

Daniel Chapters 2 and 7

**AN OVERVIEW OF GENTILE WORLD HISTORY
TOLD IN ADVANCE**

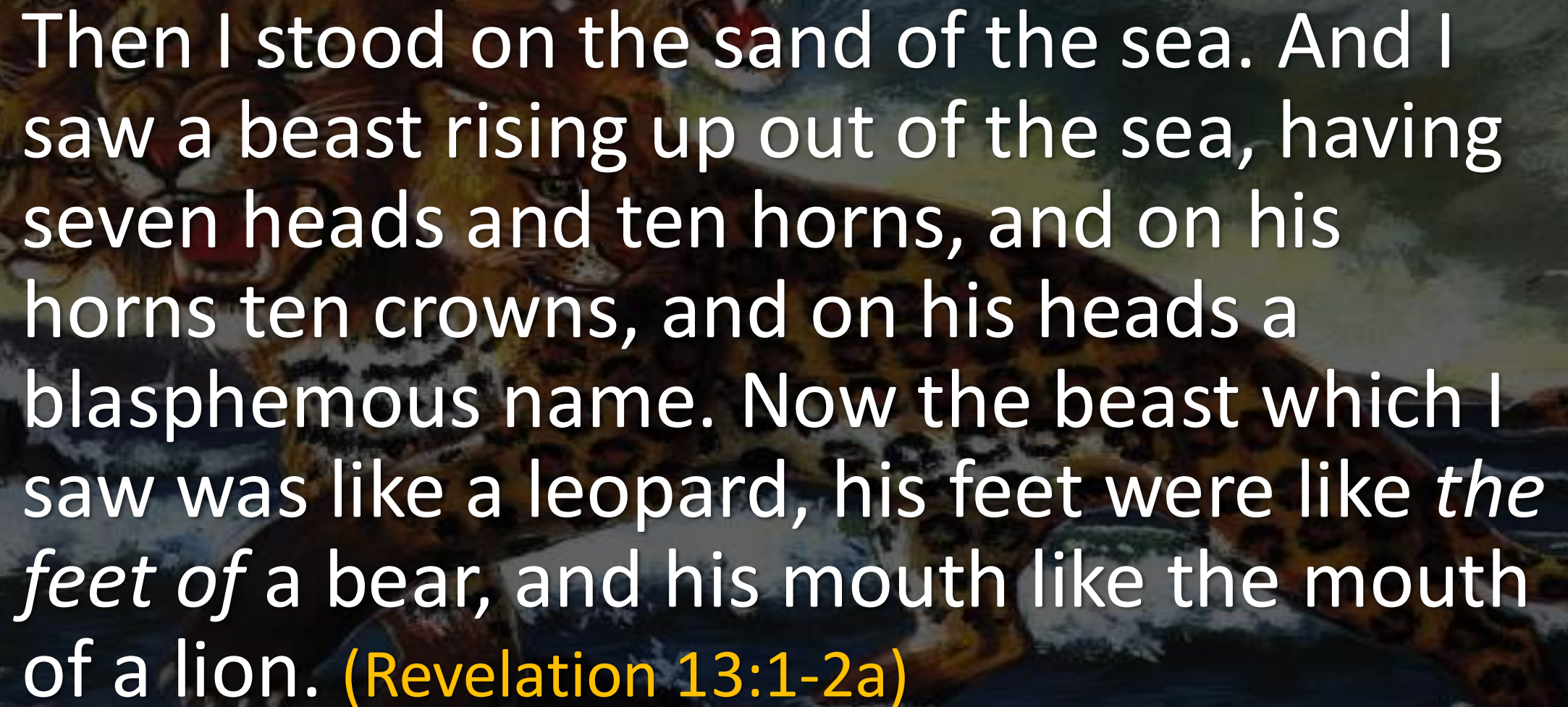
Background Information for Revelation Chapter 13



**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**



A dramatic painting depicting a multi-headed, multi-horned beast rising from the sea. The creature has seven heads and ten horns, each with a crown. The heads are of various animals, including a lion, a leopard, and a bear. The beast is shown in a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves. The overall tone is dark and ominous.

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. (Revelation 13:1-2a)

All about **world empires, man's governments**.
Almost universally understood 7 heads represent 7 world kingdoms (empires) throughout history.
“Beast” = single being representing conglomerate of human power (corrupt and evil).

As far as “**world empires and powers**” go, here is how it began and progressed through history, per God's reckoning...

Remember Bible is ISRAEL-centric

Beginning of world empires....

1

Sumeria

Ur of the Chaldees, one of the biggest Sumerian cities



Egypt

God raised a nation within a nation...



Assyria

3

- Fierce empire, brutal, first “terrorists”
- Raised up as a tool for judgment on both divided kingdoms of Israel, as well as Israel’s enemies



- God mapped out all of world history in advance.
- He is Sovereign, and chose to give man a glimpse ahead of time.
- First 3 world powers (Sumeria, Egypt and Assyria) played out on history's stage, but they are NOT the empires critical to end times prophecies.
- The next 4 are vital to prophetic understanding: **Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.** *Keep track of the count...important later.*

Sumer, Egypt, Assyria...

Then **Babylon**...
and King Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel Chapter 2

- The Dream Statue
- Gentile History in Advance
- From that moment in history, to the end of time



Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, has a dream...
Daniel prays and gets the meaning...

³¹ “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor *was* excellent, stood before you; and its form *was* awesome. ³² This image’s head *was* of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ “This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷ You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸ and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.

