

**{27} Daniel**

(16) Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.

(17) And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

(18) Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

(19) Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.

(20) And when he came to the den, he cried with a despairing voice to Daniel: *and* the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, Whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?

(21) Then Daniel said to the king, O king, may you live forever.

(22) My God has sent His Angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: because before Him I was found innocent; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.

(23) Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of harm was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

(24) And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they came to the bottom of the den.

(25) Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages, who live in all the earth;

May peace be multiplied to you.

(26) I make a decree, That in every part of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: because He *is* the living God, and steadfast forever, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion *shall be even* to the end.

(27) He delivers and rescues, and He works signs Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

(28) So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

**Chapter 7**

(1) In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon {3584 A.H./C-458 B.C.}<sup>a\*</sup> Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.

(2) Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, indeed, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great {Mediterranean} sea.

7:1a - in the first year of Belshazzar - [3584 A.H./C-458 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History. Note that these events took place before the events of chapter 5 which took place during Belshazzar's third year of reign.

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(3) And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another.

(4) The first *was* like a lion,<sup>b</sup> and had eagle's wings: I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

(5) And look another beast, a second, like a bear,<sup>c</sup> and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth: and they said this to it, *Arise, devour much flesh.*

(6) After this I saw, and another, like a leopard,<sup>d</sup> which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads; and authority to rule was given to it.

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

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

(9) I watched until the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days sat, Whose robe *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.<sup>e</sup>

(10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand<sup>f</sup> stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

(11) I watched then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I watched *even* until the beast was killed, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

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

(13) I saw in the night visions, and, indeed, *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.

(14) And there was given *to* Him authority to rule, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, which will not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which will not be destroyed.

7:4b - first empire -like a lion - Babylonian empire - interpretation of animals given in Dan. 7

7:5c - second empire - like a bear - Media-Persian empire - named in Dan. 8:20

7:6d - third kingdom – like a leopard - Greek empire - named in Dan. 8:21

Note: when Alexander the Great died, his four generals divided the empire

7:9e - Rev. 1:14; Ezek. 1:15-20

7:10f - ten thousand times ten thousand - see Rev. 5:11