

DANIEL 7

The Struggle for World Dominion

A VISION OF FOUR HUMAN EMPIRES AND GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM



1

LION WITH EAGLE'S WINGS (Daniel 7:4)

- Like a lion, with eagle's wings
- Represents great power, speed, and conquest
- First of four world empires

BABYLON

605 BC to 539 BC

Ruled under Nebuchadnezzar. A powerful empire that conquered many nations.



2

BEAR WITH 3 RIBS IN ITS MOUTH (Daniel 7:5)

- A second beast, like a bear
- Holding three ribs in its mouth
- Represents a powerful empire that conquers many nations

MEDO-PERSIA

539 BC to 331 BC

A large empire formed by the Medes and Persians. The three ribs likely represent three major conquests.



3

LEOPARD WITH 4 WINGS AND 4 HEADS (Daniel 7:6)

- A third beast, like a leopard
- Four wings and four heads
- Represents great speed and division into four kingdoms

GREECE

331 BC to 168 BC

Ruled by Alexander the Great. After his death, the empire was divided into four successor kingdoms.



4

TERRIBLE BEAST WITH IRON TEETH (Daniel 7:7)

- A fourth beast, terrifying and different from the others
- Iron teeth and great power
- Represents a strong, long-lasting empire

ROME

168 BC to 476 AD

A powerful and ruthless empire. Eventually divided and continues in a revived form in the end time (as prophesied in later verses).

THE 9 HISTORICAL REVIVALS OF ROME

1-3 UPROOVED REVIVALS

Three early revivals after the fall of ancient Rome.

1

Vandals 429 – 534 AD

A Germanic tribe that briefly revived Roman power.

2

Heruli 476 – 493 AD

Another Germanic tribe that ruled in Rome.

3

Ostrogoths 493 – 554 AD

A Germanic kingdom that restored Roman rule in Italy.

4-9 PAPALLY SANCTIONED REVIVALS

Six revivals with the support or sanction of the Roman Church.

4

Justinian's Imperial Restoration 554 AD

Emperor Justinian, with the support of the Roman church, reestablished Roman rule.

5

Charlemagne 800 AD

Crowned by the pope, reviving the Roman Empire in the West.

6

Otto the Great 962 AD

Revived the empire with papal support as the Holy Roman Empire.

7

Habsburg Empire (Charles V) 1519 – 1556 AD

A major revival with close ties to the Roman church.

8

Napoleon 1804 – 1815 AD

Revived Roman power and was supported by the pope.

9

Mussolini – Hitler Axis 1922 – 1945 AD

A final major revival of Roman power before the end time.

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10th REVIVAL — FUTURE (Daniel 7; Revelation 17)

A final revived Roman Empire, in alliance with a powerful religious system, will arise in the end time before Christ returns.

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GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM

(Daniel 7:13-14)

- Human empires will rise and fall
- Then Jesus Christ will return and establish God's eternal Kingdom
- A Kingdom that will never be destroyed and will rule the whole earth