³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

God Reveals the Dream

*“This is the dream.
Now we will tell the
interpretation of it before the
king.*

*You, O king,
...you are this head of gold.”*



39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours;



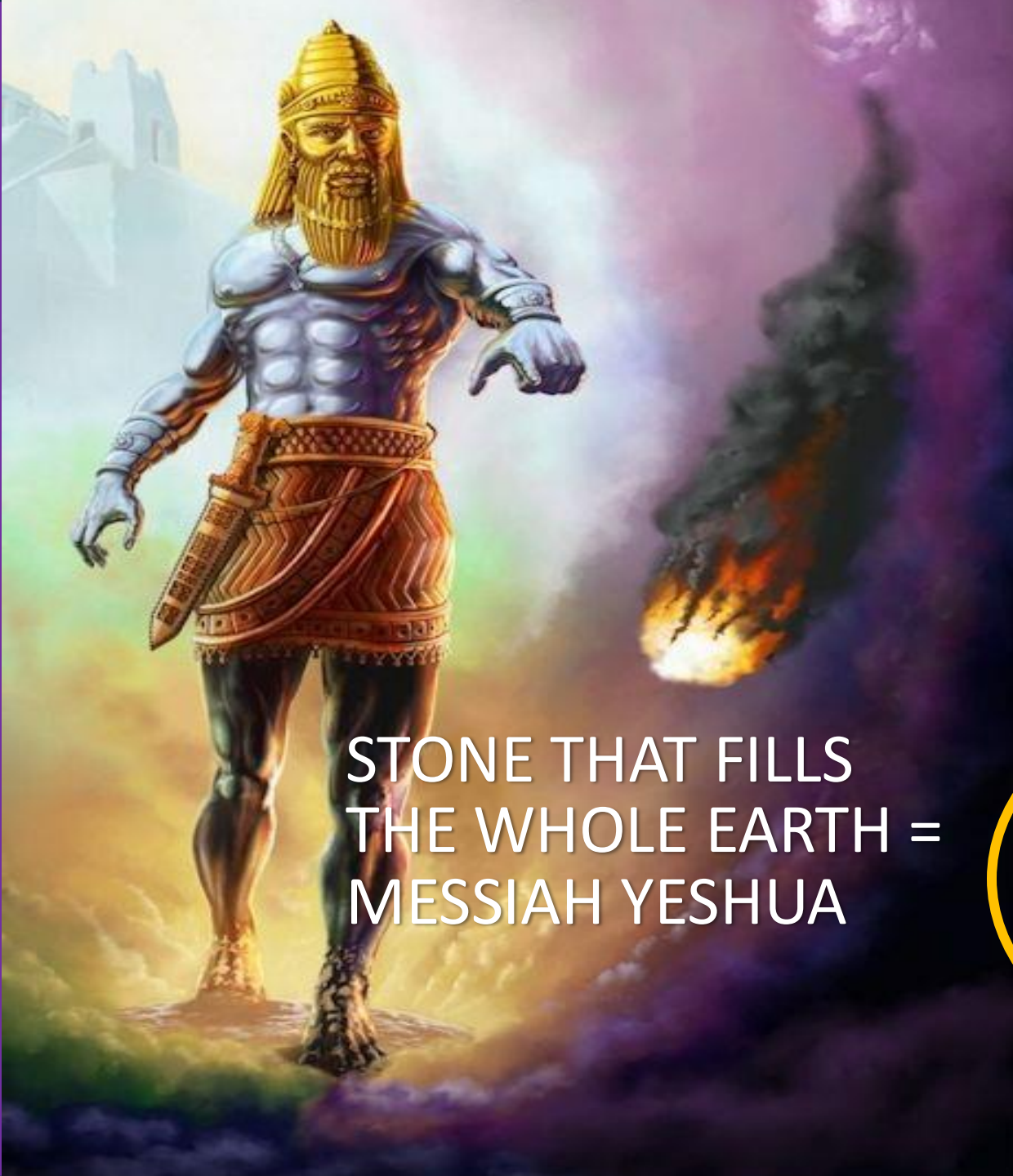
then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.



40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.



