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Daniel and Revelation

The Beasts as Representations of Last-Day Kingdoms





To left: *Daniel In the Lions' Den*, pencil by Jim Robinson. God protected His prophet even though he was at the brink of death having been thrown to the lions. To right: *The Four Horsemen of Revelation*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Jesus predicted a great amount of suffering on the earth in the Last Days, and the objects in the hands of each of these riders represents a plague.

Addressing an explanation of prophecy is always a difficult task because there are often allegories and symbols for which there is no other reference in the Bible. In general, it takes a Holy Spirit to interpret the prophecies of the Bible, and He gives each of us the same understanding (2 Peter 1:20). Those of us who are saved and read in the Bible can enjoy the interpretation of prophecies like the ones in Daniel with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Since Daniel and Revelation are expansive studies, I can only briefly enter an explanation of some of the more prominent topics. Some of the beasts and the horses have been left out.

Probably the most important image in Daniel is the beast that represents the final kingdom to rule on the earth whereby the other 3 kingdoms get their power. That final kingdom will have one king called the antichrist, and he will be a forerunner of Christ on the Throne of Israel, and he knows he has but a short space to destroy the world. The beasts in Daniel do not always coincide with the beasts in Revelation, but the prophecies are similar in relevance to a *Last Days Kingdom*.

There are four beasts mentioned in the dream of the prophet Daniel in Daniel Chapter 7. There is lion with wings as the first beast which represents Babylon, the kingdom that besieged Jerusalem. His second beast is a bear with 3 ribs in his mouth that represents Medo-Persia that took the kingdom from Babylon. The third beast in Daniel is a leopard with four heads and wings that represents Greece, the world kingdom of the ancient days before Rome came to power. And Daniel's fourth beat is a fierce demonic beast with ten horns representing the power of Rome as it ruled the world in Jesus' day and how it will be revived in the Last Days. The fierce beast of Rome will rule the other three beasts, and ten kingdoms will arise under it and it will subdue them. That king, Rome, will seek to persecute and destroy the saints of God as was seen in power of the Roman Catholic Church, especially during its Inhuman Inquisition of the 500-1500 AD Dark Ages. But in the end, The Ancient of Days, another name for Jesus Christ, will come to conquer the fourth beast of Rome and then Jesus will rule the saints forever. The relevance to the End Times is that these four beasts



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The 4 Beasts of Daniel 7

World-Kingdoms of the Earth



Babylon, lion with wings. The kingdom that besieged

Jerusalem



Medo-Persia, bear. The kingdom that took the rule from Babylon.



Greece, four-headed leopard with wings. The kingdom that ruled the world under Alexander.



Rome, diverse with 10 horns.
The kingdom prophesied to be revived to rule the world in the Last Days



The antichrist will sit on Jesus'
Throne of Israel as it was established in the days of King David (shown here).



The *false prophet*, much like
Baalam (shown here with his donkey), would have lying wonders and perform miracles.



Could the **beast** of **Revelation**, which would involve computers, be a robot?

represent the four kingdoms of the Last Days—Rome of which will subdue the other three.

The 2 beasts of <u>Revelation Chapter 13</u> are similar to Daniel's beasts. The leopard, the first beast arising from the sea, has 7 lion heads and ten horns with ten crowns to represent power to make war with the saints. The leopard is known for speaking blasphemies against God.

The second beast is given no particular form (but is commonly represented as a dragon) other than that it has two horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon. This beast gives power to the first beast and rears up an image to be worshipped by people on the earth. He is also responsible for the *mark of the beast* which will control all commerce, including commerce for sustenance.

In the *tribulation* of Revelation, and the preliminary times to it, there will develop a *one-world economy*, a *one-world religion* and a *one-world government* system.

In relevance to a one-world economy, you have seen the Eurodollar and its use in Europe as a common currency, and many of our transactions are now done on computer from internet banking to credit cards. A chip could develop based on your personal information, the same chip in your technology devices, which could later be put under the skin as the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:11-18). You would not be able to buy or sell without that mark.

In relevance to a one-world religion, the Catholic Church started off about 1500

years ago compelling the world to be Catholic. It may come disguised as the New Age religion, but Daniel and Revelation both speak of a Revived Roman Empire and its religion. (Daniel 7:7-8, Revelation Chapters 17-18).

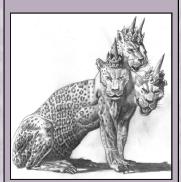
In relevance to a one-world government, you have seen the formation of the United Nations within the past 60 years as a negotiation tool for war and international affairs. It falls just short of being a governing body. The antichrist may find a way to lead the United Nations (Revelation 13:1-10).

