

...a verse by verse study

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Daniel's Enduring Ministry

- Daniel was 14 when taken to Babylon

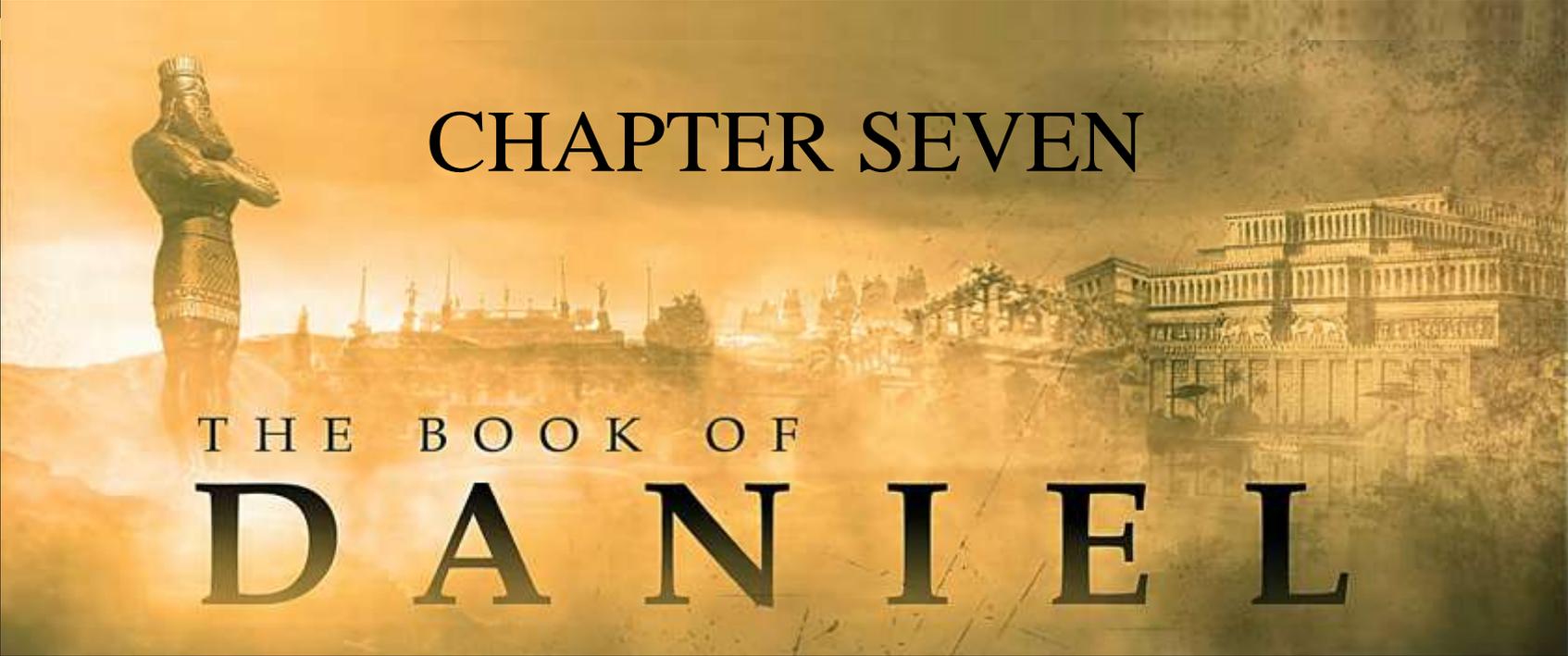
- Chapter 7 occurs when Daniel was c.68 years old

