2Thess #113

The Beast of old is the same Beast we face today!

Let us open in Daniel chapter seven today RF. This will coincide with what we have learned in Daniel chapter two recently.

The statue in Daniel two represents a symbolic attempt of mankind and satanic influence, to build a lasting foundation or eternal empire in defiance to GOD.

/Dan 2:32 “The head of that statue *was made* of fine gold, its chest and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, *and* **its feet partly of iron and partly of clay**.

Babylon, Persia, Greece and Roman are represented. The final kingdom points to a mixture of clay and iron. Which will be mankind and Satan’s final effort to erect the last tower of babel – the last stance against GOD.\

The transition of solid iron into a mixture of clay and iron highlights a time in history where something changed dramatically.

After the Cross of Christ, we know the Church Age was inserted.

This is the last dispensation before the 7 years of tribulation about to come.

The next dispensation will be the 1,000 years of Christ on earth, the 2nd Advent.

The Roman Empire basically fell apart about 400 years after the Cross of TLJC.

It was a slow decline and finally pressure and attacks from outside forces collapsed the 500-year reign of Roman rule.

What remains to be seen is the fifth attempt at a man-made empire – this is seen within the feet of the statue, more specifically its peak is seen within the ten toes of the Tribulation.

Now in Daniel chapter seven we see Nebuchadnezzar’s grandson sitting upon the throne of Babylon.

Daniel is already established as a respected advisor to the throne.

Dan 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and told the *following* summary of it.

/[Dan 7:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/2/s_857002) Daniel said, “I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, **the four winds of heaven** were stirring up the great sea.

The four winds in the vision are related to four elect angels, who GOD commissioned to control and monitor the atmosphere of the earth. (Rev 7)\

Again, the reminder is that Daniel is a key book to unlock the end times written about in the visions of Revelation.

Daniel is given incredible angelic visions and communication, perhaps more so than most other OT prophets.

/Rev 7:1 After this I saw **four angels standing at the four corners of the earth**, holding back **the four winds of the earth** so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.\

The number four itself has great spiritual meanings tied to it. One of the reasons I have also become very confident in teaching on 4 dispensations, with seasons or stages under each one.

/[Dan 7:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/3/s_857003) “And **four great beasts**(*ḥêvā')***were coming up from the sea**, different from one another.

Each one of the empires mentioned in this vision had a geographical connection to the Mediterranean Sea. There is a strong chance, the future satanic empire will arise in or around this region.\

HAY-VACH, within the origin of the Aramaic, almost always pointed to a male, dominant animal, a fierce predatory. Used for an alpha-predator, a creature to be feared and to be alert when you see them.

These empires are the same seen in Daniel chapter two.

They are now referred to as BEASTS, which coincides with the beast system of the end times.

This may give a hint to layers of prophetic leaders or nations in the ten kingdoms of the ten toes of the tribulation as well.

/[Dan 7:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/4/s_857004) “The first *was* **like a lion but had *the* wings of an eagle**. I kept looking until **its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground** and set up on **two feet like a man; a human mind**also was given to it.

The lion and eagle are seen as power and Royality in many ancient cultures – this is Babylon. Also prophesied by Jeremiah (Jer 49:19-22).\

The winged lion of Babylon is an ancient symbol which was discovered in Iraq.

It was found on several archeologist digs found in the early 1900’s. It was found on drawings, coins and large statues.

The two feet like a man with a human mind - is believed to have dual meanings – one for King Nebuchadnezzar or even Nimrod himself. The other, pointing to the future antichrist.

/[Dan 7:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/5/s_857005) “And behold, **another beast, a second one, resembling a bear**. And it was raised up on one side, and **three ribs *were* in its mouth**between its teeth; and they said this to it: ‘Arise, **devour much meat**!’

Persia conquered Lydia, Babylon and Egypt in the course of about 30 years. They had a ferocious appetite in the early portion of the empire’s rise.\

Isaiah mentions this conquest in Isaiah chapter 13.

The bear represents the Persian empire.

This all aligns with the dream of the statue of Daniel 2.

The mention of the word *beast* - gives it greater depth in prophecy, pointing us forward into possible hints about the end times.

/[Dan 7:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/6/s_857006) “After this I kept looking, and behold, **another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird;** the beast also had **four heads**, and dominion was given to it.

The Greek powerhouse moved swiftly and brought new fighting techniques & strategies on the scene. After Alexander the Great died – he had 4 generals who kept pressing forward in historic battles.\

All 4 generals went on to dominate or rule in certain regions for a short time.

/[Dan 7:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/7/s_857007) “After this I kept looking **in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and **extremely strong**; and it had **large iron** **teeth**. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and **it was different** (*šᵊnâ*) from all the beasts that were before it, and **it had ten horns**.

There is no animal description here – the teeth of iron and fierce power (500 years) represent the Roman Empire. The fact the Roman empire extends in the dream of Dan 2, and also here, gives a clue that some form of a revised Roman Empire is yet to come.\

It is referred to as unique by Daniel – not just different.

Another interesting Aramaic word is used – SHA-NAW, meaning one who changes or appears one way and then different later on.

/[Dan 7:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/8/s_857008) “While I was thinking about the horns, behold, another horn, **a little one, came up among them**, and **three of the previous horns were plucked out** before it; and behold, this horn possessed **eyes like human eyes, and a mouth uttering great *boasts****.*

Daniel is now looking forward into end time history – this is the antichrist (little horn). The ten kingdoms (10 toes) will be combined into 7 at some point.\

It is believed three of the nation leaders or military leaders, may rebel against Satan before the battle of Armageddon and they will be dealt with swiftly.

