

“The Four Beasts”

Part 2: The Bear King



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Daniel Mini Series



✓ The Great Statue (Dan 2)

✓ Four Beasts (Dan 7)

✓ Lion

✧ Bear [covering today]

✧ Leopard

✧ Iron Teeth

✧ Ram and Goat (Dan 8)

✧ Little Horn (Dan 7-8)

✧ Seventy Weeks (Dan 9)

1st Beast: like a Lion



Daniel 7:4 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.

Last week we covered:

- who is likened to a Lion in Scripture
- what do “wings of an eagle” signify

But what we didn't cover is the latter half of v. 4

KING #1



Exposit: Daniel 7:4b



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- ❧ “it” is referring to the Lion
- ❧ ‘lifted’ is ‘netal’ in Aramaic which means raised
- ❧ ‘netal’ corresponds to ‘natal’ in Hebrew which interestingly also means to offer up

2 Samuel 24 (God is going to discipline David for taking Census)

12“Go [God speaking to Gad the prophet] and speak to David, ‘Thus the LORD says, “I am offering [natal] you three things; choose for yourself one of them, which I will do to you.”

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- ☞ “made to stand” is ‘qum’ in Aramic which means to arise, set up, or establish
- ☞ ‘qum’ is same in Hebrew also means to continue, decree, lift up (again)
- ☞ “two feet like a man” is “regal enash” in Aramaic which figuratively describes the feet of a giant statue that is stood up like man

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- ❧ “a human mind” is “enash lebab” in Aramaic which means how it’s transliterated in English “a human mind” or a “mind of a man”
- ❧ “given” is ‘yehab’ in Aramaic which means to give or pay
- ❧ ‘yehab’ corresponds to ‘yahab’ in Hebrew which means to ascribe or provide

Now let’s pull all this together...

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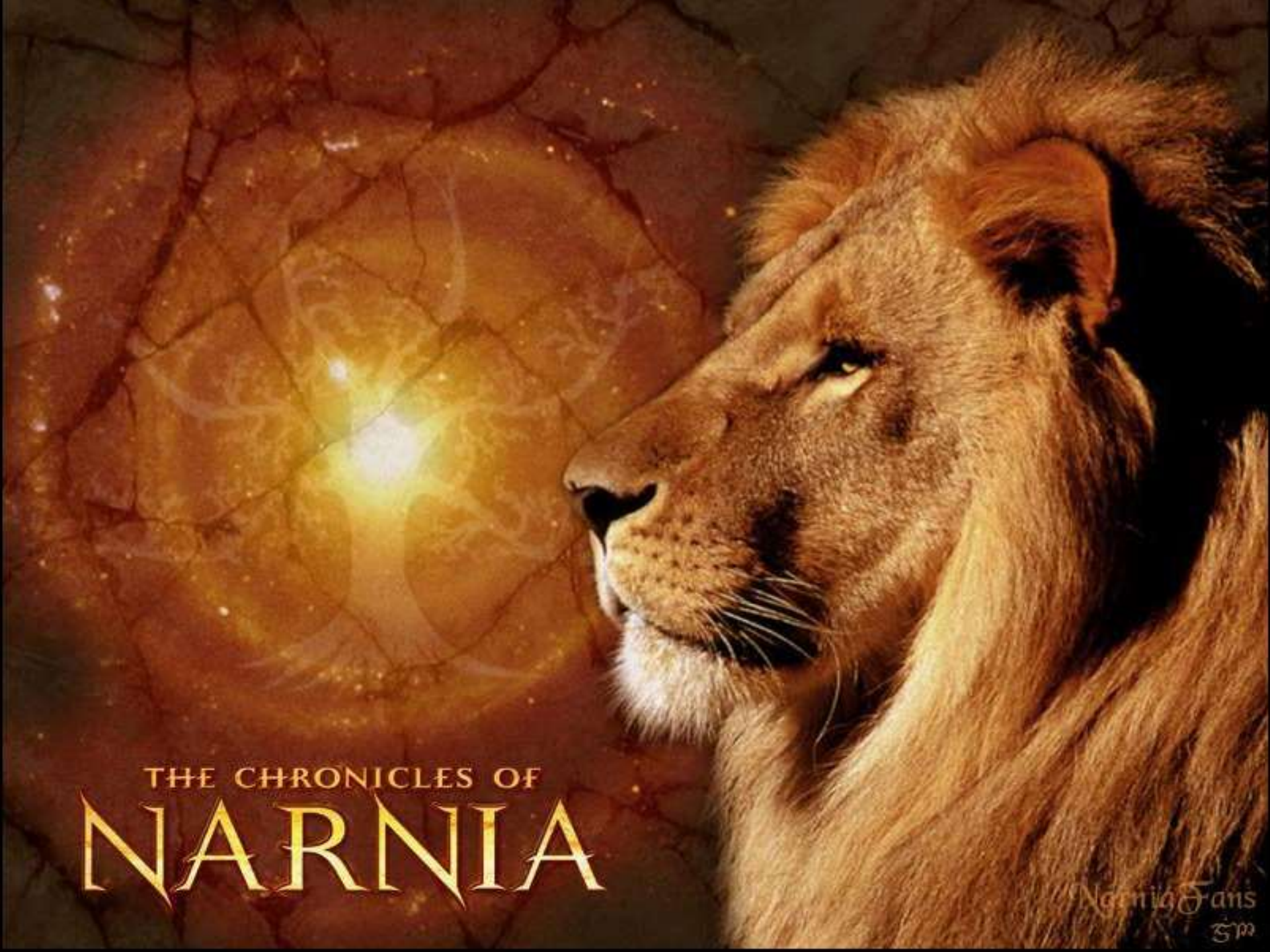