Appendix C - Chronology of the Book of Daniel

Approx. Date	Chapter	Daniel's Age	Event	Approximate Year	Judean King
605	1:1-2	14	1st Siege of Jerusalem	605 BC	Jehoiachin 1st Yr.
605	1:1-2	14	1st Siege of Jerusalem	605 BC	Jehoiachin 1st Yr.
604		15		2nd Year	5th Year
603		16		3rd Year	6th Year
602		17		4th Year	7th Year
601		18		5th Year	8th Year
600		19		6th Year	9th Year
599		20		7th Year	10th Year
598		21		8th Year	11th Year
597	1:1-2	22	2nd Siege of Jerusalem	597 BC	Jehoiachin 12th Yr.
597	1:1-2	22	2nd Siege of Jerusalem	597 BC	Jehoiachin 12th Yr.
596		23		1st Year	12th Year
595		24		2nd Year	13th Year
594		25		3rd Year	14th Year
593		26		4th Year	15th Year
592		27		5th Year	16th Year
591		28		6th Year	17th Year
590		29		7th Year	18th Year
589		30		8th Year	19th Year
588		31		9th Year	20th Year
587	2:1-12	32	3rd Siege of Jerusalem	587 BC	Jehoiachin 21st Yr.
587	2:1-12	32	3rd Siege of Jerusalem	587 BC	Jehoiachin 21st Yr.
586		33		1st Year	21st Year
585		34		2nd Year	22nd Year
584		35		3rd Year	23rd Year
583		36		4th Year	24th Year
582		37		5th Year	25th Year
581		38		6th Year	26th Year
580		39		7th Year	27th Year
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577		42		10th Year	30th Year
576		43		11th Year	31st Year
575		44		12th Year	32nd Year
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571		48		16th Year	36th Year
570		49		17th Year	37th Year
569	Chapter 4	50		18th Year	38th Year
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540		79		47th Year	67th Year
539		80		48th Year	68th Year
538	Chapter 5	81		49th Year	69th Year
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530		89		57th Year	77th Year
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528		91		59th Year	79th Year
527		92		60th Year	80th Year
526		93		61st Year	81st Year
525		94		62nd Year	82nd Year
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522		97		65th Year	85th Year
521		98		66th Year	86th Year
520		99		67th Year	87th Year
519		100		68th Year	88th Year

Notes:

- If Daniel had died in the end of the Decalogue, he would have been 82.
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A golden-hued, textured background image depicting the Book of Daniel. On the left, a large, bearded statue of a king stands with arms crossed. In the center and right, a detailed illustration of the Temple of Belshazzar is shown, with its reflection in a body of water. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light.

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE BOOK OF
DANIEL

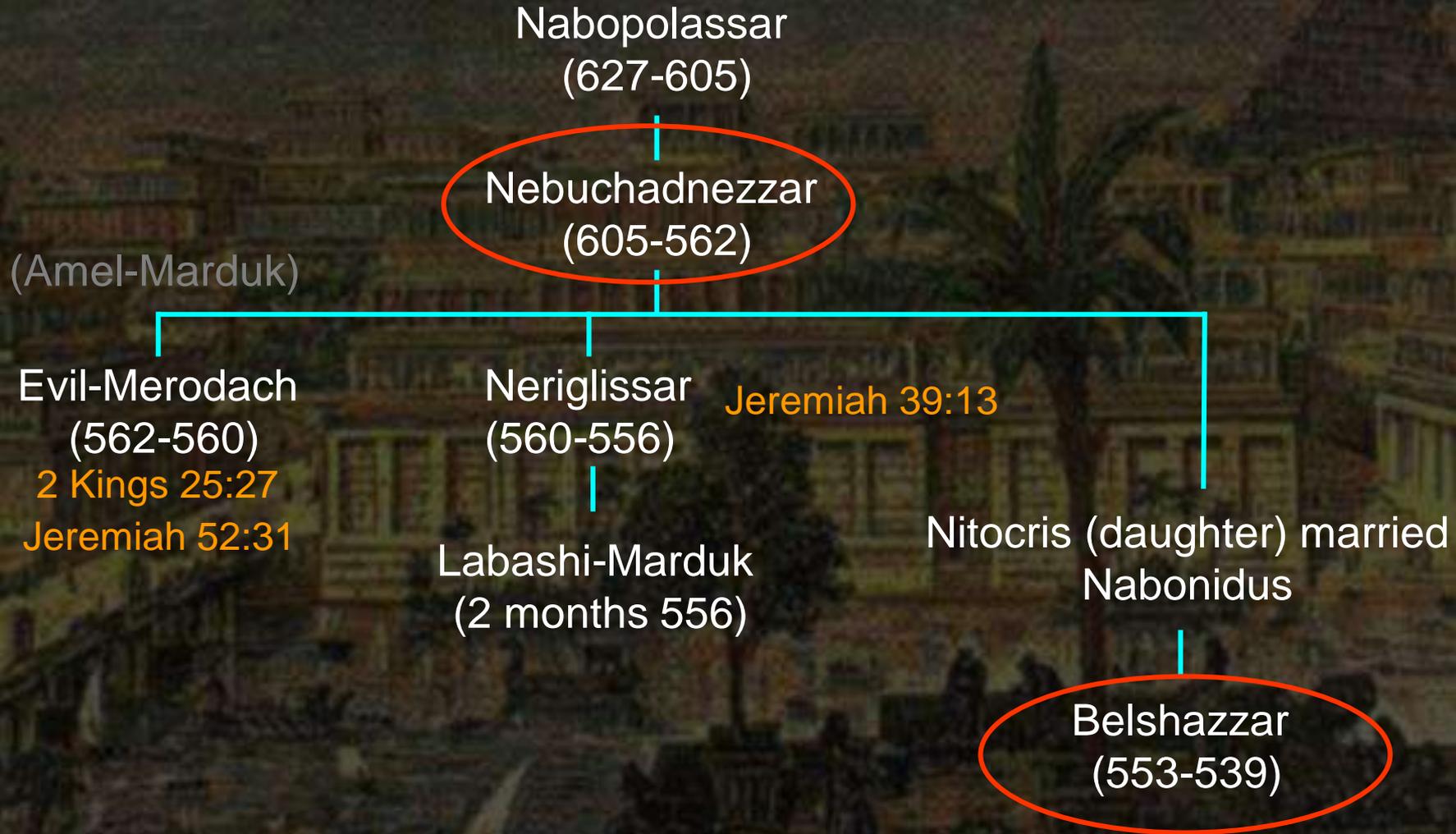
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Daniel 7:1

