

Daniel

Preliminaries

- **Historical Context**

1. In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. Dan 1:1
2. The empire of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.
3. The book is the revelation of what is to come to pass for Israel and when will salvation come.
4. Daniel in Ezekiel 14; Compare to three Hebrew Children
5. Daniel and Sussanna and Daniel and the Dragon

Chapter 1

- But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
- And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

Chapter 2

- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream and interpretation
 1. Head of Gold/Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)
 2. Breast and Arms of Silver (Media-Persia)
 3. Loins of Brass (Greece)
 4. Legs of Iron (Rome)
 5. Feet of Iron mixed with clay (Seventh/Eighth Kingdoms)
 6. Stone which becomes High Mountain (Kingdom of the God of Heaven)



Chapter 3

- Nebuchadnezzar sets up an image
- Fiery Furnace
 - Further information in OT Apochrypha
 - Prayer of Azarias

Chapter 4

- Nebuchadnezzar dreams again’
 - This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will

Chapter 5

- Belshazzar's feast
- Writing on the wall
 - Mene Mene Tekel Peres (Upharsin)
- End of the kingdom of Babylon
 - In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old

Chapter 6

- Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God
- The Lion's Den
 - Testing again in the empire of Medio-Persia
- So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Chapter 7

- Daniel Dreams in the time of Belshazzar; Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another
 - 1 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings:I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it
 - 2 a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it:and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh
 - 3 another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it
 - 4 a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth:it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it:and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns



The Babylonian Empire

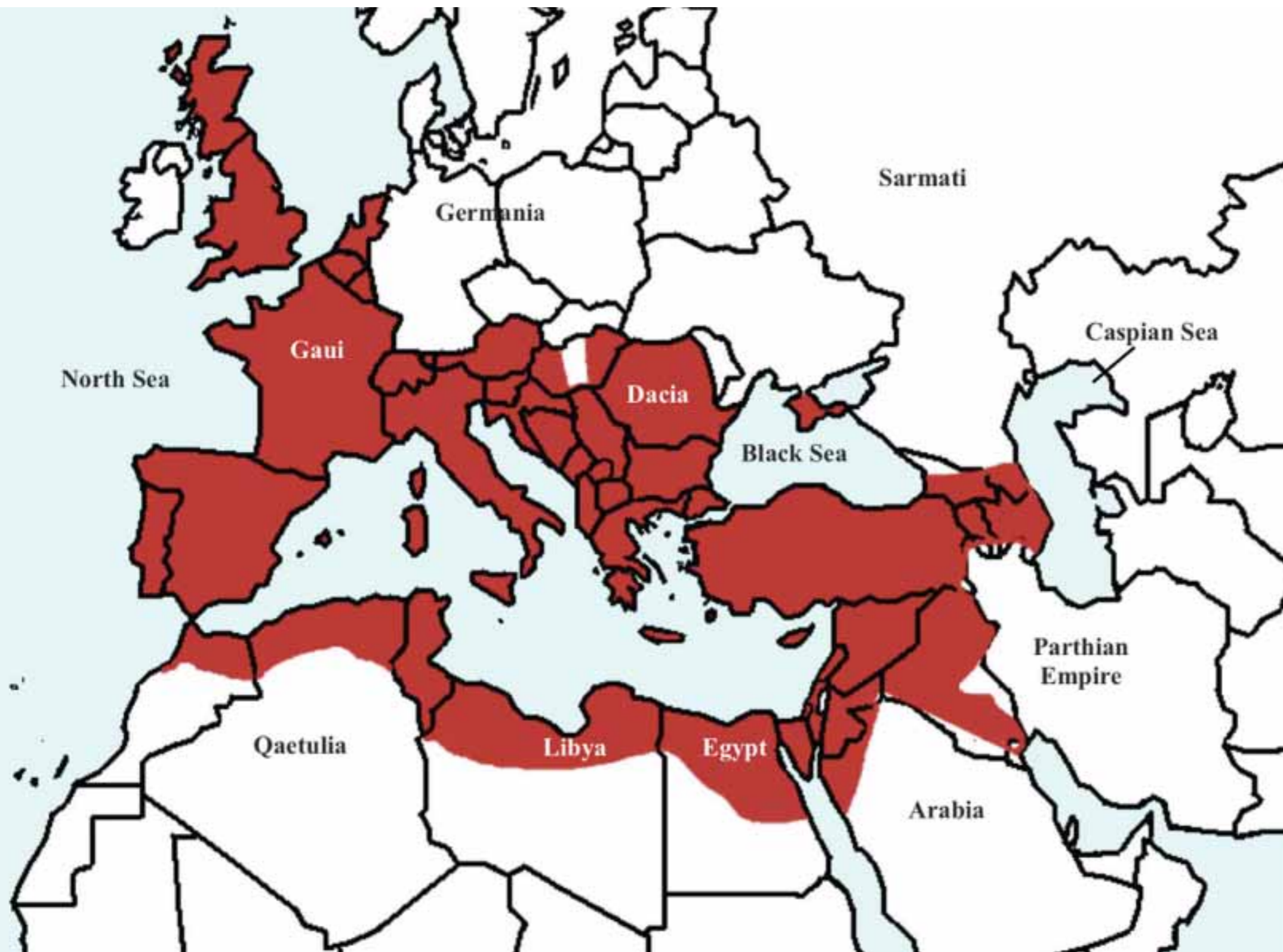


The Persian Empire



The Greek Empire





- The horns of the fourth beast.
- I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots:and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things
- The Final Judgment

Chapter 8

- Daniel's second dream during Belshazzar's reign
- Ram with two horns and Goat with notable Horn
- Notable Horn broken and four come up
- Out of one of the four comes a little horn
- 2,300



Chapter 9

- In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
- 70 weeks are determined
 - From command to restore Jerusalem until Messiah the prince shall be 7 weeks and threescore and 2 weeks
 - 7 weeks Temple rebuilt
 - walls rebuilt in troublous times (See Ezra and Nehemiah)
 - After 62 weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself (See NT! :)
 - Final Week noted; the abomination that makes Desolate. (See Revelation)

Captivity/Service of 70 years	Nebuchadnezzar conquered	Dwelt in Babylon Jer 25:11-12; 29:10; Isa 23:14	609 BC-539 BC Freed by Cyrus 2 Chr 36:22 Ezra 1:1
7 Weeks	49 years	Temple restored	
Interregnum		Walls rebuilt in troubled times	Ezra 1:1 Neh 2:1
62 weeks	434 years	Messiah Appears	
Interregnum		Church Age	
1 week	7 years	The Tribulation	Revelation

Table 1

¹ Daniel's 70 weeks	Judah	Babylon	Media	Persia	70 weeks of Daniel	Notes	Greece	High Priest
? AD					Final Week			
??????	1948 return					Church Age		
30 AD						Messiah crucified		
4 BC					404 BC-30 AD			
100 BC								
200 BC					62 weeks or			
300 BC					434 years			
332 BC				Darius 336-332 BC			Alexander conquers Persia	
350 BC				Artaxerxes III 358 BC-338 BC				
400 BC				Artaxerxes II 404BC-358 BC			Neh 8 Ezra & Nehemiah	Joiakim son of Joshua
425 BC	Zech 1:1,7 2nd yr of Darius;			Darius II 424 BC-405 BC	? 86 yr interregnum	Wall still broken down	Ezra 4:24 work ceased Ezra	Joshua son of Jozadek
450 BC	20th yr of Artaxerxes			Artaxerxes 465 BC-424 BC	wall rebuilt in troublous times			Zech 1:12 70 years 492-422
475 BC				Xerxes 486 BC-465 BC				
500 BC				Darius I 522 BC-486 BC				
525 BC				Cambyses 530 BC-522 BC	7 weeks or 49 years, 539-490			
539 BC	Ezra 1:1	Cyrus' command freeing Jews to	Darius the Mede?	Cyrus		Cyrus conq Babylon 539 BC		
550 BC		Nabonidus 555-539 BC (after		Cyrus 550 BC-530 BC	609 BC-539 BC	Cyrus deposes Astyages 550		
575 BC	Zedekiah 597-586 BC	Nebuchadnezzar 605-562 BC	Astyages 585-549 BC		70 years of Jeremiah 25	Israel served Babylon until		
600 BC	Jehoiachin Jehoiakim	Nebuchadnezzar 605-562 BC	Cyaxares 624-585 BC		609 BC-539 BC	First captivity		
625 BC	Josiah 640-609 BC	Nabopolassar 626 BC-605 BC						

Chapter 10

- In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.
- behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude
- Compare Rev 1:13

Chapter 11

- Persia and Greece
- Strengthen Darius the Mede
- Very detailed
- Verse 40; And at the time of the end...

Chapter 12

- *And at that time...*