

Daniel

Week 5: Chapter 7 → Daniel's 1st Vision

Chapter 7: 1-3

4 Winds

Jer. 49: 35-6; Dan. 8: 8-9 4 Winds = Compass Points

Mt. 24: 31//Mk. 13: 27 “gather His elect from the four winds”

Rev. 7: 1-3; 8: 1, 5 Destructive Purpose = Scatter & Sunder

Dan. 7: 2 Hb = “strove upon” LXX = “kept assaulting”

Vs. 3 “coming up” out of the Assyrian CW & Revolt

Great Sea

Rev. 13: 1; 17: 15 “The waters which you saw...are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.”

Known World → Genesis 11//Acts 2

Jeremiah 4:7 about Nebuchadnezzar

“The **lion** has come up from his thicket, and the **destroyer of nations** is on his way.”

“behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, ***my servant***, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. ***I will devote them to destruction***, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation...these nations shall serve the king of Babylon.”

Jer. 25: 9, 14

From the ‘Ishtar Gate’



Daniel 7: 4

Daniel 2:38 “You are this Head of Gold” 605-539 BC

Like a Lion...Lioness? Gen. 49: 9 (both); Pr. 30: 30; Hos. 5: 14; Isa. 31: 4

Eagle’s Wings (2 Symbolic Usages→ both in play):

1) Swift Capture of Enemies→ Dt. 28: 49; 2 Sam. 1: 23; Hos. 8: 1

20 Years to Build 626-605

2) Swift Escape from Enemies→ Ex. 19:4; Isa. 40: 31; Rev. 12: 14

1 Year to Fall“plucked off” 540/39 Cyrus the Great

Heart of a Lion vs Heart of a Man Jer. 17:9 Isa. 47 Dan. 5

Daniel 7: 5

Like a Bear Famously hungry before it HIBERNATES (Arise, devour...)

553 BC MUST be a picture of Persia in 539 (Dan. 2: 39)

Already has devoured 3 Ribs and is commanded to conquer MORE

Raised up on 1 side Medo-PERSIA 550 BC

3 Ribs = 3 Conquered Realms as of 539 BC

Lydia (Asia Minor) between 547-542

Elam (Southern Iran) in 540 Babylon in 539

Arise, devour much flesh = Future Conquest (as of 539 BC)

Cambyes II (530-22): Cyprus, **Egypt**, Nubia, Cyrenaica

Darius the Great (522-486): Thrace, Macedon, SE Europe

Daniel 7: 6

Like a Leopard Jer. 5: 6 “lie in wait” Hos. 13: 7 “lurk by the path”

Patient, but ready = Time bet. Ionian Revolt (1st Greco-Persian War)
of 499 BC to Alexander’s invasion in 334

4 Wings of a bird Double the wings = Twice the Speed (10 yrs)

Jer. 49: 16 Eagle’s Nest (secure/stable)→ *Pax Babylonica* (Dan. 4: 4)
= Instability/Wars of the Greek Empires

4 Heads Greek Successor States of Alexander’s Empire (Dan. 8: 8)

Ptolemy (Egypt) Seleucus (“Syria”/Mesopotamia, etc)
Cassander (Macedonia/Greece) Lysimachus (Thrace/Anatolia)

Dominion 4 Heads rule the Known World→ N-S-E-W

Daniel 7: 6 The Kingdom of Iron

“The arms of the republic, sometimes vanquished in battle, always victorious in war, advanced with rapid steps to the Euphrates, the Danube, the Rhine and the Ocean and the images of **GOLD**, of SILVER, or **BRASS**, that might serve to represent the nations and their kings, were successively broken by the IRON MONARCHY of ROME.” E. Gibbon, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Vol. III*, General Observations after Chp. 38