The Book of Revelation pairs the *antichrist* with his *false prophet* and *beast*—the three working together under the leadership of the antichrist to rule the world. The *antichrist* is Satan himself sitting on Jesus' Throne of Israel (Ezekiel 28:2). The *false prophet* would speak great swelling words and show lying wonders and actual miracles so that if it were possible he could deceive the very elect saints (Matthew 24:24). The *beast* could very well be a robot as it

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The 2 Beasts of Revelation 13

Kingdom of the Last Days



First beast, leopard with 7 heads. To make war with



Second beast, dragon (commonly). To render the

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream in Daniel 2

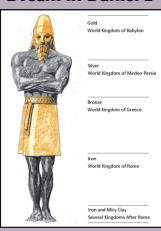


Image of earth elements to prophesy kingdoms past, present and future.

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fits the description of having the abilities of a computer, and it is commonly worshipped by inhabitants of the earth in the tribulation prophecy (Revelation 13:11-18).

There are yet several other beasts mentioned in both Daniel and Revelation that involve a whole other study (such as the beast of Revelation 12 where the woman sits and its relevance to the Catholic Church). Regardless, I would like to just include the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2 as it relates to the kingdoms of history and the Last Days.

The image of Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon's king) was a man standing on a rock. His body was composed of 5 different earth elements to represent 5 different kingdom ages—past, present and future. His head was made of gold to represent the Babylonian Empire. His chest was made of silver to represent the Empire of the Medes and the Persians. His loins were made of brass to represent the Grecian Empire and his legs were made of iron to represent the Roman Empire which would rule all of the other kingdoms (a you can see the relevance to the four beasts of Daniel 7 and the two beasts of Revelation 13). His feet are composed of iron and clay to represent the kingdoms after Rome that will rule with the Rome but

the two will never mix or agree (because clay does not mix with iron).

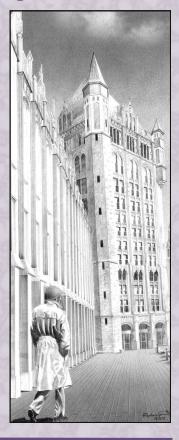
In conclusion, The reign of the anti-Christ for 7 years will prove to be a great tribulation on mankind as he establishes world power. He will lure in the world with 3 and a half years of joy and plenty, then he will torture the world with 3 and a



in the world with 3 and a half years of joy and plenty, then he will torture the Although many buildings made by man may be *like* the buildings Jesus will erect here, they are yet nothing in comparison to the glory of God's cities.

half years of tribulation such as was never before on the earth (Matthew 24:21). The born-again Christian will be spared this event because Jesus is coming to rapture him to Heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). We will literally rise up in the clouds prior to the reign of the antichrist, but we will experience some of the preliminaries of the tribulation before the Rapture. Have you been born again; are you ready?

A pocket-carry version of *Daniel and Revelation* can be purchased from <u>kivbiblebooks.net.</u>



The Importance of Tracts Leaving Behind a Printed Record of the Gospel

It is not required to have tracts when a person goes soul winning—but they sure do help. Tracts break the ice for strangers either at the door to their house or standing at a bus stop. They provide a printed record of the gospel, and often have a church stamp to give the soul winner some identity and validity. A verbal conversation about the gospel only goes to so far in a person's memory, but a printed tract relays all of the necessary information and scripture permanently.

Very often churches have tracts available to people for free. I have a site called kivbibletracts.net where you can download tracts for free (if they will not download in the Internet Explorer browser you can use the Firefox browser). You can take that pdf file and print it anywhere you see fit, preferably on a copier that can handle images well. The tract shown to the right is an econo-tract that lays out 6 of them on an 8 $1/2 \times 11$ " sheet. Copies are commonly .10 cents each and printing out ten copies for a dollar plus tax and cutting them down will yield 60 tracts.

You can also order tracts online, and sometimes you can find them for free. The beautiful and colorful tracts are often expensive, but they work very well. The thing to be sure about when you order tracts is that they are King James scripture and they carry the reader through the four points of salvation:

First, the reader must realize he is a sinner (Romans 3:23 is often used for this). Then he must realize the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Then he must know that not only will he die, but his soul will go to Hell (Revelation 20:15)



because he has to be sinless to go to Heaven. And lastly, he must realize that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for his sin so that he does not have to go to Hell (Romans 10:13). All he has to do at that point is pray and ask Jesus to save him, believing. A tract should have the sinner's prayer on it or at least the outline of the prayer.

So, try to have tracts when you go soul winning, but if there are none just be bold with your speech.