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☞ What is also bizarre is John's vision concerning the mark of the beast

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Revelation 13:11-15 (after the 7th Trumpet)

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he (the beast of the earth) had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. 15 And it was given to him (the beast of the earth) to give breath to the image of the beast (of the sea), so that the image of the beast (of the sea) would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

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- ❧ In Dan 7:4b: the Lion in Daniel's four beast vision was given **a human mind**
- ❧ In Rev 13: the beast from the earth **gave breath** (pneuma or spirit) **to the image** (eikōn or statue) so that it (the eikōn statue) **would even speak**

- ❧ There is a statue in both visions that are life like (human mind; spirit like; and would even speak)
- ❧ All this is to say, Artificial-Lifelike-Intelligence and some sort of demonic activity seems to be in play in both of these prophecies
 - ❧ Glimpses of an artificial human mind can be seen with Siri, Alexa
- ❧ BUT there is something that even topped the Siri's, Alexa's...

Meet Sophia



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The 1st humanoid with citizenship

In 2017, Sophia made history by becoming the first android to be granted legal citizenship . The humanoid , with nationality of Saudi Arabia, has made several controversial statements, but the most recent has left the world speechless: she wants to have a robot baby and start a family .



The Great Statue



Middle East:

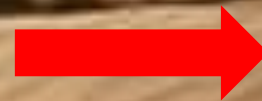
- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Egypt
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Pakistan
- Syria
- Turkey

European:

- France
- Great Britain
- Greece
- Italy (Rome)
- Spain

Wild Card:

- India
- Saudi Arabia



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I say all this to say:

- ❧ This would place the Lion and the rest of the four beasts in Daniel's vision not in the past (historical), but in the future (where there is advanced civilization, including an advancement in technology)
- ❧ Those who argue that the Lion or any of the four beasts were historical kings, they will need to reconcile Dan 7:4b and "a human mind" was given to it (a statue like a man)
- ❧ As we progress in our studies, we will find that the four beasts in Daniel's vision more naturally and progressively places the four kings towards the latter times (historical kings are just glimpses)
 - ❧ When we get to Rev 10, 13 this will be supported further
 - ❧ Lion/Bear/Leopard all mentioned

Daniel 7



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.

