

Review :

Chapters 1 - 6 were primarily historic in nature. Daniel was shown as a man of *purpose* (1:8) and *prayer* (2:17-18). From chapter 7 onward Daniel is God's man for prophecy. And God gives him dreams, visions, angelic visits and divine interpretations. The dream given to Daniel in this chapter corresponds to Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image in chapter 2.

History: This dream was given to Daniel *in the first year of Belshazzar*, that is 22 years before chapter 6.

Chapter Summary :

Nebuchadnezzar's dream (ch 2) showed man's view of the world's kingdoms.

Daniel's vision reveals God's view of the same kingdoms. **1 Samuel 16:7, Daniel 4:16**

- v 4 **Babylon** : the first Gentile kingdom is likened to **a lion** with *eagle's wings*. **Jer 49:19-22**
606 - 536 BC (70y)
- v 5 **Media-Persia** : A. *like a bear* - they moved slowly, and carried large numbers and supplies.
536 - 333 BC (203y) B. *raised up on one side* = Persia, the dominant member
C. *three ribs* = they conquered Babylon, Lydia, & Egypt
- v 6 **Greece** : A. *like a leopard* - they attacked enemy 'prey' suddenly
333 - 146 BC (187y) B. *four wings* = 2 cavalry + 2 infantry wings
C. *four heads* = the division of the empire @ Alexander's death
(1) Cassander : Macedonia (Thrace)
(2) Lysimachus : Asia Minor (Lydia)
(3) Seleucus : Syria
(4) Ptolemy : Egypt **Daniel 8:8, 21-22 & 11:2-4**
- v 7 **Rome** : A. *dreadful, terrible, strong, iron* **Daniel 2:40**
146 BC - 476 AD (622y) " The ancient Roman Empire gave the world an ecumenical unity that the League of Nations and the U.N. have sought to give in our time. "
"The Roman Empire turned the world into a safe (Pax Romana) and dreary prison. To resist was fatal and it was impossible to fly." *Gibbon*
B. *diverse from all . . . ten horns* **Daniel 2:41**
Revelation 13:1 & 12:3, 9 & 17:12