

## DANIEL'S VISION OF FOUR BEASTS

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### *Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts - Daniel 7: 1-8*

**V.4 - First Beast – **Babylonia**** (Days of Daniel, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel – Babylonia rose up about 720 B.C. – and fell 539 B.C.)

- LION - indicates it was brave and furious
- TWO WINGS - signifies the speed she conquered the world
- HER WINGS PLUCKED OFF AND GIVEN THE HEART OF A MAN – shows the empire grew weaker, and eventual was conquered.

**V. 5 - Second Beast – **Media-Persia**** (days of Ezra, Nehemiah and Ester. – It rose 539 B.C. and fell 334 B.C.)

- BEAR – Powerful but inferior to the lion, so this nation was inferior to Babylonia.
- 3 RIBS IN MOUTH – represent the nations of Babylon, Lidia and Egypt

**V. 6 – Third Beast – **Greece**** (days of Malachi and prior to NT – rose to power in 334 B.C. and fell in 197 B.C.)

- LEOPARD – very furious and rapid attack
- FOUR WINGS – speed in which it conquered the world led by Alexander the Great
- FOUR HEADS – When Alexander died, his kingdom was divided among four generals – Africa, Middle East, Asia and Europe

**V. 7 - Fourth Beast – **Rome**** – (Rose 197 B.C. fell 570 A.D.)

- 10 HORNS – Daniel explains **v.24** – “*the ten horns out of this Kingdom are ten kings that shall rise.*” (these 10 nations shall rise up after the collapse of Roman Empire)
- He also said, “*and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse (different) than the first*”

**V. 8 - The difference is this is a “Little Horn” - **Papacy****

- He had, “*the eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things.*” He shall be a ruler of a kingdom that is both political and ecclesiastical, **Rev 13:11** refers to this as “*two horns*”
- **Vrs 20** – “*he looks more stout than his fellows*” - or he is stronger than the other kings of Europe that come out of the Roman Empire.
- **Vrs 21**. He will make war with the saints and prevail against them
- **Vrs. 25** – *says he speaks “ great words against the most High, he shall “think to change times and Laws...” and will “wear out the saints of the most high”*
- This compares the 2nd beast rising up in **Rev 13**, and **2Thess 2:3,4**
  
- Compares the 2nd beast rising up in **Rev 13:2** see also **Dan7:19, 20** (description in Rev. encompasses all the beasts of Daniel’s 4 beasts), and reflects the same anti-Christ qualities of **2Thess 2:3,4**