

Mini Series: Daniel's Visions
"The Four Beasts"
Part 4: Iron Teeth King



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Daniel Mini Series



- ✓ The Great Statue (Dan 2)
- ✓ Four Beasts (Dan 7)
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 - ✓ Bear (King #2)
 - ✓ Leopard (King #3)
 - ✧ Iron Teeth (King #4) [covering today]
- ✧ Ram and Goat (Dan 8)
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The first 3 of 4 kings in Daniels' four beasts vision arose from Ancient Babylon/ Assyria, Judah, and Ancient Nimrod (Ancient Africa, Ancient Egypt):



Goal for today's study



- ❧ Where will this 4th King (Iron Teeth) will arise from?
- ❧ What kind of beast is he?
 - ❧ Winner: Ruth's Chris gift card

Daniel 7:1-8



Daniel 7:1-8 (NASB) – Daniel’s Vision of Four Beasts

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 related the following summary of it. 2 Daniel said, “I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. 3 And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. 4 The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. 5 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 thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’ 6 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. 7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying 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 from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

Exposit: Daniel 7:7



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- ❧ Who is this 4th Mediterranean king (aka the Iron Teeth King)?
- ❧ First, we'll look at common interpretations
- ❧ Then, we'll look to Scripture

Chapter 2

Chapter 7

Babylonian Empire
(606BC-538BC)



Babylon



But from Dan 7:2 these four beasts (beginning with the Lion) will arise (in the future) after the Babylon Empire; post 538BC



Medo-Persia



Greece



Rome



Identification of the Four Kingdoms of Daniel's visions

Daniel's Captivity Spanned 4 Kings: Babylon's Nebuchadnezzar to Belshazzar who lost his kingdom to the Medo-Persians. Then Darius the Mede took over (who threw Daniel into the lion's den) and finally, during King Cyrus the Persian's 3rd year reign, Daniel disappeared from written texts. Noted historian Josephus reported that Daniel lived until the time of Artaxerxes the Persian king, after repatriation back to Jerusalem which Cyrus allowed, as prophesied by the Jewish prophet Isaiah (Isa. 44:28; 45:1), some 150 years before Cyrus's time.



Chronology of Major Empires as described in the Book of Daniel

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S VISION		DANIEL'S FIRST VISION		DANIEL'S SECOND VISION		IDENTIFICATION	HISTORICAL TIME LINE
	Vision in Daniel CH. 2 NEBUCHADNEZZAR King of Babylon	Vision in Daniel CH. 7 BELSHAZZAR's 1st year King of Babylon 	Vision in Daniel CH. 8 BELSHAZZAR's 3rd year King of Babylon 	BABYLON CH. 2:48		600	626 B.C. BABYLONIA
		LION Wings Like an Eagle	RAM Persia - King Darius III 	MEDO-PERSIA CH. 8:20		500	539 B.C. MEDO-PERSIA
		BEAR Holding Three Ribs in its Jaws 	GOAT Alexander the Great smashes the Ram 	GREECE CH. 8:21		400	330 B.C. GREECE (including Ptolemies and Seleucids)
		LEOPARD 4 Heads & 2 Sets of Wings 	ROME Split into two regions, i.e. two legs. Western Rome of the Catholic church and the Eastern Byzantine Empire later overrun by the Ottoman Turks	ROME the Western Roman Empire ended in AD 476 but the Eastern half not until 1453. The Modern or New Roman Era is its continuation in Western Europe and now America MODERN AGE West's British Empire East's Ottoman Empire & finally Mystery Babylon appears in the Last Days		300	167 B.C. Maccabees and Hasmoneans
		TERRIFYING BEAST Teeth of Iron & Ten Horns 	SMALL HORN - grows very large Replaces 3 members of a 10-member Group of Nations: The United Nations' Western Trilateral Commission? Antichrist has Muslim faith & is allied w/the Vatican's Pope: The False Prophet			200	63 B.C. ROME
						100	A.D. 70 Fall of Jerusalem REVIVED ROMAN & BABYLONIAN EMPIRES Continues until the Lord's Return