4 Gentile Kingdoms will arise (not 5!)



STONE THAT FILLS
THE WHOLE EARTH =
MESSIAH YESHUA

Head of Gold: **BABYLON**

Arms/Chest of Silver:
MEDES/PERSIANS

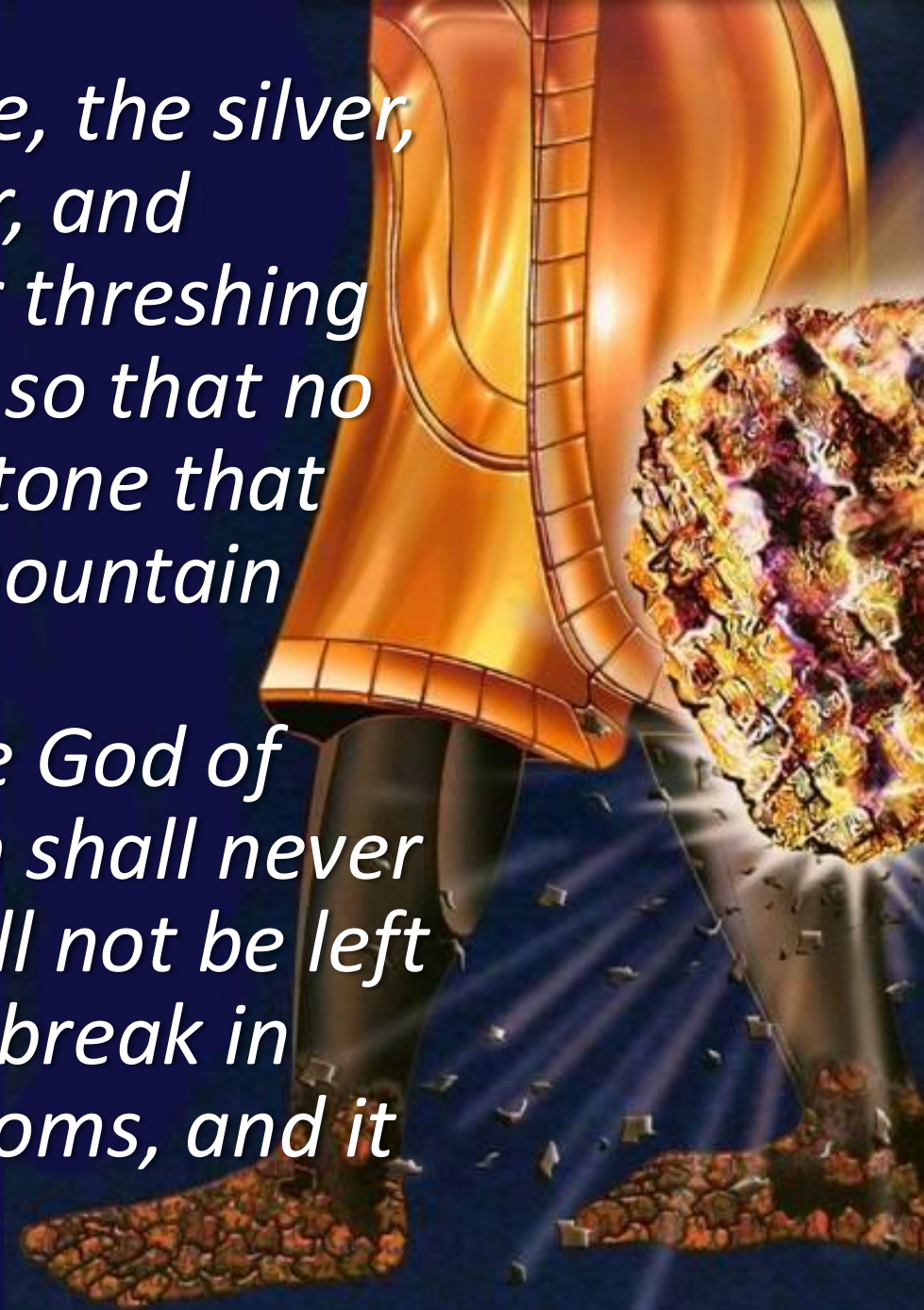
Belly/Thighs of Bronze:
GREEK EMPIRE

Legs of Iron: **ROME (1)**

Feet of Iron and Clay:
ROME (2)?

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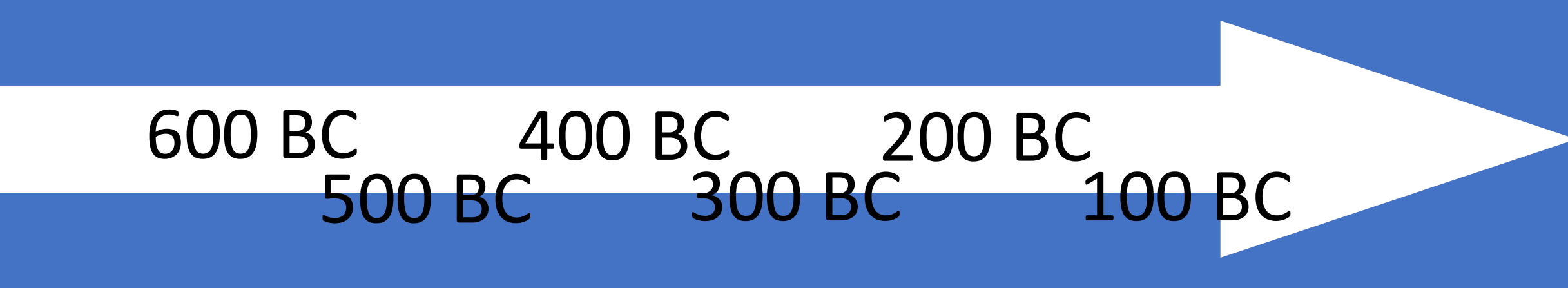
⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it (the Stone) shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.



- **Daniel Chapter 2: Dream Statue:** Nebuchadnezzar's dream represents world empires from that moment until end of time.
- GENTILE kingdoms.
- Awesome statue how man sees world empires—dazzling, brilliant, awesome and powerful.
- God has different idea, later in Chapter 7.



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
took place around 600 BC....



600 BC 400 BC 200 BC
500 BC 300 BC 100 BC

And then it all happened, just
like Daniel interpreted.