- This chapter sees us move back in time to the first year of Belshazzar, which was in about 552 B.C. Thus chronologically this chapter fits about 11 years after chapter 4 and about 12 years before chapter 5.

Kings of Babylonian Empire



Daniel's Life of Service

- We might presume that at 62 Daniel was winding down...
- Yet at the end of chapter 8 (which occurs in the *third year* of Belshazzar, two years after this event), Daniel returns to do the kings business.
- So even as an old man, Daniel was still actively involved in the government of Babylon.
- We never 'retire' from ministry

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Daniel 7:1

- It seems as if this chapter is being recorded at Daniel's request by someone else
 - probably someone assigned to serve him.
- This dream is more akin to a nightmare!
 - Daniel seems more troubled by this dream than he would be of the lion's den!
- Daniel, recognising its importance, has recorded the 'sum of the matters'

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

Daniel 7:2

- The 'four winds' are mentioned nine times in scripture:
 - Jer 49:36 / Exek 37:9 / Dan 8:8 / Dan 11:4 / Zech 2:6 / Matt 24:31 / Mark 13:27 / Rev 7:1 / Dan 7:2.
- '9' is the number of Judgment
 - They are seen either ushering in judgement (as would appear to be the case in this vision) or bringing restoration.
- It implies a global situation, with the 'four' seemingly referring to the four cardinal points of a compass

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Daniel 7:2

- The great sea may be the Mediterranean,
 - as this was known as the 'great sea' at that time;
- However, the 'sea' is also used in scripture as an idiom of the peoples and nations of the world (cf Rev 17:15).
- Thus, whatever is about to happen, it would appear to have a global impact that will affect the people and nations of the earth.

³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Daniel 7:3

The Four Beasts

- We will be told in verse 17 that these great beasts represent four 'kings'
 - or kingdoms – the Aramaic could mean either.
- In chapter 2 we also had a dream and vision of a statue that was representing world kingdoms.
- On that occasion Daniel interpreted the golden head of the statue to represent Babylon;
- The chest and arms of silver: Medo-Persia
- The belly and thighs of brass: Greece
 - under Alexander the Great,
- Finally, the two phases of the Roman empire

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron + Clay

Babylon

606 BC – 539 BC

Persia

539 BC – 332 BC

Greece

332 BC – 68 BC

Rome I

68 BC – ?

“Rome II”



The Four Beasts

- Are the beasts/kingdoms in chapter 7 representing the same as we saw in chapter 2?
- Scholars are divided: we have essentially two options
- The 'classical view' proposes these four beasts do represent Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, as in chapter 2.
- Whereas in chapter 2 they are seen as an impressive metal image, they are here seen as wild beasts contrasting between man's view (chapter 2) and God's perspective of these kingdoms (chapter 7).