There has been pretty cool imaginations depicting this beast with Iron Teeth. Here are some examples





4th Beast: Iron Teeth



Daniel 7:7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying 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 from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

ROE: Must use Scripture w/Scripture

Now let's look to Scripture

7a:

"dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong"

"large iron teeth"



7a: “dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong”



- ❧ ‘dreadful’ [dechal (Ara) corresp. to zāhal (Heb)] means to fear. The idea is one of slinking or crawling, such as a serpent or a worm; to back away or tremble in fear.
- ❧ ‘terrifying’ [emathan (Ara) corresp. to emiym (Heb)] means dreadful or horrific, fearsome
- ❧ ‘extremely strong’ [yattir taqqiph (same in Ara and Heb)] means preeminent, surpassing (stronger than its predecessor king or nations)
 - ❧ Interesting note: ‘yattir’ is a city in Judah (2nd bear king will arise from)
 - ❧ Thus, 2nd and 4th King could both be from Judah
 - ❧ This king with iron teeth will be stronger than the kings he succeeded

7a: “large iron teeth”



- ❧ ‘large’ [rab in Ara and Heb] which means great, boastful, large
 - ❧ If noun is a Person: one in authority, great king (boastful), great God
 - ❧ If noun is a Place or thing: its greatness and large in size
- ❧ ‘rab’ in Hebrew also means an archer, bow
 - ❧ Something to keep in mind when we get to the 1st Seal in Revelation

7a: “large iron teeth”



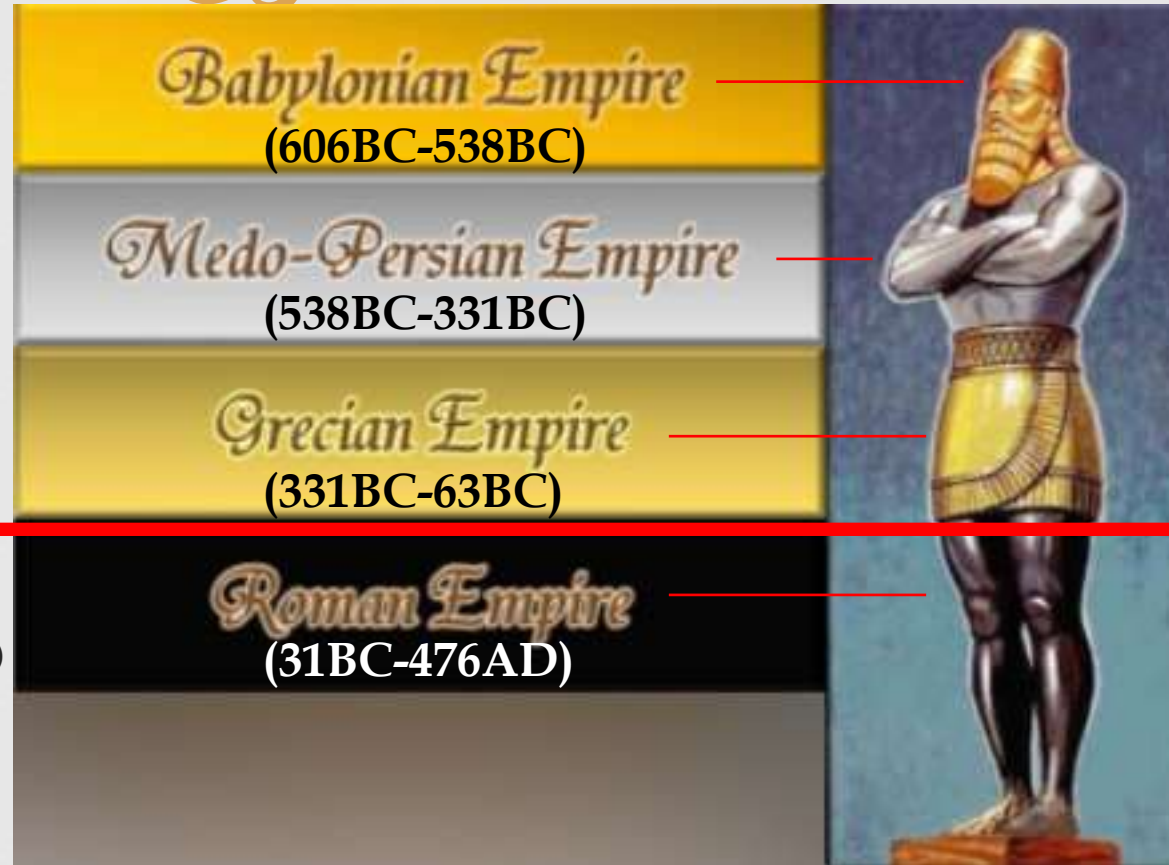
- ❧ ‘iron’ [parzel (Ara) corresp to barzel (Heb)] which means iron and often associated with axe, axe head, and chains
- ❧ We know in the book of Revelation (4th Seal) many believers will be beheaded (presumably) with an axe or axe head in the Great Tribulation
- ❧ We also know in the book of Revelation (Letter to Smyrna) that many believers will be arrested and thrown in prison (presumably behind iron bars or with iron chains)