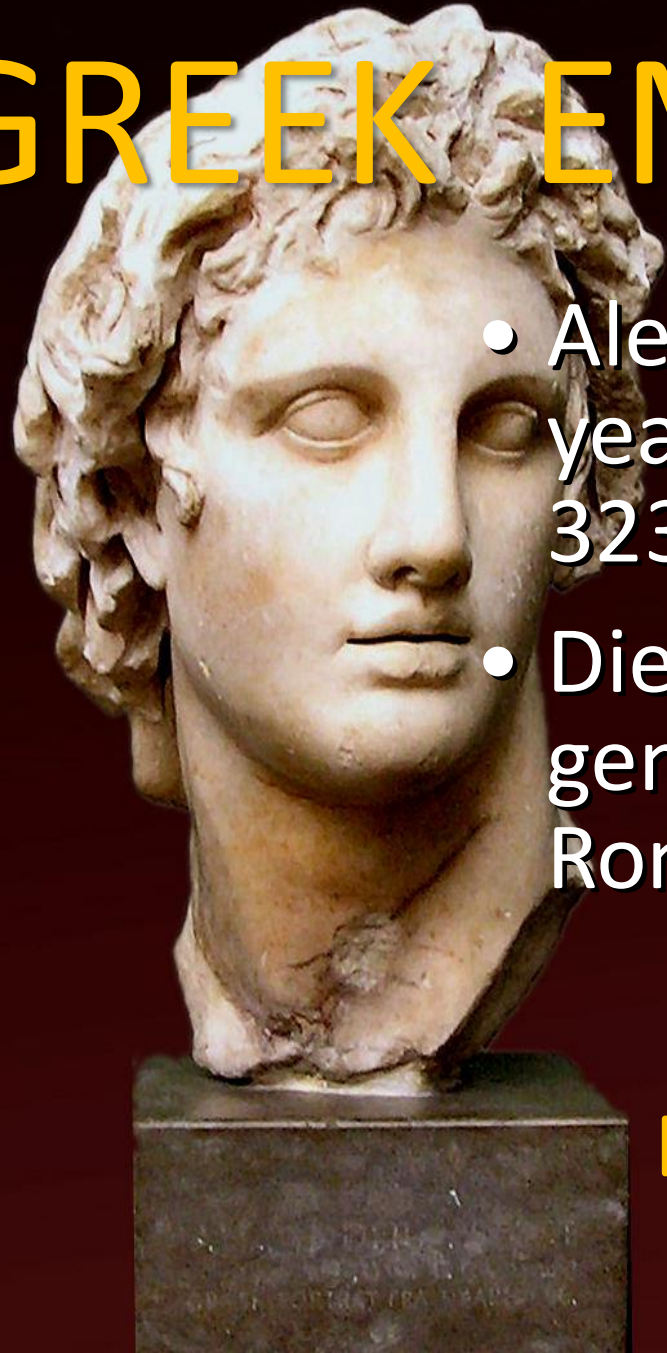
PERSIAN EMPIRE

- Babylon judged (Daniel 5)
- Persian king Cyrus begins new empire. Darius the Mede takes Babylon, 539 BC
- God writes Cyrus letter (Isaiah 45), “let my people go” (He does.)



**Persian Empire:
Arms and Chest
of Silver**

GREEK EMPIRE



- Alexander, young, brilliant upstart (20 years old); conquests lightning fast 331 - 323 BC
- Dies young, kingdom split among 4 generals. Constant warring. Decline until Roman era about 175 BC

**Greek Empire:
Belly and Thighs of Bronze**



ROMAN EMPIRE

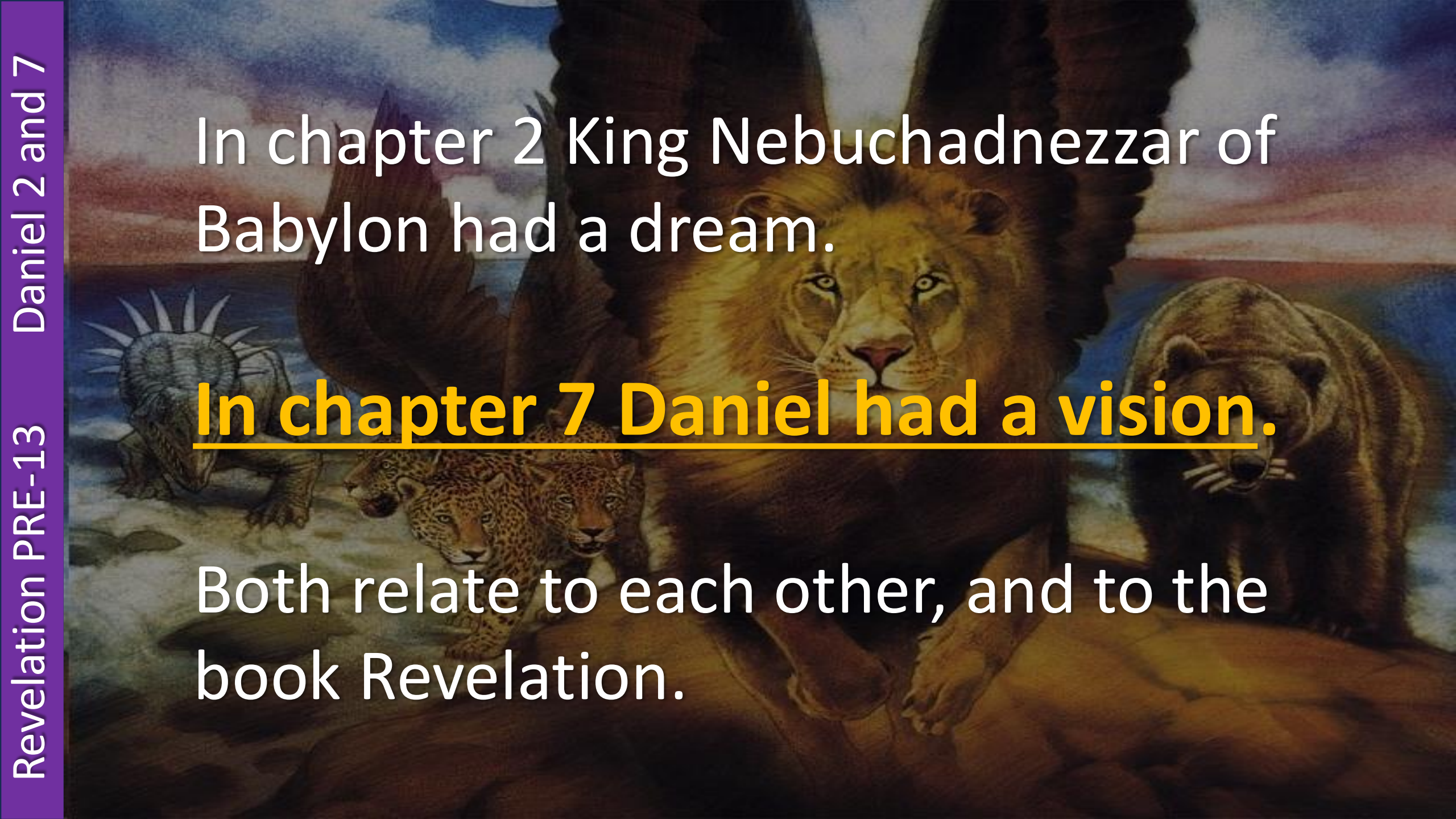
- Rome, empire that wouldn't die. Still influences most of world. Government, language, religion dominated the ages.
- "Tsar" – Russian Caesar; "Kaiser" – German Caesar
- **Never conquered.** Declined, broken up, but still lives on throughout world. Likely will be revived. Feet and toes of statue will be seen in history one day. (ie, European Union?)