The next few verses touch on what happens in the heavens just before the 2nd advent of Christ on earth.

This all aligns with the book of Revelation as well.

Jump down a few verses;

Dan 7:11 “Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

The antichrist and the false prophet are wiped out at the battle of Armageddon when TLJC steps down as the warrior king.

[Dan 7:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/12/s_857012) “As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

They are going into captivity with Satan and the fallen angels for the thousand years of peace on earth.

The title - *Son of Man*, is clearly presented for the first time in scripture;

/Dan 7:13 “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, **with the clouds of heaven One like a son of man was coming**, And He came up to **the Ancient of Days** And was presented before Him.

The humanity of Christ stands before the throne of GOD the Father (Ancient of days), and is given HIS command to take back the earth.\

[Dan 7:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/14/s_857014) “And to Him was given dominion,Honor, and a kingdom,So that all the peoples, nations, and *populations of all* languagesMight serve Him. Hisdominion is an everlasting dominionWhich will not pass away;And His kingdom is oneWhich will not be destroyed.

Daniel then gives greater detail – really an overview of the end times in relation to this prophetic vision.

All of this aligns perfectly with Revelation chapters 11 into chapter 17.

Daniel sees this in one overlapping vision that is almost too overwhelming for him to describe.

/Dan 7:21 “I kept looking, and **that horn horn was waging war with the saints** and **prevailing against them**,

This is the only period of success Satan will have which will end at the battle of Armageddon. The seed war of Gen 3:15 comes to its crescendo at the 7-year mark.\

This vision is seen by Daniel in such a large and consuming overview, that he really can’t keep it in exact chronological order.

It’s as if he views it all as one event.

Jump down to verse 24;

/Dan 7: 24 ‘As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and **he will be different from the previous ones and will humble three kings.**

This is the antichrist which appears to come from a position of leadership either in Europe or the Middle East.\

The ten nations will be a part of a ONE WORLD governing body in some form or fashion. So, either America is drawn into the one world movement, or it is wiped out… or completely insignificant at this historic point.

/[Dan 7:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/7/25/s_857025) ‘And **he will speak against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One,** and he will intend to make **alterations in times and in law;** and they will be **handed over to him for a time, times, and half a time**.

This speaks to the 3 ½ yr. mark when Satan himself will assault (Rev 13:5) Bels and Jews with unrestricted authority.\

Satan and the fallen angels will be facing their final failure and it will be very violent.

The 7 years of Tribulation will be a time when unrestricted authority is given to Satan and his army.

There are 3 beasts spoken of in prophecy and two of them are related to a system as well as physical group or nation and even a person or in this case two people.

/Rev 11:7 When they have finished their testimony, **the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them,** and overcome them and kill them.

The first beast is believed to be demonic leader (Abaddon/Apollyon). Released at the 3 ½ yr. mark to ignite a violent campaign beginning first on the two witnesses (Moses & Elijah).\

The second beast relates to not only the antichrist but a one world governing body, complete with a military system.

/Rev 13:1 And *the dragon* stood on the sand of the seashore. **Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea**, having **ten horns and seven heads**, and on his horns *were* ten crowns, and on his heads *were* **blasphemous names**.

This is not only the antichrist but it is the beast system coming into its full authority.\

Satan is the one who stands upon the seashore and calls forth the beast system and the antichrist – he can only do this once GOD the HS and the church has been removed. (Rapture)

The third beast is the beast system in relation to Babylon, meaning the religious one world agenda.

/Rev 13:11 Then I saw **another beast coming up out of the earth;** and he had two horns like a lamb, and **he spoke as a dragon.**

This is the portion of the beast system where not only the false prophet arises, but a nation or a whole ideology that elevates the antichrist comes on the world-wide landscape.\

As many of you know I believe America will decline and collapse into the beast system, sometime in the near future… I hope I am wrong, maybe I will be?

I also believe this scripture right here may hint to something similar to that happening.

/None of this can happen immediately after the Rapture. It is a whole set of cultural and political shifts world-wide. Foundational pieces that are being woven through the banking systems, governing bodies, religious systems, moral and cultural as well as military variations currently being maneuvered world-wide leading into the 7 years of Tribulation.\

/The best indication of a client nation unto GOD collapsing itself into Babylon, is seen in the decline of true freedom, an erosion of Christian marriage, a progressive and rapid decline of the Christian family and Christian values. A growing disdain of national pride, along with a blatant distaste for the teaching and promotion of accurate Biblical theology. \

God’s 4 divine institutions matter and they are the pillars of a Client Nation unto God.

Freedom (free will), Christian marriage, Christian family and Nationalism.

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Therefore, it is safe to say, the mixture of clay and iron referenced into the Tribulation will be already established or have begun before the rapture of the church.\

There are now choices and conclusion you can assume.

/The mixture of clay and iron going into the Tribulation will be a blend of demonic forces and human beings under authority of the Beast System.

The mixture of clay and iron going into the Tribulation will be a large group or possibly an elite society which are true seeds of Satan (blood ties back into the days of Nimrod).\

/The mixture of clay and iron going into the Tribulation will be a demonic influence in humanity (possibly even A.I. blended) working with military forces.

The mixture of clay and iron going into the Tribulation will be a large population of Unbels fully possessed and willing to support the Beast System to their final breath.\

My guess - is all four scenarios have elements of the truth in them. I think quite possibly, a mixture of two or three scenarios will unfold, and are already at the beginning stages as I close this message today.