7a: “large iron teeth”



- ❧ ‘teeth’ [shen Ara and Heb] which means tooth, ivory (such as the tooth of an elephant).
 - ❧ Root word of shen (shanan) speaks of the sharpening of a blade or weapon (in context, an axe or something that is axe-like)
 - ❧ It may also mean a sharp pointed rock (or figuratively a cliff)
- ❧ “teeth” is associated with shattering
Psalms 3:7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God!
For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek;
You have **shattered the teeth** of the wicked.
- ❧ “teeth” is also associated with plotting wickedness against the righteous:
Psalms 37:12 **The wicked plots** against the righteous
And gnashes at him **with his teeth**.
- ❧ Now as for interpretive challenges...

The Great Statue: Legs of Iron



The legs of iron =
(this is Scriptural and historically verifiable)

Roman Empire ruled from:
31BC-476BC

“large iron teeth”



- ❧ The interpretive challenge is:
 - ❧ Is the “iron legs” (including the iron in the partly iron/clay feet/toes) the same as “iron teeth”?
 - ❧ In other words, IF “iron legs” = Ancient Rome, does that mean “iron teeth” = Ancient Rome as well?
 - ❧ Or the fact that it’s legs vs. teeth steer us in another direction?
- ❧ To be conservative, I will not rule Ancient Rome out
- ❧ However, there are a couple of OT Scriptures that steer me in another direction

“large iron teeth”



☞ “iron” is associated with the stones in the land of Israel (Ancient Canaan)

Deuteronomy 8:6-10

6 Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; **a land whose stones are iron**, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

“large iron teeth”



☞ “iron” is associated the chariots of the Canaanites (Ancient Canaan)

Joshua 17:16

The sons of Joseph said, “The hill country is not enough for us, and all **the Canaanites** who live in the valley land **have chariots of iron**, both those who are in Beth-shean and its towns and those who are in the valley of Jezreel.”

☞ Daniel gives us another key detail later v. 19...

Daniel 7:19



19 “Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,...”

- ☞ Daniel give us a key detail that wasn't mentioned earlier in this chapter:
 - ☞ “with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze”
- ☞ Let's look at “claws of bronze” a little more closely

“claws of bronze”



❧ “claws” is what it means in Ara and Heb; claws of an animal or fingernail of a human

❧ Interesting: Hebrew root word has idea of departing from a location

❧ “bronze” is a precious metal and can also mean copper or brass

❧ “bronze” is associated with battle (or war)

Psalms 18:34 He trains my hands for battle,

So that my arms can bend a **bow of bronze**.

❧ Observation: Rider with white horse in John’s 4 horseman vision (1st seal in Rev 6) had a bow in his hand.

❧ It might be a bow of bronze (signifying war)

“claws of bronze”



❧ “bronze” is associated with pulverizing

Mic 4:13a “Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion,

For your horn I will make iron

And your hoofs **I will make bronze,**

That **you may pulverize** many peoples,

❧ Both iron and bronze are associated with crushing one’s enemies into pieces

❧ Interestingly enough both iron (teeth) and bronze (claws) are associated with devouring, crushing and trampling down the remainder with its feet in the vision of this 4th beast

❧ Now to interpretive challenges...

