

The Four Beasts of Daniel 7
Four pieces of evidence pointing to
Modern-Day Countries



1st Piece of Evidence – “ARISE”

Daniel 7:17 KJV, These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall **ARISE** out of the earth.

The lion, bear, and leopard “shall arise.” Daniel is under the Babylonian king when he had this vision. Therefore, this proves that the first beast mentioned is NOT ancient Babylon, because it was already risen and at the height of its power during Daniel’s time. In Daniel 2, when he spoke of the image with the head of gold, arms of silver, mid-section of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay, he clearly says the golden head is the current kingdom of Babylon. But Daniel 7:17 says all the kingdoms are yet in the future relative to Daniel’s time, that is when these four beasts will arise.



2st Piece of Evidence – The order of events found in the Book of Revelation

The Beasts Kingdoms Must arise **After Christ’s Birth**

Revelation chapters 12-14 (Imagery of the Sun clothed woman and the dragon) are a single vision of Christ birth and ascension back to heaven. Christ was born after ancient Babylon, ancient Media/Persia, and ancient Greece, yet the lion, bear, and leopard arose after His birth. This is shown in Revelation 13:1-3 as the beast out of the sea. Therefore, the lion, bear, and leopard are nations that arise sometime after Christ’s birth, but before His Second Coming.



3rd Piece of Evidence – The three beasts are found in Revelation 13 – as End-Time nations.

Revelation 13:1-3 (NASB), “¹And 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 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. ³ I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

In these scriptures our first three beasts are again mentioned as being in modern end times, and as a part of the Antichrist kingdom. The four beasts have become ONE BEAST

implying they somehow together make up the final Kingdom of the Antichrist, yet one head in particular will rule all of the others – shown to Daniel as the dreadful beast. When you count the heads of Daniel’s beasts you get 7 (1 head lion, 1 head bear, 4 heads leopard, 1 head dreadful beast). Revelation 13 shows the same 7 heads. There are seven heads yet one beast. This one is a composite of all of these kingdoms, the lion, bear, and leopard, within it in the end times. Revelation primarily deals with the time of Christ’s Second Coming and these beasts are in existence at that time.



4th Piece of Evidence – After the Antichrist is Destroyed, The first three Kingdoms Still Exist

AFTER the Antichrist Kingdom is destroyed by God, which we know to be at the Coming of Jesus at Armageddon, we see this verse:

Daniel 7:12 (KJV), “As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.”

The lion, bear, and leopard kingdoms must still exist during the reign of the Antichrist. This is what makes us look at modern nations to be considered rather than ancient Babylon, ancient Media/Persia, and ancient Greece. Babylon no longer exists as a nation. Media/Persia no longer exists as it did in Daniel’s day. Greece exists but it is in an economic down-spiral. If being prolonged “for a season and time” applied to ancient Babylon, Media/Persia, and Greece, then all three would be prolonged for the same time, but two are gone thousands of years ago, and one remains. Therefore, this verse cannot apply to these ancient nations. It must apply to nations that exist during the time of the Antichrist’s Kingdom all the way until the Coming of Jesus.

Daniel sees the ultimate end of the Antichrist and the False Prophet. These two are men in the flesh who have received an evil spirit (Rev.6:1). The first rider of the Apocalypse who is spirit goes out into the world and enters into a man and he becomes the Antichrist. The same is true for the False Prophet. In both cases their power is given them by the dragon. When you take all that away what you have left is two men with an eternal soul. The death of the Antichrist and False Prophet happens at Armageddon (Rev.19:20) when they are thrown alive into the lake which burns with fire (Lake of Fire) where the Dragon will soon join them.



5th Piece of Evidence – The sequence of events spoken by the angel.

The INTERPRETATION ... As told to Daniel by the angel.



¹⁵“As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. ¹⁶I 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:”



The angel gave to Daniel (and to us today) the interpretation of this vision in the order of their happen (their sequence of events).

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.’

The angel made it clear the four beasts **WILL** arise, future tense. In Daniels day ancient Babylon had already risen. The time frame given in v18, puts all four kingdoms in the same time frame as John’s “**GREAT TRIBULATION.**” The angel speaks of a future Lion who would also be part of the Antichrist system. From Daniels point of view the beasts have not yet come, but they will arise from the earth just prior to the fourth beast, and indeed become part of the Beast out of the Water” spoken of by John.

In the very next verse (v18), the angel speaks directly to the “saints of the Highest One (Saints of God) who receive the kingdom and possess that kingdom forever (the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus). This is all end-time prophecy. It is described in more detail in Revelation 12-14.

In Daniel’s day and for a few thousand years into the future, the people of God (Jews) were in exile in Babylon. They were not receiving a kingdom and possessing anything. This interruption is clearly a modern one for the saints of the end-time church age who will see the events unfold.

What the angel told Daniel, so he tells us today, we have seen the Lion, the Bear and the Leopard kingdoms rise and decline in power ... we are still waiting for the fourth beast. He is alive today waiting for his time to arise.