


Daniel 7

Prophecy of The End of Gentile Kingdoms



An aerial, sepia-toned view of a sprawling ancient city, likely Jerusalem, with a prominent temple complex on a hill in the background. The city is densely packed with buildings and walls, extending to the sea in the distance.

Significant Aspects Of Chapter 7

- Prophetic events occurring just prior to Christ's return
- Reliability of scripture – prophecy always come true
- God's sovereignty



<u>Date</u>	<u>Historical</u>	<u>Prophetic</u>
605 BC	Chapter 1	
602 BC	Chapter 2	
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600 BC	Chapter 4	
553 BC		Chapter 7
551 BC		Chapter 8
539 BC	Chapter 5	
539 BC	Chapter 6	
539 BC		Chapter 9
536 BC		Chapter 10
539 BC		Chapter 11
539 BC		Chapter 12

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6 "After this I looked, and there was another, 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.

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words

Q: Who wrote verse 1?

A: A narrator or interviewer

Q: What do these four creatures represent?

A: Four kingdoms, just like Chapter 2

Q: What does the first beast represent?

A: Babylon, It was swift, had it's (Nebuchadnezzar's) wings clipped, and had the heart of a man.

Q: What does the second beast represent?

A: Medo-Persia, which conquered three kingdoms- Asia Minor, the Chaldean Empire, and Egypt

Q: What does the third beast represent?"

A: Greek empire of Alexander the Great, who had quickly conquered the middle east and was split into four dominions (Alexander's generals)

Q: What about the fourth beast?"

A: This one is different, it is dreadful, terrible and exceedingly strong. The Roman empire fell apart in AD 476 but was never conquered. It will return with 10 rulers, then an 11th, the Antichrist. (2 Thess 2-3, Rev 13:1-10)

[Four Kingdoms](#)

9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,
 And the Ancient of Days was seated;
 His garment was white as snow,
 And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
 His throne was a fiery flame,
 Its wheels a burning fire;

10 A fiery stream issued
 And came forth from before Him.
 A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
 Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
 The court was seated,
 And the books were opened.

11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words
 which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and
 its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. 12 As for the rest
 of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives
 were prolonged for a season and a time.

13 "I was watching in the night visions,
 And behold, One like the Son of Man,
 Coming with the clouds of heaven!
 He came to the Ancient of Days,
 And they brought Him near before Him.

14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
 That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 Which shall not pass away,
 And His kingdom the one
 Which shall not be destroyed.

Q: What happens to the little horn?

A: He is judged and banished to the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:11-15)

Q: What happens to the rest of the beasts?

A: These decedents of ancient empires survive for while

Q: Why is verse 13 considered a proof text for separation of the trinity?

A: Here we see God the Father and God the Son clearly separate as individual persons within the trinity

Q: What happens in verse 14?

A: God's sovereignty is displayed. The rule of Jesus is established forever. The foot of the statue, the rock cut with no hands is established on the whole earth.

15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: 17 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; 20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Q: Who receives the kingdom?

A: The saints rule and reign with Jesus!

Q: How is the fourth beast different?

A: This is the Antichrist. He tramples and subdues the whole earth (Rev 13:7). He will be the one world government dictator.

Q: When does verses 19-22 occur?

A: The tribulation

Q: Who does this action occur against?

A: Tribulation saints

[2 Tim 2:12](#)

23 "Thus he said:

'The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.

24 The ten horns are ten kings
Who shall arise from this kingdom.

And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first ones,
And shall subdue three kings.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,
And shall intend to change times and law.
Then the saints shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.

26 'But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy it forever.

27 Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

Q: What are the horns?

- 10 horns – 10 roman kingdoms
- Small horn – Antichrist
- 3 subdued horns – 3 kingdoms destroyed by AC

Q: How long is a time?

- Time = 1 year
- Times = 2 years
- ½ a Time = ½ year

Q: How long does the Antichrist reign?

A: 7 years! He battles the saints for 3.5 years

Q: Who rules the kingdoms in the end?

A: The Saints

*Dan 5:18-19
Jer 27:5-11*

Dan 5:28

*Alexander
The "Great"*

Latter Days

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD	BABYLON BC 605 - 539	LION	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA BC 539 - 331	REAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)
BRASS	GREECE BC 331 - 168	LEOPARD	THE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)
IRON	ROME BC 168 - AD 476	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS	LITTLE HORN GREAT	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)

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Kings of the Neo-Babylonian Empire

1. Nabopolassar (𐎶 627–605 B.C.) (Nabu-apal-ušur)

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2. Nebuchadnezzar (𐎶 605–562) (Nabū-Kudurri-ušur)

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3. Evil-Merodach (Amēl-Marduk) Daughter married (𐎶 562–560)

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4. Neriglissar (Ner-gal-Sharezer) (𐎶 560–556)

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6. Labashi-Marduk (2 months, 𐎶 556)