The Great Statue: Belly/Thighs of Bronze



Babylonian Empire
(606BC-538BC)

Medo-Persian Empire
(538BC-331BC)

Grecian Empire
(331BC-63BC)

Roman Empire
(31BC-476AD)



The belly/thighs of bronze =
(this is Scriptural and historically
verifiable)

Grecian Empire ruled from:
538BC-331BC

“claws of bronze”



- ❧ The interpretive challenge is:
 - ❧ Is the “belly/thighs of bronze” the same as “claws of bronze”?
 - ❧ In other words, IF “belly/thighs of bronze” = Ancient Greece, does that mean “claws of bronze” = Ancient Greece as well?
 - ❧ Or the fact that it’s belly/thighs vs. claws steer us in another direction?
- ❧ To be conservative, we’ll keep Ancient Greece in play as part of where this 4th beast kingdom may come from
- ❧ However of interesting note: bronze (like iron) is also associated with the land of Israel...

“claws of bronze”



☞ “bronze” is associated with the hills in the land of Israel (Ancient Canaan)

Deuteronomy 8:6-10 (land of Israel is in view)

6 Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper (bronze). 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

“large iron teeth” & “claws of bronze”



Which means, even if we were to be conservative and say that the 4th Beast will come from any modern day country associated with Ancient Rome or Ancient Greece today, the iron/copper to land of Israel association is a strong weight for me to favor as to where the 4th king will arise from:

- ✧ Britain
- ✧ Spain
- ✧ France
- ✧ Italy (Rome)
- ✧ Greece
- ✧ Turkey
- ✧ Armenia
- ✧ Syria
- ✧ *Lebanon*
- ✧ *Israel*
- ✧ Egypt



The last of the 4 kings in Daniels' four beasts vision will likely arise from Ancient Canaan (land of Israel/Judah) same as where the 2nd king (Bear) came from:



Goal for today's study



- ✔ Where will this 4th King (Iron Teeth) will arise from?
 - ✧ Likely from Lebanon or Israel/Judah
- ✧ What kind of beast is he?
 - ✧ Winner: Ruth's Chris gift card

What kind of beast is the 4th Beast?



- ☞ BEAST#1: **Lion** with Eagles Wings
- ☞ BEAST#2: **Bear** with 3 ribs in its mouth
- ☞ BEAST#3: **Leopard** with 4 heads and 4 bird wings
- ☞ BEAST#4: **?????** with Iron Teeth

4th Beast: Iron Teeth



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ROE: Must use Scripture w/Scripture

Now let's look at 7b



Exposit: Daniel 7b



7b It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

- ❧ “it” is referring to the 4th king or kingdom
- ❧ ‘dreadful’ as we covered [dechal (Ara) corresp. to zāhal (Heb)] means to fear. The idea is one of slinking or crawling, such as a serpent or a worm; to back away or tremble in fear.
- ❧ ‘crushed and trampled down’ [deqaq rephas (Ara) corresp to deqaq raphas (Heb)] means to break into pieces and submission (literally)
- ❧ “the remainder” [more on this]

“the remainder”



- ❧ On the surface, it may seem that “the remainder” is referring to the other 3 beast kings (Lion/Bear/Leopard)
 - ❧ This is plausible
- ❧ One thing to note however, ‘remainder’ is ‘shear’ (Ara and Heb) which means the rest or remnant or survivors
 - ❧ Shear is used to describe remnant Israel
- ❧ So all in all shear could implicate:
 - ❧ The 3 beast kingdoms (Lion/Bear/Leopard)
 - ❧ Remnant nations
 - ❧ Remnant Israel (Isa 10:20-22)

Exposit: Daniel 7b



Back to last half of 7b: It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; **and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.**