Daniel sees the 1st of 4 kings arise from the Mediterranean Sea
(Mediterranean nation) that was part of Ancient Assyria/ Ancient Babylon:



2nd Beast: like a Bear



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Who is this 2nd Mediterranean king (aka the Bear King)?

We'll look at the some common interpretations

Then we'll look to Scripture



Chapter 2

Chapter 7

Babylonian Empire
(606BC-538BC)



Babylon



**Medo-
Persia**



Greece



Rome



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

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	626 B.C.	BABYLONIA	
		LION Wings Like an Eagle 	RAM Persia - King Darius III 	MEDO-PERSIA CH. 8:20	539 B.C.	MEDO-PERSIA	
		BEAR Holding Three Ribs in its Jaws 	GOAT Alexander the Great smashes the Ram 	GREECE CH. 8:21	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	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 	MODERN AGE West's British Empire East's Ottoman Empire & finally Mystery Babylon appears in the Last Days	63 B.C.	ROME	
THE MODERN AGE IS THE TIME OF MYSTERY BABYLON AND THE RISE OF ANTICHRIST. ANTICHRIST WILL CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF MYSTERY BABYLON							A.D. 70 Fall of Jerusalem REVIVED ROMAN & BABYLONIAN EMPIRES Continues until the Lord's Return

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2 Samuel 17:8 (Absalom is getting counsel from Hushai)

8 Moreover, Hushai said, “You know your father [David] and his men, that they are mighty men and they are fierce, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an expert in warfare, and will not spend the night with the people.

❧ “like a bear” = mighty men (warriors)

❧ David and his men are likened to a bear

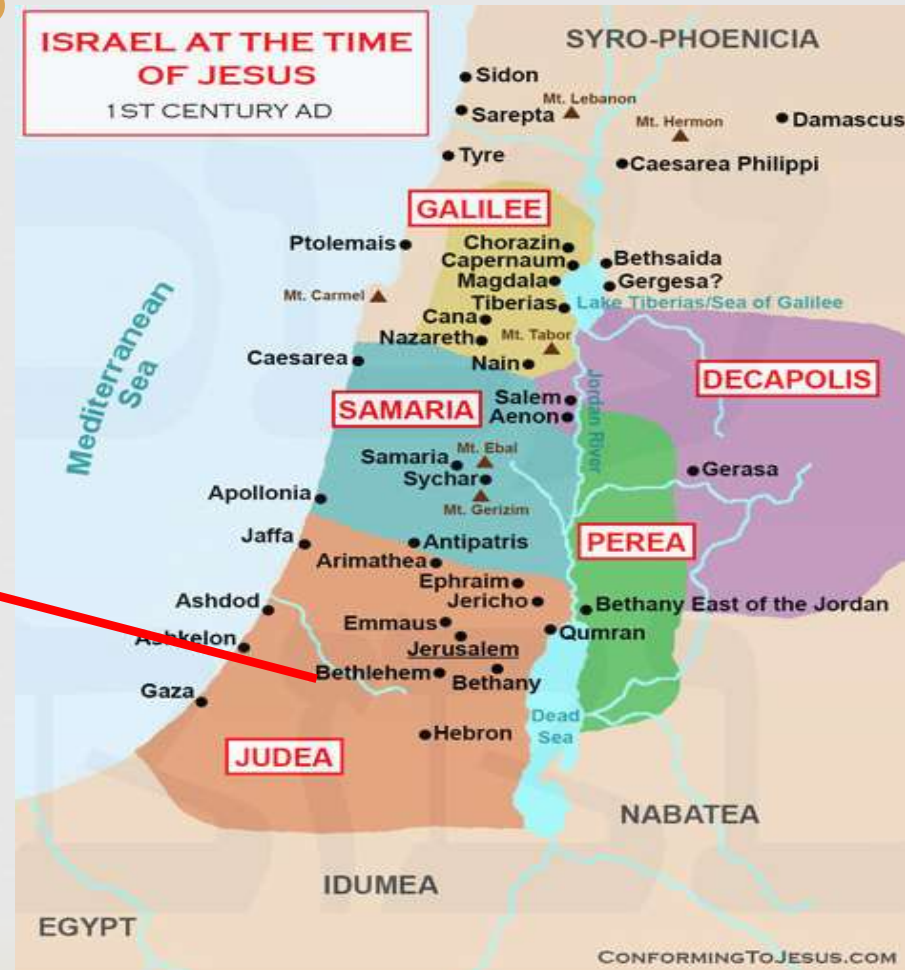
❧ David is likened as being an “expert in warfare”

