyrus the Great was entering the great Babylon through the waters of the Euphrates which ran under the city, Belshazzar was throwing a celebration (____).</p> <p>4. In Isaiah, we read about the multiple (<b>__2 words__</b>) of Satan where he plans to ascend to heaven to set his throne above the throne of God.</p> <p>8. Jeremiah 17: 9 “The (____) is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?</p> <p>10. But HE Daniel KEPT ON TRUSTING GOD and believing and living all he knew and he will not only survive but he will be (____)!</p> <p>13. We know that God sent His(____)to die on The Cross to provide the Way of Salvation.</p> <p>14. The Sovereignty of God uses, not determines, man’s VOLITION to fulfill HIS PLAN. Those who say that man VOLITION is pre-determined and pre-destination are known as (____).</p> <p>15. Daniel’s Wisdom is that he knows that all the wisdom he has comes from (____).</p> <p>19. Remember that Daniel has (<b>__3 words__</b>) with Arrogance, but his constant Faith and thinking of God, protected him, against his own nature. .</p> <p>18. Wisdom and Power belong to Him, He alone reveals the mysteries, for throughout history for all of mankind, He (____) History.</p> <p>20. “being wise they became (____)”</p> | <p>1. Faith is the only way we come to see the light and come to the truth. John 8:32 tells us the truth will set you (____).</p> <p>3. (<b>__2 words__</b>) is not jealous!, does not boast!, does not compete!</p> <p>4. Daniel and his friends knew Nebuchadnezzar's DREAM and its (____).</p> <p>5. The Book of Job asks how can a man be Righteous before God? The answer is (____) alone in (____) alone. --2 words--</p> <p>6. The (____) of God is often seen as a blessing, but it can also serve as a warning in regard to not believing Him.</p> <p>7. Remember Religion is what man does for God, (____) is what God does for man!</p> <p>9. We often fail to (____) God... for His Kindness, for His Answered Prayers</p> <p>11. ONLY WHAT IS DONE IN CHRIST LAST THROUGH (____).</p> <p>12. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego always waited on the Lord and this was their true (____)</p> <p>15. In Genesis, then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light; and in John God is said to be Logos and Light. That light is the (____).</p> <p>16. Now these were the visions in my mind "as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, there was a (____) in the midst of the earth and its height was great.</p> <p>17. Once Christ has removal of all sins (We are still minus the Righteousness of Christ); We must exhale (____) for salvation.</p> |
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## ANSWERS SHEET

