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Chapter 7

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- (1) In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon {3584 A.H./C-458 B.C.}^{a*} 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 <u>first year</u> of Belshazzar - [3584 A.H./C-458 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u>. 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,^b 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,^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.
- (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.^e
- (10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand^f 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.

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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 <u>four</u> generals divided the empire

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

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