Roman Empire:
Legs of Iron
(east + west)
(Rome 1)
Feet of iron
and clay
(Rome 2?)



IMPORTANT NOTE...

- 4 world empires revealed in Daniel chapters 2 and 7, (also Zechariah), to be added to three already known empires (Sumeria, Egypt, Assyria) to arrive at **7 total**.
- 7 = perfectly complete, can (*likely does*) **represent entire earth age/succession of human world empires**.
- Again, remember scripture = **Jerusalem (Israel) centric**. Other world empires have, of course, been seen historically, but they do not play a prophetic role in Israel-centric plan.



In chapter 2 King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream.

In chapter 7 Daniel had a vision.

Both relate to each other, and to the book Revelation.

² Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

⁵ "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

⁶ *“After this I looked, and there was another, 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 saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.*



Daniel Chapter 2

Man's View of World Government

Bright, Shiny, Awesome Metallic
Image, “big and powerful”

Daniel Chapter 7

God's View of World
Government

Voracious, Bloodthirsty
Beasts of prey

SAME GOVERNMENTS,
**DIFFERENT
PERSPECTIVE**



Daniel's Visions Compared

Daniel 2

Daniel 7



Winged Lion

Babylon

Bear

Persia

Leopard

Greece

Terrible Beast,

Rome 1,

10 Horns

Rome 2

Chapter 7

The Lion...

Babylonian Empire and
Nebuchadnezzar



Corresponds to Head of Gold in Chapter 2 Image



Chapter 7

The Bear...

Medes and Persian Empire



Corresponds to Chest/Arms of Silver in Chapter 2 Image

Chapter 7

The Panther... Greek Empire



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Corresponds to Belly/Thighs of Bronze in Chapter 2 Image