The Four Beasts

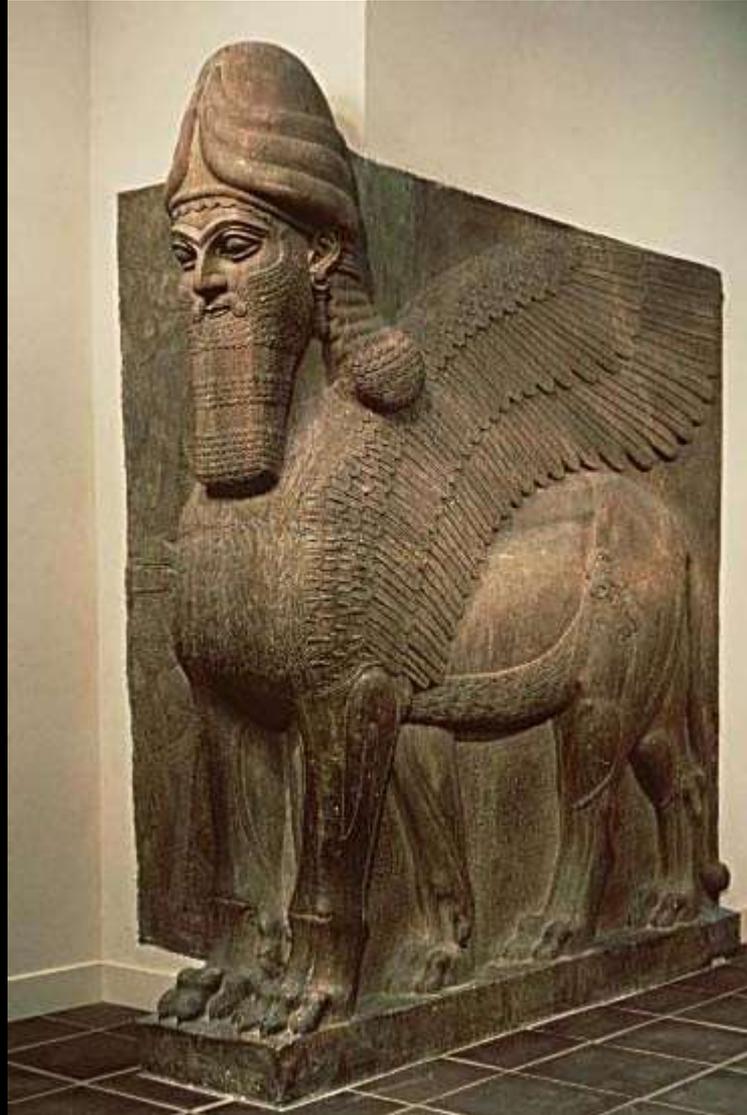
- The second view suggests that all of these kingdoms are yet to arise at some point in the future, and when they do they will all rise simultaneously.
- What is generally agreed upon is that the final phase of the last beast is the same as the ten toes in chapter two and the ten horns / ten kings mentioned in Revelation 17:12.

⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

Daniel 7:4

- Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon was the head of gold was in chapter two.
- The lion was the chief of beasts as Babylon was the chief of kingdoms (cf Dan 2:38-39).
- Creatures resembling lions with wings were on the walls and gates of Babylon

Babylonian Winged Lion-Man



The Babylonian Empire

606-539 BC



⁵ And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Daniel 7:5

- The second beast: A Bear. Medo-Persia?
- A bear is not as swift as a lion nor as majestic, and so it was with Medo-Persia.
- We also know from history that Medo-Persia was bear-like in its lumbering strength, conquering many enemies without even a battle

