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

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 (3) And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another.
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 (5) And look another beast, a second, like a bear^c, 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^d, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads; and authority to rule was given to it.
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7:1a - in the first year of Belshazzar - note that these events took place before the events of chapter 5 which took place during Belshazzar's third year of reign.
 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

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(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

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

(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.

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

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

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(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.

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

(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.

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

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

(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;

(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.

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

(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.

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7:20g - three fell - Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia - see Dan. 11:43