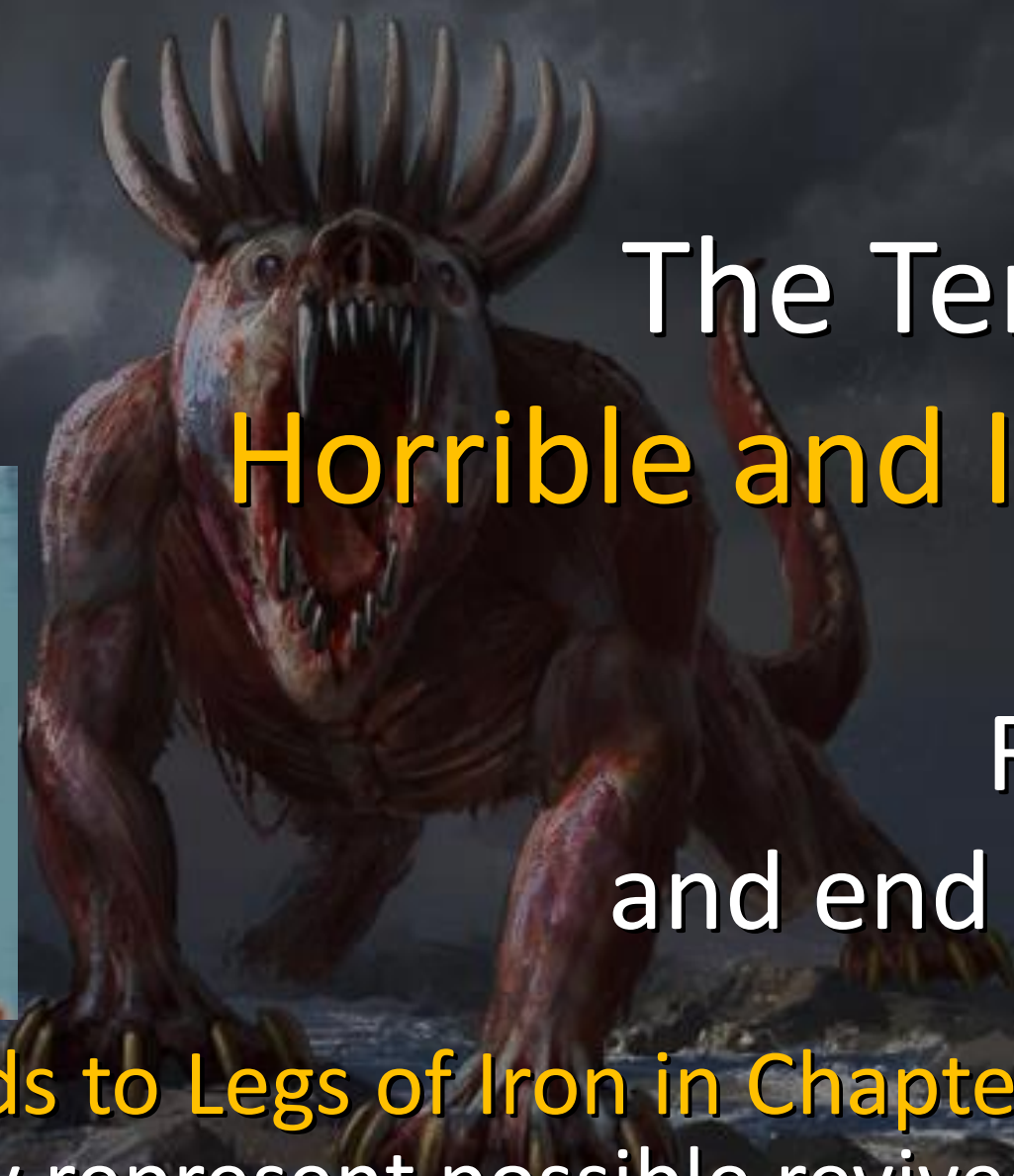
Chapter 7

The Terrible Beast... Horrible and Indescribable

Roman Empire...
and end time equivalent

Corresponds to Legs of Iron in Chapter 2 Image

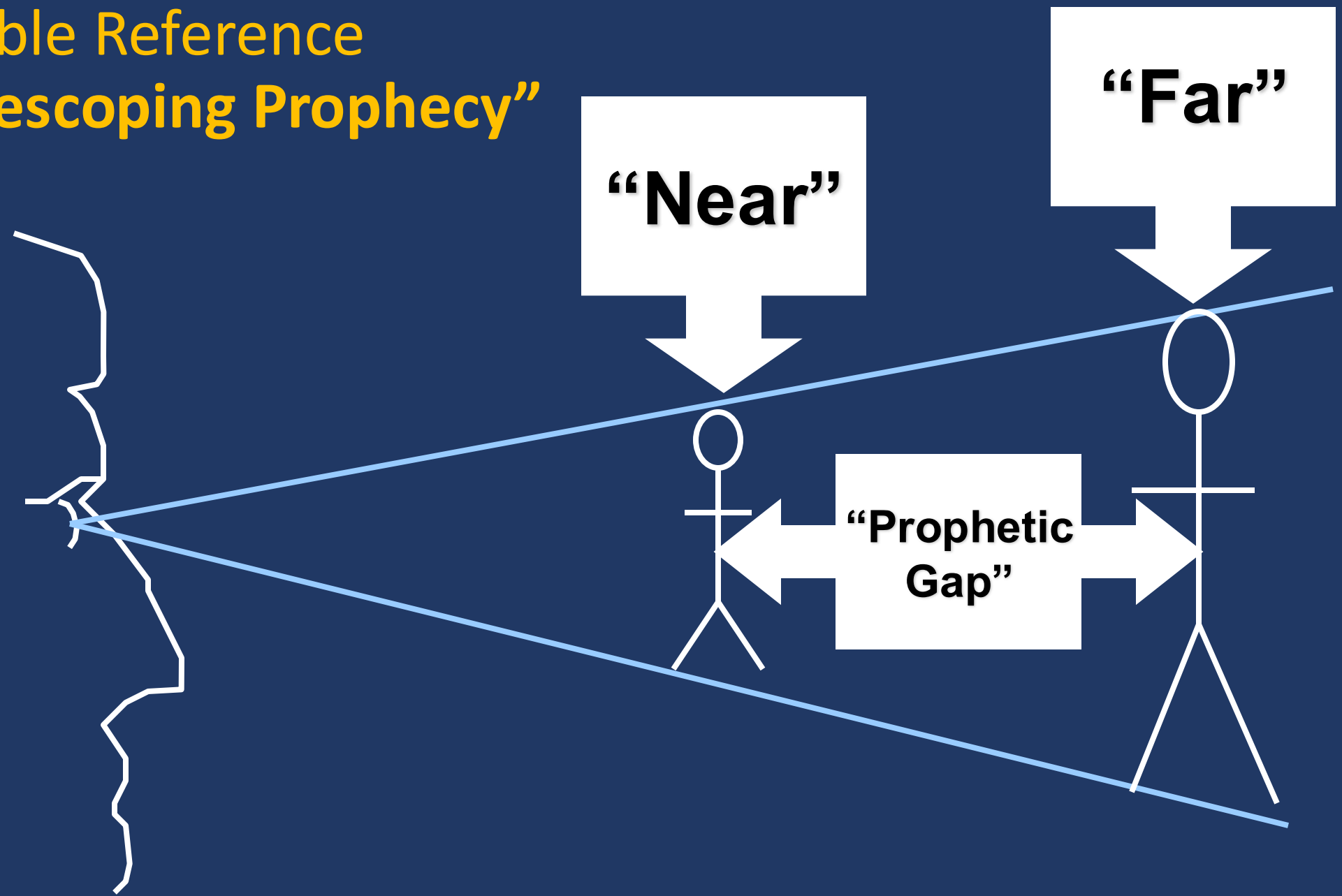
Feet of Clay represent possible revived Roman Empire and
Final World Government



The beasts in Daniel chapter 7 are readily and correctly identified with the statue in chapter 2, AND may also serve as prophetic of powers to arise in the END TIMES.

Speculation only, but these passages **may have double fulfillment** – once in actual world powers passing through the historical time line (Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome), **and in the END of TIME.**

Double Reference "Telescoping Prophecy"



Daniel 2

Daniel 7



Winged Lion

Babylon

Large world empire to come

Bear

Persia

Large crushing power to come

Leopard

Greece

Voracious world power that will rise quickly

Terrible Beast, **Rome 1,**

Final, wicked world kingdom (revived Roman Empire)

10 Horns

Rome 2

and Antichrist's Rule

And PERHAPS



Speculation abounds on these, but prevalent thought includes...

For the LION, *“...like a lion, and had eagle’s wings...wings plucked off; lifted up from the earth, made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.”*

BABYLON....and?



OR...



For the BEAR,

“...raised up on one side, three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. ...‘Arise, devour much flesh!’

PERSIA....and?

Future fulfillment???



**For the
LEOPARD/PANTHER,**
*“...on its back four wings
of a bird...four heads,
and dominion was given
to it.”*

GREECE....and?

Future fulfillment???



For the TERRIBLE BEAST, *“... exceedingly strong, huge iron teeth; devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet, different from all the beasts that were before it, had ten horns.”*

ROME....and?

Future fulfillment???



- **SPQR** = shorthand for Latin phrase *Senatus Populusque Romanus*, roughly translates to “The Senate and People of Rome.”
- Roman Empire also used an **eagle** everywhere (banners, flags, etc.).
- **Must be careful not to think every nation with an eagle is the United States!**



ANCIENT ROMAN
STANDARD

Interesting side note: This double headed eagle has been used by almost every nation in this region, and beyond, throughout history. Including...