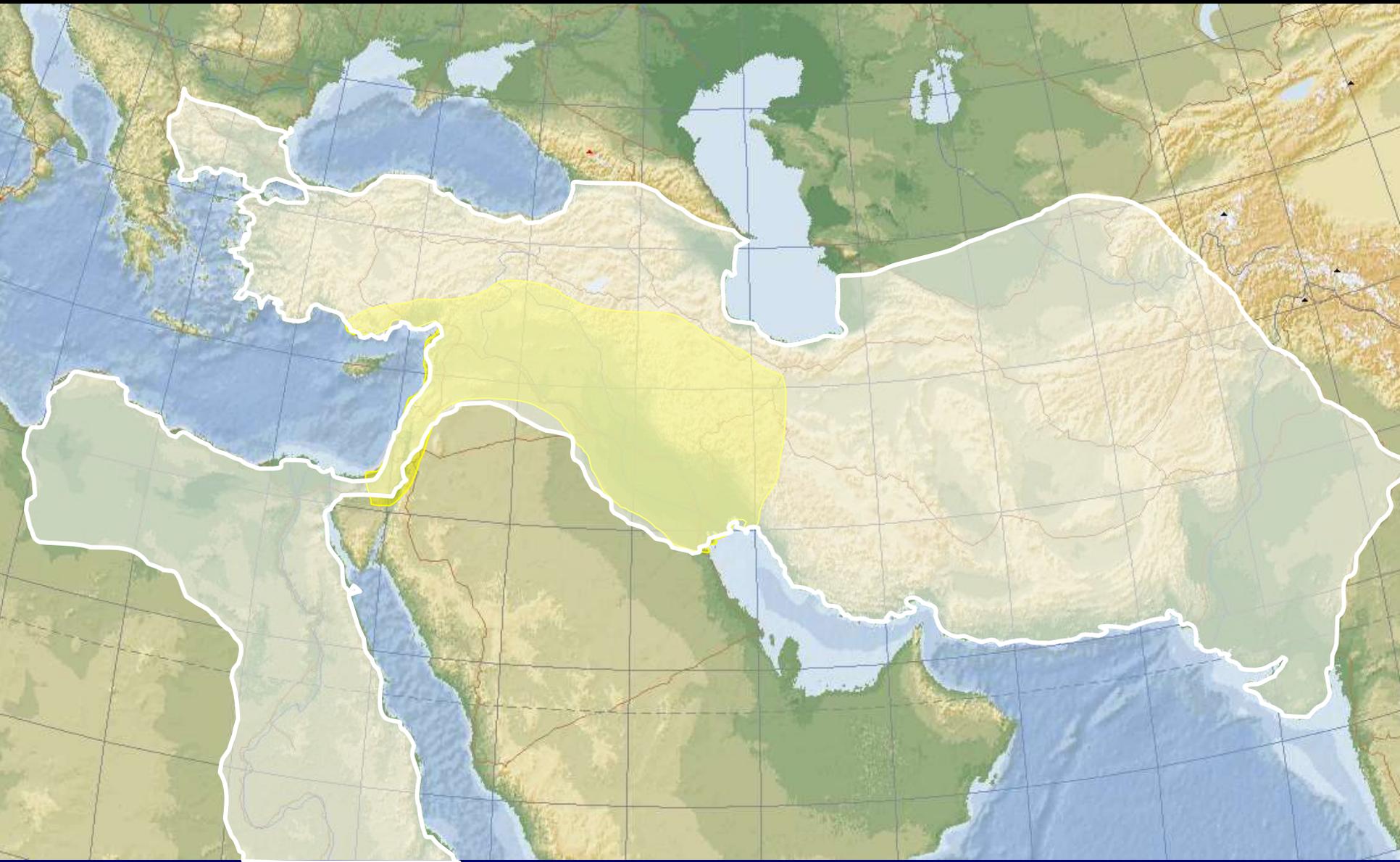
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- Medo-Persia was a united empire of the Meads and Persians, yet Persia was the stronger and would seem to be implied by the bear-like-beast raising up on one side.
- There were three main conquests that really established the Medo-Persian Empire, namely Babylon, Egypt and Lydia.

The Persian Empire

539-332 BC



6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

Daniel 7:6

- The third beast now seems to correspond to the next historical empire, i.e. Greece.
- The beast is like a leopard – one of the swiftest of all creatures – and in addition it has wings on its back implying even greater speed.
- This is a fitting description of the empire of Greece under Alexander the Great

Alexander The Great

- Alexander conquered the known world in lightning speed, unparalleled in history.
- At the age of 29 it is reported that the young Alexander fell on his bed and wept because there were no more lands to conquer.
- On his deathbed (c. 33 yrs) Alexander was asked: 'to whom shall the empire be given', his answer: 'give it to the strong'.
- Within a year his empire had been divided up between his four generals.



The Empire Divided

Daniel 11



Cassandria

Lysimachus

Seleucus

Ptolemy

400 "Silent Years"?
(Detailed in advance in Daniel 11)

⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and **it had ten horns.**

Daniel 7:7

- The fourth beast corresponds to the Roman Empire - in its two phases
- This fourth beast is that it is so unlike anything else Daniel doesn't even try to compare it to an animal, – he just simply tells us that it is 'dreadful and terrible'.

The Fourth Beast

- In chapter two we were told that Rome was *“strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.”* (Dan 2:40)
- Here a similar picture is painted which indeed echoes the history of the Roman Empire,
- They took delight in crushing and destroying their foes.
- Verse 24 will tell us the ten horns are to arise ‘out of this kingdom’, giving us our ‘two phases’ of (I) Rome and (II) Revised Rome.