❧ David was born in the City of David (Bethlehem)

❧ Bethlehem is in Judah (south of Jerusalem)

} Clue: of 2nd Bear King
geographic location

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ROE: Must use Scripture w/Scripture

What does "raised up on one side" mean?

What does Scripture tell us of 'ribs' and 'devour'?

For brownie points:

Who are "they" in "thus **they** said to it..."



“raised up on one side”



- ❧ ‘raised up’ is ‘qum’ in Aramic which means to arise, set up, or establish
- ❧ ‘qum’ is same in Hebrew also means to continue, decree, lift up (again)
- ❧ This Bear is raised up or made to stand (qum) just like the Lion

“raised up on one side”



- ❧ “one” is ‘chad’ in Aramaic which means first, single, same time
- ❧ ‘chad’ corresponds to Hebrew ‘had’ which the subject is singled out from another
- ❧ ‘side’ is ‘setar’ in Aramaic which means side (distinct from front or back)
- ❧ This bear was on its side, but the time came when it was made to stand

“three ribs”



- ☞ ‘rib’ in Aramaic is ‘ala’
- ☞ It corresponds to ‘sela’ in Hebrew which means rib or side
- ☞ ‘sela’ is the Hebrew root word used to describe where God created Eve from (Adam’s sela or side or rib)
- ☞ The Bear in Daniel’s vision has 3 ribs (ala or sela) in its mouth

'Arise, devour much meat!'



This Bear was given the command to:

- ❧ 'Arise' is an indication that the bear was on its side (a picture of it hibernating) but the time came when it was established
- ❧ 'devour' is the Aramaic verb 'akal' which is often used to describe a beast feasting on its prey
- ❧ It's Hebrew equivalent is also 'akal' which means to eat, consume freely
- ❧ Here's are some examples of what 'akal' is associated with in the OT...

2nd Beast: like a Bear



☞ 'akal' is associated with devouring nations:

Numbers 24:8-9 (Balaam's Oracles)

8 "God brings him [Israel] out of Egypt,

He [Messiah] is for him [Israel] like the horns of the wild ox.

He [Messiah] will **devour [akal]** the nations who are his [Messiah's] adversaries,

And will crush their bones in pieces,

And shatter them with his arrows.

9 "He couches, he lies down as a lion,

And as a lion, who dares rouse him?

Blessed is everyone who blesses you [Israel],

And cursed is everyone who curses you [Israel]."

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☞ 'akal' is also associated with a deceitful tongue:

Psalms 52:4 You love all words that devour (akal),
O deceitful tongue.