Byzantine Empire

Assyrians

Greek Empire

Spain

Bulgaria

France

Muslim world

Christian Europe

Serbia

Albania

Russia

India

Holy Roman Empire

Austrian Empire

AND...sporting clubs and
Freemasonry.

**Also discovered at base of some
pyramids in Egypt!**

**UNDERSTOOD
TO SYMBOLIZE
AN EMPIRE**





The double-headed eagle

Some believe this symbol has Hittite origins. Some regions. Hittites later in history.

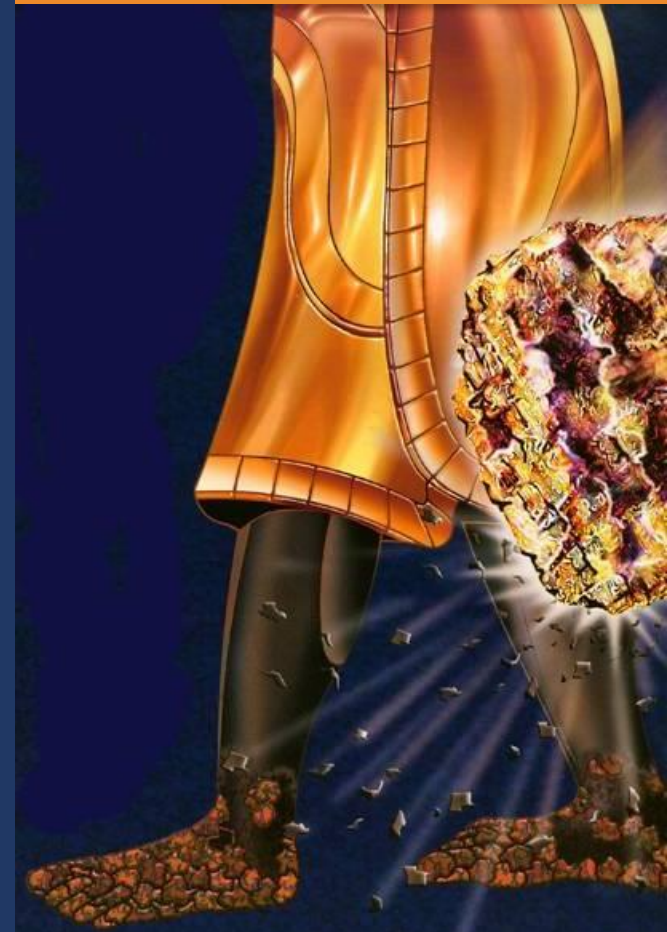
“The double-headed eagle first originated in the mighty Sumerian city of Lagash in 3800 BC and was the symbol for the god of Lagash, Ninurta son of Enlil. From cylinders taken from the ruins of this ancient city, the double-headed eagle seems to have been known to the kings of the time as the Storm Bird. ...the double-headed eagle of Lagash is the oldest royal crest in the world.” (Wikipedia)

These chapters speak of the “kingdom” of the earth, in the hands of various human powers *(mostly obeying and acting for and through evil powers on earth)* throughout the millennia. Ultimate ownership shown in Daniel 7:18 –

“ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.””

Few verses earlier shown meaning of “Stone” that pulverized statue in Daniel 2. In Daniel 7, the One like the Son of Man = Stone (of chapter 2), told more about this kingdom in 7:14...

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed.



For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace

There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.

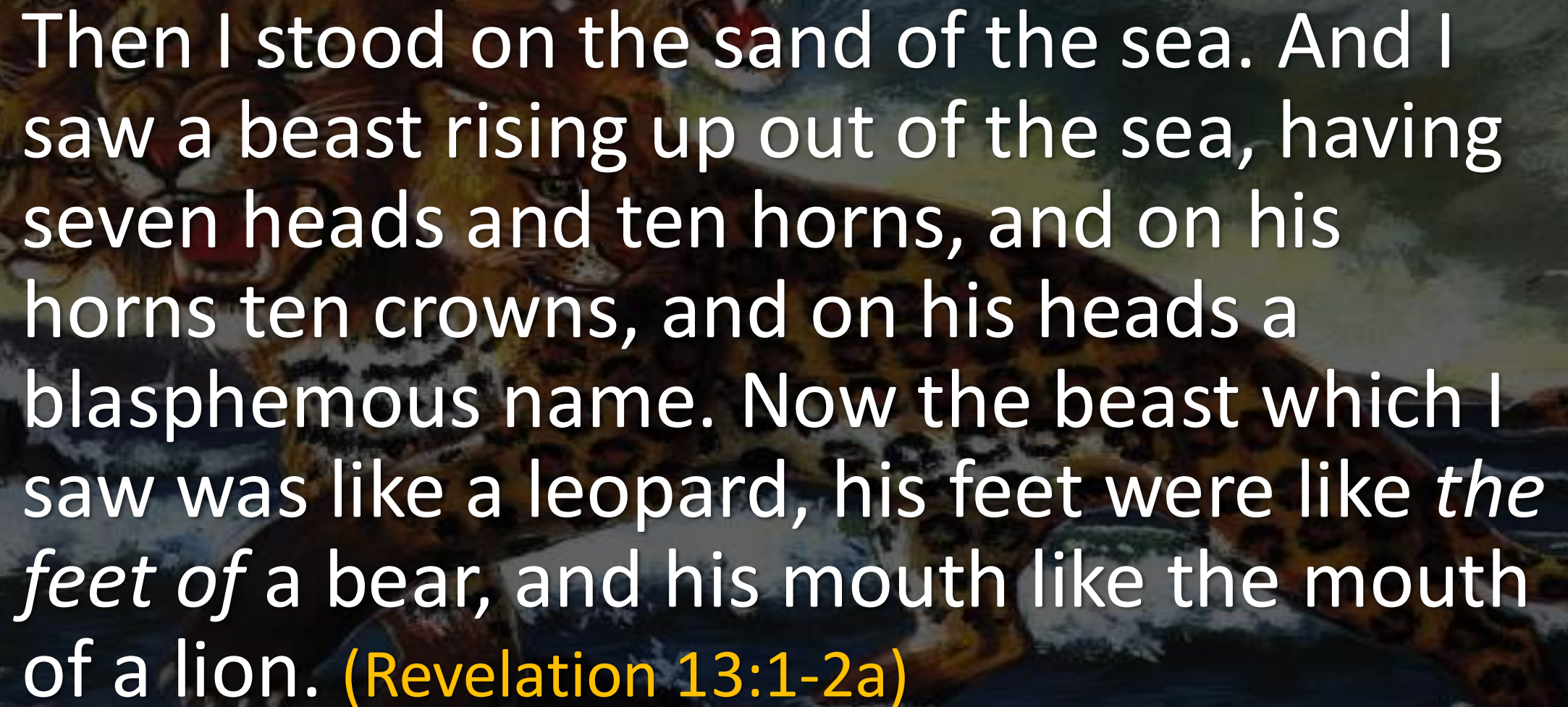
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah
promised the
“everlasting
dominion”
seen in Daniel
7:14 in a very
familiar
passage of
scripture...