The Fourth Beast

- Note: Rome had both the familiar western leg, and the less publicised eastern leg,
 - which actually outlived the western leg by a thousand years
 - the two legs corresponding to the legs of the statue in chapter 2?
- Prophecy students often focus on the western ‘European’ element and largely ignore the eastern empire, that includes Assyria, Babylon (Iran/Iraq) and North Africa.
 - Today these are predominantly Muslim nations

The Roman Empire



8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things

Daniel 7:8

- In verse 11 we find that this little horn is given a personal pronoun showing him to be an individual.
- This little horn that is speaking 'blasphemous' things, will subdue three of the original ten horns.
- This is the one we commonly label as 'Antichrist'

Revelation 17

- 12 And **the ten horns** which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.
- 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Revelation 17:12-13

⁹ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire

Daniel 7:9

- The phrase 'thrones cast down' is literally 'set in place' - **note it is plural!**
- These are not the thrones of the 10 horns, nor the thrones of the little horn.
- These are thrones that are placed alongside the Ancient of Days.

The Final Game of Thrones

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4

The Latter Reign!

- There are two distinct groups that we are told will reign with Christ during the Millennium,
- I. The bride of Christ (the Church) (2 Tim 2:12 / Rev 5:10),
- II. those who were beheaded for their witness during the Tribulation time.
- Therefore, these thrones would seem to be the thrones that we (that is, Christians) will sit on!
- *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him”* 2 Tim 2:11-12

The Ancient of Days

- Who is the Ancient of Days?
- From John's description of Jesus in Revelation chapter 1, it would appear to be Jesus!

The Ancient of Days

I John..... *was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last....And I turned to see the voice that spake with me....His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.*

Revelation 1:9-18

The Ancient of Days

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death

Revelation 1:9-18

The Ancient of Days

- The similarities between Daniel's and John's visions would lead us to conclude that this is none other than Jesus Christ.
- However., in verse 13 we find that Jesus comes to the Ancient of Days, meaning that the Ancient of Days must be God the Father.
- Why do they look so similar?
- Remember Jesus' words to Philip in John 14:9
 - “Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father”
- And in John 10:30 Jesus said:
 - “I and my Father are one”

¹⁰ A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:10

- A fiery stream coming out from before Him would create a left / right divide.
- Either you would be on one side or the other.
- This is reminiscent of Matt 25:31-34
- Note the number that stand before Him...

Population Control?

- The ancient systems for counting didn't go beyond a thousand...
- So, this may imply a 'countless number'
- However, it may mean what it says!
- Ten thousand times ten thousand = one hundred million.
- This is provocative: It could mean that after the various judgments of the Tribulation period culminating in the battle of Armageddon, one hundred million is all that will be left on the earth!
 - Certainly about one and a half billion people will die under the fourth seal in Revelation 6:7-8; and this is only at the beginning of the Tribulation.

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- Which books?
- Could it be 66 books that reveal God's righteous Law and the Salvation that is available to all who repent and trust Jesus?
- Note: that people will be judged by their works!

God's Books

- How terrifying it would be to be standing in this crowd and see Jesus start to open the books.
- What information do those books contain?
- If God has been keeping a list of everything you have ever thought, done and said, and it is all recorded in black and white, what kind of defense could you offer?
- Praise God that Jesus has nailed to His own cross the handwriting of ordinances that were written against us and paid them in full on our behalf!! (see Col 2:14).

¹¹ I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Daniel 7:11

- Revelation 13 is full of this beast speaking blasphemous things (Rev 13:1,5,6,11);
- Finally, this beast – who we know better as Antichrist – will get what’s coming!
 - *2 Thessalonians 2:8 “whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”*

Just Reward

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 19:20

¹² As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

Daniel 7:12

- The last beast of the four is destroyed.
- But what about the other beasts...?
- A plausible answer is that the 'spiritual powers' behind these kingdoms are 'removed from office' yet not destroyed until after the Millennium.

Lasting Influence of the Beasts

- The legacy of these kingdoms (Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece) are prevalent in the world today.
- **Babylon's** current influence was addressed in our study of chapter 4
- **Greece's** thirst for learning and 'wisdom' rejected the simplicity of the gospel and continues to this day in our education systems (see 1 Cor 1:22-23).
- **Medo-Persia** has spawned false religions such as Zoroastrianism and modern-day Persia (i.e. Iran) is an area today associated with a passionate hatred of Israel.

¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Daniel 7:13

¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:14

- This should be the end of 'Amillennialism'!
- When Christ's kingdom is established, it will be literal and unmistakable!

¹⁵ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Daniel 7:15

- It is important to understand that Daniel, at this time, was looking for the reestablishment of Israel, as their 70 years in Babylon was drawing to a close (just 15 years to go...)
- This must have been quite a shocker to see that all of these beasts would come first.

¹⁶ I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

Daniel 7:16

- Who Daniel speaks to here, we are not told,
- Could it have been an angel?
- Please notice Daniel's attitude here: he is grieved and troubled but he doesn't 'kick back' and say 'this is all too confusing for me'. No. He sets his heart on finding out the truth!

¹⁷ These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

Daniel 7:17

- As the 'one who stood by him' starts to interpret these things, it is easy to picture Daniel listening intently.
- The first thing he is told is, as we've noted, the four beasts represent four kings or kingdoms.

¹⁸ But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Daniel 7:18

- Now Daniel is given some great news!
- But the question for us is: 'who is meant by 'the saints'?
- Clue: Who would Daniel have understood it to be in 552 B.C.?

Saints of the Most High

- Often when we hear the title 'saints' we are prone to think of 'super-Christians'; but according to the New Testament, all who follow Christ are referred to as saints
 - (See 2 Cor 3:13 / Eph 1:1 / Phil 1:1 / 2 Thes 1:10).
- However, Christians are not the only group in the Bible to be referred to as 'saints'.
- Indeed if we were to take this verse as referring to Christians, we have a real problem when we get to verse 21, for there the 'horn' prevails over the saints – something that Jesus said not even the gates of hell would do against the Church (Matt 16:18).

Saints of the Most High

- This therefore leaves us only one option:
- ...as Daniel would have understood, the ones referred to in this verse are Israel, who throughout the Old Testament (of which Daniel is obviously part), are called 'saints'.
 - See Deut 33:2-3 / 2 Chron 6:41 / Psalm 132:16 / etc.
- Consistent with numerous Old Testament prophecies, and in fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:7, 13:14-17 & 15:18, Daniel is told that Israel will take the kingdom that God promised to Abraham's seed as a possession for ever – see Acts 15:15-16

¹⁹ Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

Daniel 7:19

- Now Daniel goes back to look more closely at the fourth beast,
- ...which we have already identified as Rome,
 - which did indeed devour and break in pieces, stamping the residue of those whom it conquered.

²⁰ And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Daniel 7:20

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Daniel 7:21

- Daniel watches and, no doubt to his surprise, sees Antichrist making war with the Jews and prevailing against them.
- So great will be this time of persecution for the Jews that Jeremiah labelled it 'the time of Jacob's trouble' - **Jer 30:5-7**
- Zechariah goes even further and explains that only one third of the Jews will survive this 'holocaust' – **Zech 13:8-9**

22 **Until** the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Daniel 7:22

- To Daniel's (and the Jews) relief there is an 'until'.
- God will not let this persecution go on one moment longer than is necessary to accomplish His plans.
- And at that moment 'judgment was given' – God ruled in favour – of the Jews, and they will be given the kingdom.
 - See: Gen 15:18 / Gen 17:1-8 / Psalm 89 / Psalm 105 / 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16, 24-26, 29 / Luke 1:32-33 / Acts 15:14-16

²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Daniel 7:23

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Daniel 7:24

²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Daniel 7:25

- Antichrist will 'wear out' the Jews...
- but here we are given the duration:
- Time (singular) = 1 year,
- Times (plural) = 2 years,
- Half a time = half a year.
- Total = 3 ½ years

26 But the judgment shall sit, and **they** shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Daniel 7:26

- Who is doing this judging? Christ and His bride – the Church.
- *“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels?” (1 Cor 6:2-3)*

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Daniel 7:27

Conclusion

- The Jews will possess the kingdom (verses 18 & 22) in fulfillment of the unconditional promise made to Abraham.
- To this point the vision has all been about these ungodly earthly kingdoms, all of whom 'unlawfully' possessed the land that was given to Abraham by God.
- Therefore it follows that it is now given to whom it rightly belongs, i.e. the Jews.