- ❧ “it” is still referring to the 4th king or kingdom
- ❧ ‘different’ [shena (Ara) corresp. to shana (Heb)] means to change.
 - ❧ Interesting note: When shena is used of decrees or covenants, it means that those decrees or covenants were changed, altered or violated
 - ❧ Which means: this 4th king could be different from the 3 beasts who were before it because it altered or changed or violated a decree or covenant
- ❧ “ten horns” [briefly touch on this now and more later]

“ten horns”



- ❧ IMPORTANT: the beast (w/Iron Teeth) is NOT the horns
 - ❧ beast \neq horns
- ❧ The beast HAD ON IT 10 horns
- ❧ In Daniels' vision, the 4 beasts = 4 kings (Dan 7:17)
- ❧ From the 4th Beast/4th king 10 horns (10 other kings) will arise from it
 - ❧ [more on this later]

The Iron Teeth King



Catarroja Amplified:

Daniel 7:7 After this [the vision of the 3rd beast] I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [king], dreadful and terrifying [he caused people to back away like a worm in horror and fear] and [this 4th king was] extremely strong [surpassing the strength and power of the 3 kings before it]; and it [the 4th king] had large iron teeth [his kingdom was great in stature and great authority wielding a sharpened axe and great chains]. It [the 4th king] devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder [he broke the remnant kingdoms and Israel before it into pieces and submission] with its [his] feet; and it was different from all the beasts [3 kings] that were before it [for he changed, altered the decrees or covenant], and it [this 4th king] had ten horns [ten other kings that will arise after him].

Daniel 7:15-28



Daniel 7:15-28 (Daniel given interpretation of 4 beast vision)

15 “As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. 16 I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: 17 ‘These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth. 18 But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’

19 “Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, 20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates. 21 I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them 22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

Daniel 7:15-28



Daniel 7:15-28 (Cont'd)

23 “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. 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 subdue three kings. 25 He will speak out 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 given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. 26 But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 27 Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’

28 “At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

Exposit: Daniel 7:17-18



17 'These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth. 18 But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

Catarroja Amplified

17 'These great beasts (Lion/Bear/Leopard/Iron Teeth), which are four in number, are four kings (4 world rulers) who will arise from the earth. 18 But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

✧ Thus the Lion/Bear/Leopard/Iron Teeth are 4 actual leaders of a nation or country

✧ king/queen/prince/president/prime minister/emperor

Exposit: Daniel 7:19-20



Now lets look at v. 20:

20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

☞ As mentioned earlier, the beast (w/Iron Teeth) is NOT the horns

☞ beast \neq horns

☞ The beast HAD ON ITS HEAD 10 horns

☞ Following this 4th king (Iron Teeth) 10 horns (10 other kings) will arise after him

☞ Now lets looks to Scripture of other “ten horns” references...

“ten horns”



Revelation 12:3-4

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, **a great red dragon** having seven heads and **ten horns**, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4 And his tail *swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

❧ Great Red Dragon = depicts Satan

❧ “ten horns” is associated with Satan

❧ Satan is depicted as a Great Red Dragon with 7 heads/10 horns/7 diadems (crowns)

“ten horns”



Revelation 13:1-2

1 And the dragon (Satan) 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 diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

☞ Beast from sea in Rev 13 had: “7 heads” + “10 horns” + “10 diadems”

Comparison of Daniel's/John's visions



Beast	Heads (Kingdoms)	Horns (Kings)	Diadems (Crowns)
4 th King w/Iron Teeth (Dan 7)	1	10	0
Great Red Dragon (Rev 12)	7	10	7
Beast from Sea (Rev 13)	7	10	10

We will unpack this when we study Revelation, but just wanted to show that there are differences and similarities between these 3 beasts

“ten horns”



Back to Revelation 13:1-2

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❧ “beast coming up out of the sea” – which sea?

“ten horns”



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❧ “beast coming up out of the sea” – which sea? **Answer: Great Mediterranean Sea!**

❧ How can we know that?

“ten horns”



A few chapters earlier:

Revelation 10:1-3

1 I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.

- ❧ “a little book” – I believe is the book of Daniel!
- ❧ The book of Daniel has the most comprehensive visions concerning the end times!
- ❧ At this point in John’s vision, Daniel’s visions are coming to fruition!
- ❧ 1st beast in Daniel’s 4 beasts vision, is a LION! (with eagles wings, but later 2 wings of a great eagle were given to the Woman (Israel) to be taken swiftly to the wilderness)

“ten horns”



☞ Anything else that connects “the little book” in Revelation to Daniel?