5. Nitocris (daughter) married

Nabonidus (Nabū-naʿid)

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7. Belshazzar (Bēl-shar-ušur) (𐎶 553–539)

Daniels Kingdoms

An Overview of Daniel's Kingdoms

I. Daniel 2/Daniel 7

- A. Babylon 2:32, 37, 38; 7:4, 17
- B. Medo-Persia 2:32, 39; 7:5, 17
- C. Greece 2:32, 39; 7:6, 17
- D. Rome 2:33, 40; 7:7, 17, 23
- E. Revived Rome 2:33, 41-43; 7:7, 8, 11, 24, 25
- F. Millennium 2:34, 35, 44, 45; 7:13, 14, 26, 27

II. Daniel 8/Daniel 11

- A. Medo-Persia 8:3-8, 20, 21; 10:20, 21, 11:2-35
- B. Greece 8:3-8, 20, 21; 10:20, 21, 11:2-35
- C. Revived Rome 8:9-12, 23-26; 11:36-45.



2 Tim 2:12

11 This is a faithful saying:

For if we died with Him,
We shall also live with Him.

12 If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him.

If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.

13 If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;

He cannot deny Himself.

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Epiphanes

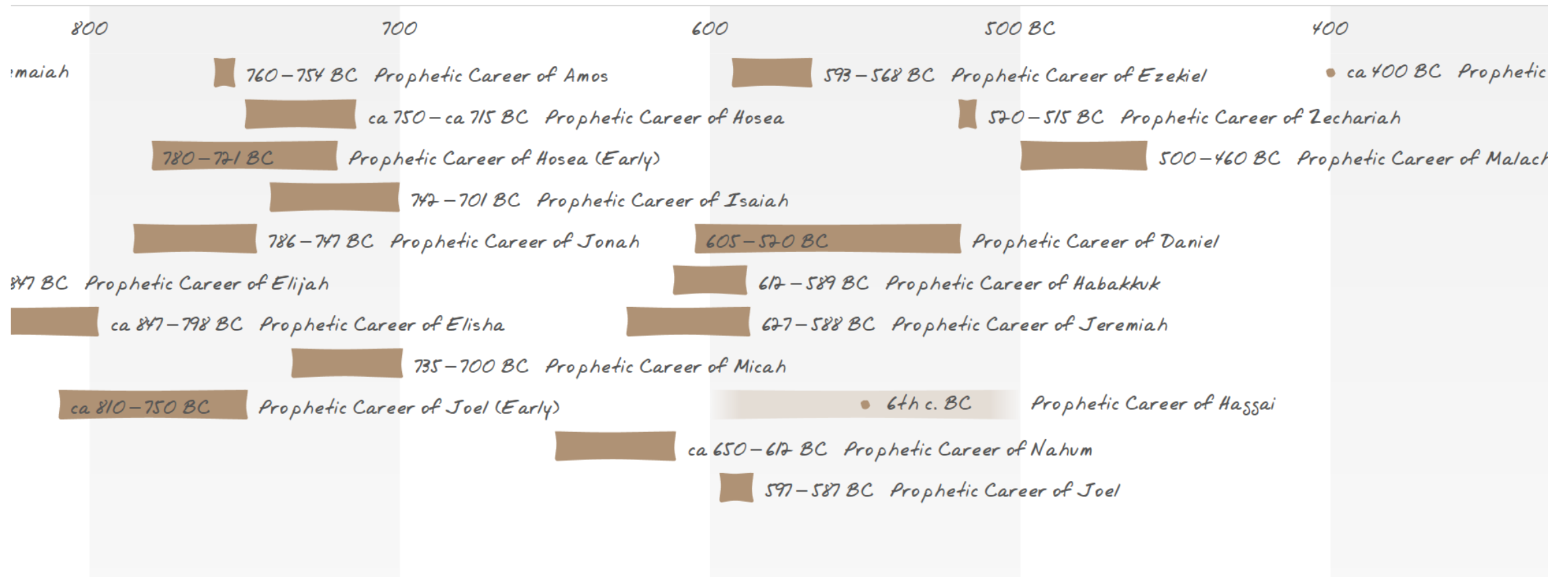


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Appendix



- Writer – “God is my Judge” (Daniel Himself)
- Historical Timeline
 - 605 BC – 535 BC
 - Daniel was in first set of 3 exile events
 - 605 (Daniel)
 - 597 (Ezekiel)
 - 586 BC
- When – Written between 536 and 530 BC
- Why Exile?
 - Judah’s ongoing sin
 - Israel had fallen to Assyria in 722 BC
 - **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah warnings ignored**
- Language – 2:4 – 7:28 Aramaic, international language
- Purpose(s)
 - Encouragement and prophesy
 - During Successive gentile domination until Messiah’s return
 - Display of Gods sovereignty
 - Major display of miracles



Deportations of the Israelites and Returns

- 605 BC
- 597 BC
- 586 BC