2nd Beast: like a Bear



- ❧ 'akal' in Num 24 is associated with devouring nations who are adversaries
- ❧ 'akal' in Ps 52 is associated with a deceitful tongue
- ❧ The fact that 3 ribs + devour (akal) in the Bear's mouth are associated with one another
- ❧ We can deduce that the 2nd King in Daniel's vision (the Bear King with 3 ribs in its mouth) is a deceitful king, masterful in war, who were side by side with 3 neighboring nations
- ❧ However the Bear king was given a decree from heaven to to overtake those 3 nations (along with its kings) and prey on them

2nd Beast: like a Bear



Is there any OT passages that can tell us more of this 2nd Bear:

Proverbs 28:15 Like a roaring lion and a rushing bear

Is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

❧ In context, rab yam (great sea) quite literally means the roaring sea

❧ Rushing bear = wicked ruler

❧ We can deduce that the 2nd Beast (Bear) will be a wicked king like the 1st Beast (Lion)

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Brownie points:

☞ Who are “they” in:

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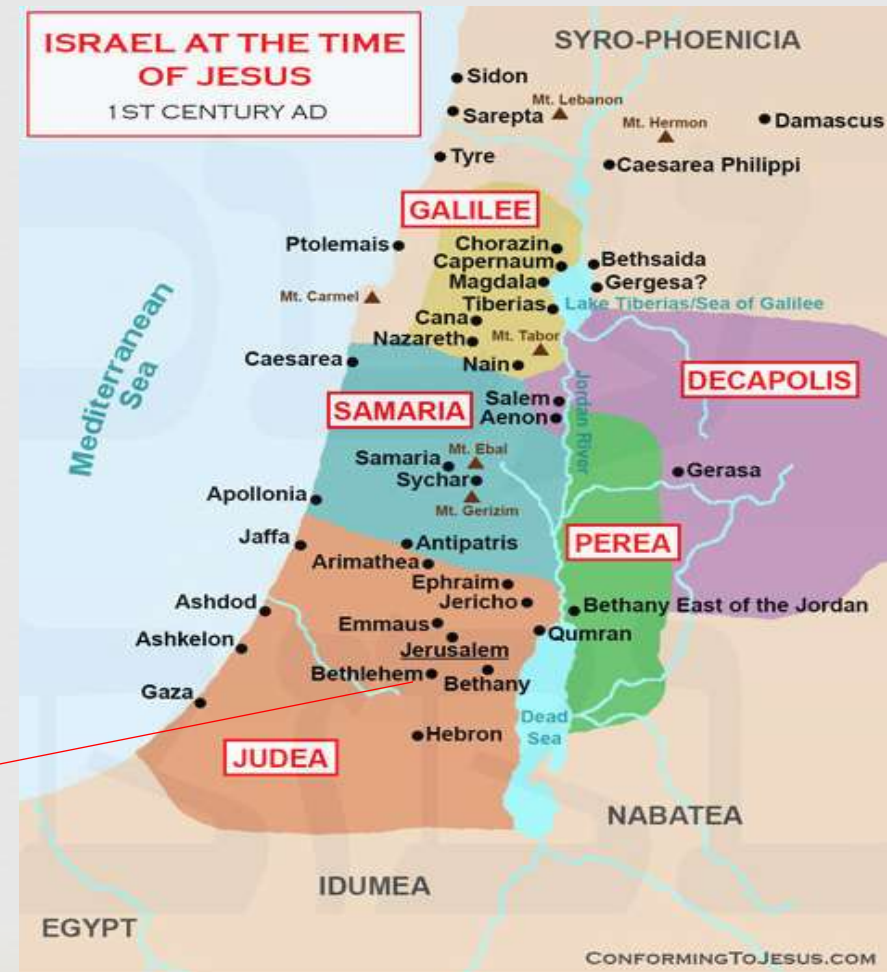
☞ How many are they?

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Which present day countries are in play where the 2nd beast (2nd wicked king whom he and his men are valiant warriors) will arise from Daniel's four beasts vision (City of David/Bethlehem) and devour 3 nations through deceit.

☞ Judah (Southern Israel)



Now let's add the 2nd king's geographical location using Scripture



The 2nd of 4 kings of Daniels' vision rose from Judah (Southern Israel) where King David was from (Bethlehem, the City of David):