“ten horns”



☞ Anything else that connects “the little book” in Revelation to Daniel? Yes!

“ten horns”



☞ Anything else that connects “the little book” in Revelation to Daniel? **Yes!**

A few chapters later, Revelation 13:1-2

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“ten horns”



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☞ 1st 3 beasts in Daniel's vision are all mentioned in John's vision!

☞ Beast#1: Lion

☞ Beast#2: Bear

☞ Beast#3: Leopard

☞ Beast#4: followed or came after the 1st 3 beasts!

“ten horns”



CASE IN POINT:

- ❧ The fourth beast or fourth kingdom that arises after the 4th King (w/Iron Teeth) = the “beast coming up out of the sea” in John’s vision
- ❧ As we established “The Great Sea” in Daniel’s vision = “The Great Mediterranean Sea”
- ❧ Thus, the “beast coming up out of the sea” = the “beast coming up out of the [Mediterranean Sea]”

- ❧ There is more to Daniel’s vision (little horn) and we’ll save that for upcoming studies
- ❧ There’s a lot more to John’s vision about the Beast of the Sea and Beast of the Earth and we’ll unpack that in future studies
- ❧ But I want to draw to you a key word that will tell us what kind of beast it was...

“ten horns”



Revelation 13:

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Then I saw a **beast** coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

☞ “beast” is ‘thērion’ in Greek which means wild beasts, but it is also used to describe a venomous viper!

Acts 28:3-6

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, **a viper** came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature (thērion, the viper) hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another, “Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 However he shook the (thērion, the viper) off into the fire and suffered no harm.

What kind of Beast is King #4?



From Daniel's vision:

- ❧ Dreadful, terrifying and exceedingly strong
- ❧ Large Iron Teeth
- ❧ Claws of bronze
- ❧ It devoured the remnant nations and Israel with its feet
- ❧ It was different from other nations for it altered decrees and laws
- ❧ After him will arise "ten horns" or "ten kings"
- ❧ After those "ten kings" a little horn (11th king) will arise who will uproot the 1st 3 kings

What do we know of kingdom AFTER Beast#4?



From John's vision:

- ☞ It will have 10 horns (10 kings)
- ☞ It will have 7 heads (7 kingdoms on 7 mountains)
- ☞ It will have 10 crowns (10 kings)
- ☞ The 7 heads/7 kingdoms/7 mountains will be blasphemous names
- ☞ It is like a Leopard
- ☞ Feet of a Bear
- ☞ Mouth of a Lion
- ☞ Dragon gave him his (Satan's) power and his (Satan's) throne and great authority
- ☞ It is a Dragon, Serpent, VIPER

What kind of beast was he?



Purpose of Four Beasts



Hosea 13:1-9

1 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling.
He exalted himself in Israel,
But through Baal he did wrong and died.

2 And now they sin more and more,
And make for themselves molten images,
Idols skillfully made from their silver,
All of them the work of craftsmen.

They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"

3 Therefore they will be like the morning cloud
And like dew which soon disappears,
Like chaff which is blown away from the threshing floor
And like smoke from a chimney.

4 Yet I have been the LORD your God
Since the land of Egypt;
And you were not to know any god except Me,
For there is no savior besides Me.

Purpose of Four Beasts



Hosea 13:1-9 (Cont'd)

5 I cared for you in the wilderness,
In the land of drought.

6 As they had their pasture, they became satisfied,
And being satisfied, their heart became proud;
Therefore they forgot Me.

7 So **I (God) will be like a lion** to them;
Like a leopard I (God) will lie in wait by the wayside.

8 **I (God) will encounter them (Israel) like a bear** robbed of her cubs,
And I will tear open their chests;
There I will also devour them like a lioness,
As a wild beast would tear them.

9 It is your destruction, O Israel,
That you are against Me, against your help.