- “The Kingdom” = earth, rightly belongs to God and His people ultimately.
- **But now in hands of enemy and enemy “agents.”**
- Daniel, Zechariah, and Revelation (among others) are about the battle throughout ages to inherit this Kingdom.
- Much more coming in Daniel 7 to help understand Revelation.

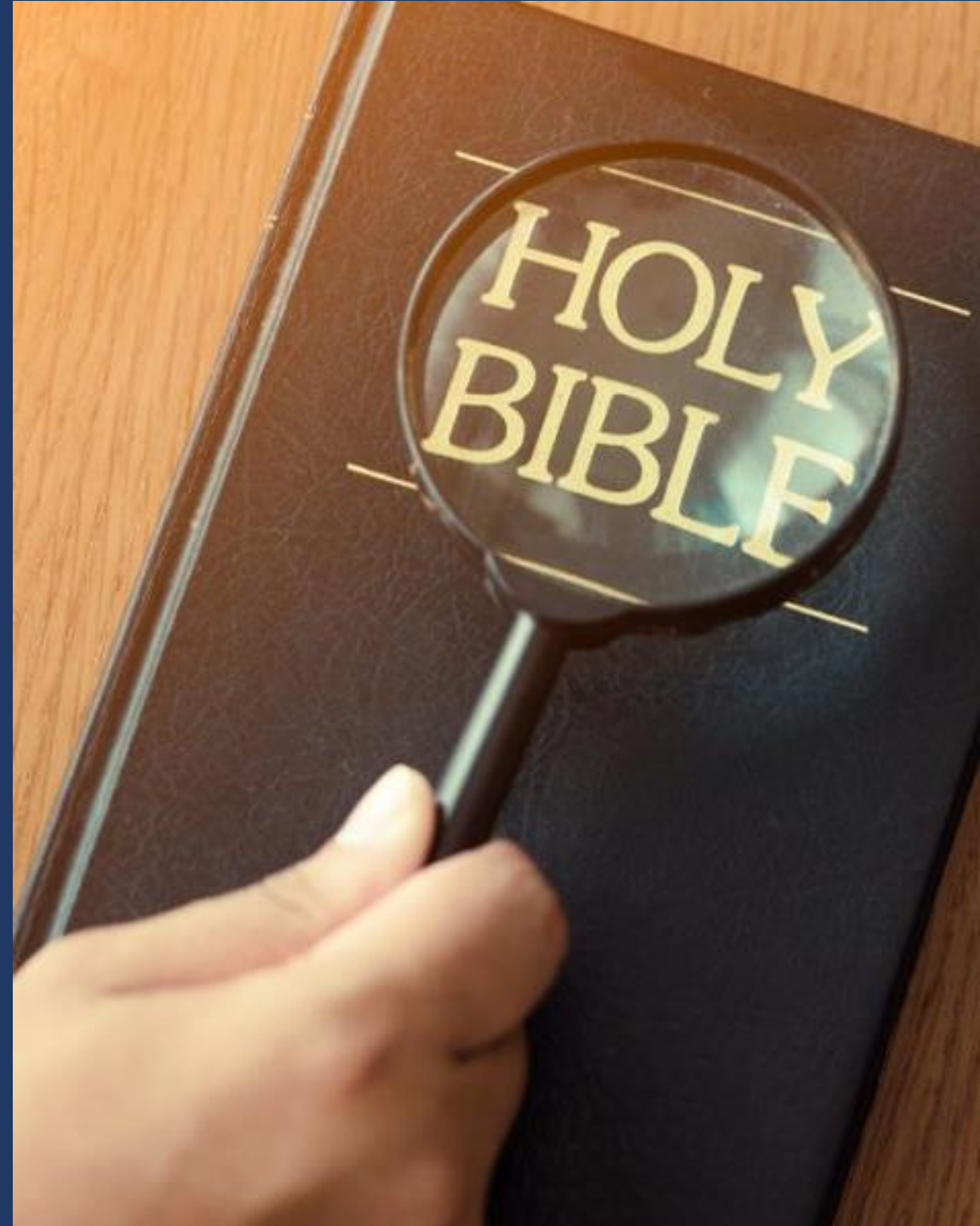


A dramatic painting depicting a multi-headed, multi-horned beast rising from the sea. The creature has seven heads and ten horns, with a fierce, open mouth. The scene is set against a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves. The overall tone is ominous and apocalyptic.

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. (Revelation 13:1-2a)

Just the beginning of brief tour of Daniel. When completed, will have what's needed to return to Daniel 13, and hopefully understand it better.

Next time, more in Daniel 7.



Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

Ya'er Adonai panav elekha viḥunneka

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyase
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