Conclusion

- However this verse now refers to the 'kingdom under the whole heaven'
- We are told that the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness under the whole heaven shall be given, not to the saints, but **to the people of the saints** of the Most High.
- Could this be a subtle reference to the Church?
- Could it be said that the Church are the 'people of the Jews'?
- Romans 11 tells us that we have been grafted in to olive tree of Israel, Israel being the 'natural branches'.

Conclusion

- It is also true in one sense that Israel birthed the Church
- I. All the Apostles were Jews,
- II. To the Jews were 'committed the oracles (words) of God' (Rom 3:2),
 - i.e. we get our Bible from the Jews.
- Given the fact that the Church is to reign over the 'whole heaven' with Christ:
 - *“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.”* (Rev 2:26-27)

Conclusion

- *“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.” (Rev 3:21)*
- Surely therefore the ‘people of the saints’ are indeed Christians and therefore the Church!?
- What we do know without question is that the ‘*him*’ whom ‘*all dominions shall serve and obey*’ is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

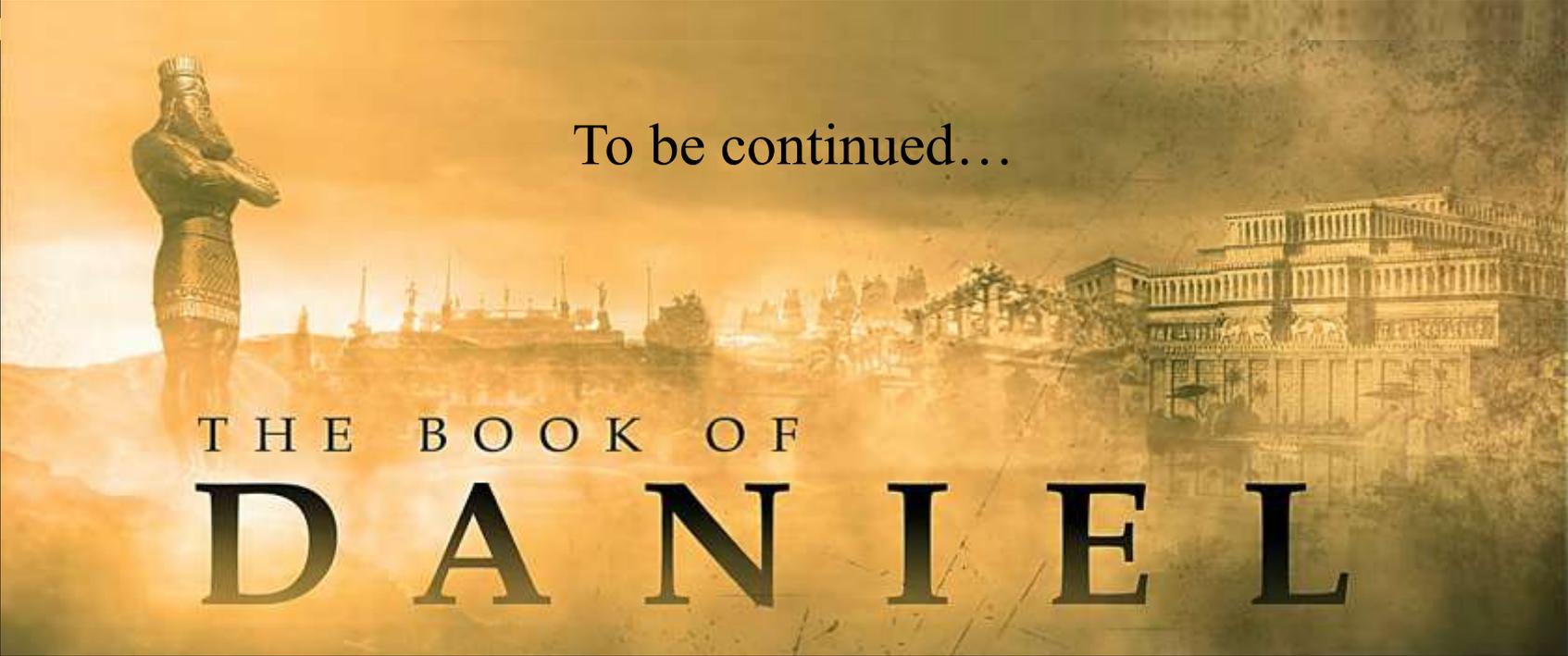
²⁸ Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel 7:28

- There is a lot to digest here...
- And the implications are staggering!
- Consider what this means for the unsaved world
- Consider what this means for Israel
- Consider what response will come from you!
 - At the very least you should be praying more!



To be continued...

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