

The Reign of Gentile Kingdoms

- Daniel 2:32-34
- "This image's head was of fine **gold**,
- its chest and arms of **silver**,
- its belly and thighs of **bronze**,
- its legs of **iron**,
- its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.
- You watched while a stone was cut out without hands which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces."
- The image King Nebuchadnezzar saw was composed of four types of metal, which correspond to four great empires.



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- Daniel 2:37-38
- "You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all -- **you are this head of gold.**
- The **Chaldean (Babylonian) empire** is the head and **from it** flows the rest of the body of this statue --- **key clue!**



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- Head of **Gold – Babylon** (c. 625-538 BC)
- Babylon was destroyed by the **Medes and Persians**. "Its chest and arms of **silver**" (Dan 2:32). The writing on the wall (Dan 5:18-31). (c. 558-330 BC)
- The prophecy of Isaiah (44:28; 45:1), written c. 700 BC that Cyrus would allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple was fulfilled in 538 BC.
- Esther's story demonstrates God's sovereignty by preventing Satan's inspired genocide of the Jews during the Persian kingdom.
- God preserved this people for the prophetic fulfillment of Christ's first coming and the establishment of His Church and ultimately His Kingdom.



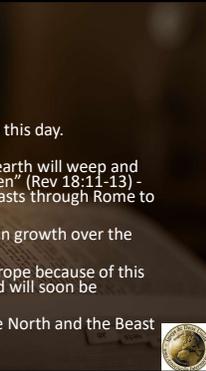
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- Alexander the Great succeeded and Greek culture became predominant (c. 333 BC). "Its belly and thighs of **bronze**" (Dan 2:32).
- The **Greek empire**, after Alexander's death, was succeeded by 4 divisions. The two main ones were the King of the North and the King of the South.
- The struggles between these two Kings are described in detail in **Daniel 11** (see the Bible study guide "The Middle East in Bible Prophecy" (pp 22-27) for an explanation of **Daniel 11**).
- The northern kingdom took predominance. This bronze kingdom lasted around 260 to 300 years and was supplanted by the fourth kingdom.
- Iron** describes the harshness of the **Roman Empire** (c. 31 BC – 476 AD)



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- Babylon**: represents **the head**.
- This **financial and religious** system continues today to this day. It has a lasting impact like **gold**.
- Babylon, mighty city, over her "the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn". They have done business even in "souls of men" (Rev 18:11-13) - This system migrated from Kingdom to Kingdom and lasts through Rome to this day.
- The spirit of this system has been the fuel for European growth over the centuries.
- Over the centuries, millions of people have died in Europe because of this Babylonian system which has persisted until today and will soon be resurrected.
- This image of **Daniel 2** helps to identify the King of the North and the Beast power in today's world scene.



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- Daniel 2** is directly related to **Daniel 7**
- Daniel 7:1-4** – Lion = Head of Gold
- Daniel 7:5** – Bear = Chest and arms of silver
- Daniel 7:6** – Leopard = Belly and thighs of bronze
- The leopard had 4 heads – Total of 6 heads
- Daniel 7:7** – The fourth is a terrible beast – **7th head** – Strong as iron
- With 10 horns – 10 resurrections
- Beast with 7 heads and 10 horns of **Rev 13** is directly related to **Daniel 7**.
- This beast suffered **a mortal wound** (**Rev 13:3**) representing the fall of the Roman empire (AD 476 – the western part of the empire).

Image 2 The IMAGE	Daniel 7 The FOUR BEASTS (Chairs)	Dan 8 The RAM and GOAT	Revelation 13 The BEAST and IMAGE (Chair)
Head of GOLD v. 32, 35	1st BEAST LION v. 4		
Chest and arms of SILVER v. 32, 39	2nd BEAST (BEAR) v. 5	RAM with 3 horns v. 3, 8, 20	
Belly and thighs of BRONZE v. 32, 39	3rd BEAST (LEOPARD) 4 heads v. 6	THE GOAT with great horns and 4 visible ones v. 5, 8, 21, 22	
Legs of IRON v. 33, 40-43	4th BEAST strong like IRON with 10 HORNS v. 3, 21, 24		The BEAST with 7 HEADS and 10 HORNS v. 1, 2
			The BEAST'S WOUNDS v. 3
	1st HORN (pluck) v. 10		1st HORN
	2nd HORN (upward)		2nd HORN
	3rd HORN (outward)		3rd HORN
	LITTLE HORN v. 11		4th HORN v. 11

Dan 7:8, 24-25 – The little horn

- The **false Church** (*the mother of harlots*) – **Rev 17:5**.
- This **woman** appears in the scene after plucking out the first three horns (**Dan 7:8**) – Arian kingdoms.
- That's why this **woman** only rides the beast from this moment on.
- Explains why the woman of **Rev 17** only rides the Beast from here.

Dan 2	Daniel 7	Rev 13	Rev 17
Legs of IRON v. 33, 40-43	4th BEAST struck the IRON with 10 HORNS v. 7, 23, 24	The BEAST with 7 HEADS and 10 HORNS v. 1, 2	7th HEAD of prophetic BABYLON, with 10 HORNS
		The DEADLY WOUND v. 3	
	1st HORN (plucked by rocks)	1st HORN	These three horns, destroyed at behest of Pope, III the "Transition Age" (Myers)
	2nd HORN (rooted up)	2nd HORN	
	3rd HORN (rooted up)	3rd HORN	
	LITTLE HORN among ten v. 8, 26-27, 24-27	2 horned "LAMB DRAGON" and "IMAGE" v. 11-18	SCARLET WOMAN who rode the BEAST v. 1, 2
			Ruled the beast, so called BABYLON the GREAT
			THE ROMAN EMPIRE, 31 B.C.-A.D. 476, in 2 divisions, West and East
			Fall of the ROMAN EMPIRE A.D. 476
			The VANDALS A.D. 429-533
			The HERULI, Odoacer's government, A.D. 476-493
			The OSTROGOTHS A.D. 493-554
			FALSE CHRISTIANITY and church government, or "image" of Roman Empire government

Rev 6:1-2 – The first seal

THE WHITE HORSE

- **Mat 24:4-5** – Many will come in Christ's name – This represents false religion
- **2 Cor 11:13-15** – Disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.
- **Once a seal is open – it remains open.**
- This horseman has ridden his horse through the ages and will continue to ride until Satan is overthrown.
- **Dan 7:1-8** – A little horn
- This false religion influencing the beast power (governmental), is now one of the leading causes of wars, famines, diseases and death.
