



## **DANIEL 2 VISION**

**BABYLON  
(Head of Gold)  
606-538 BC**

**Medo-Persia  
(Chest & Arms Of Silver)  
538-331 BC**

**Greece  
(Belly & Thighs Of Brass)  
331-168 BC**

**Rome  
(Legs of Iron  
Feet Mixed With Clay)  
168 BC – 476 AD**

## **DANIEL 7**



**A lion with eagle's  
wings**



**A bear with three  
ribs in it's mouth**



**A leopard with  
four wings and  
four heads**



**Compare  
this beast  
to Rev. 13!**

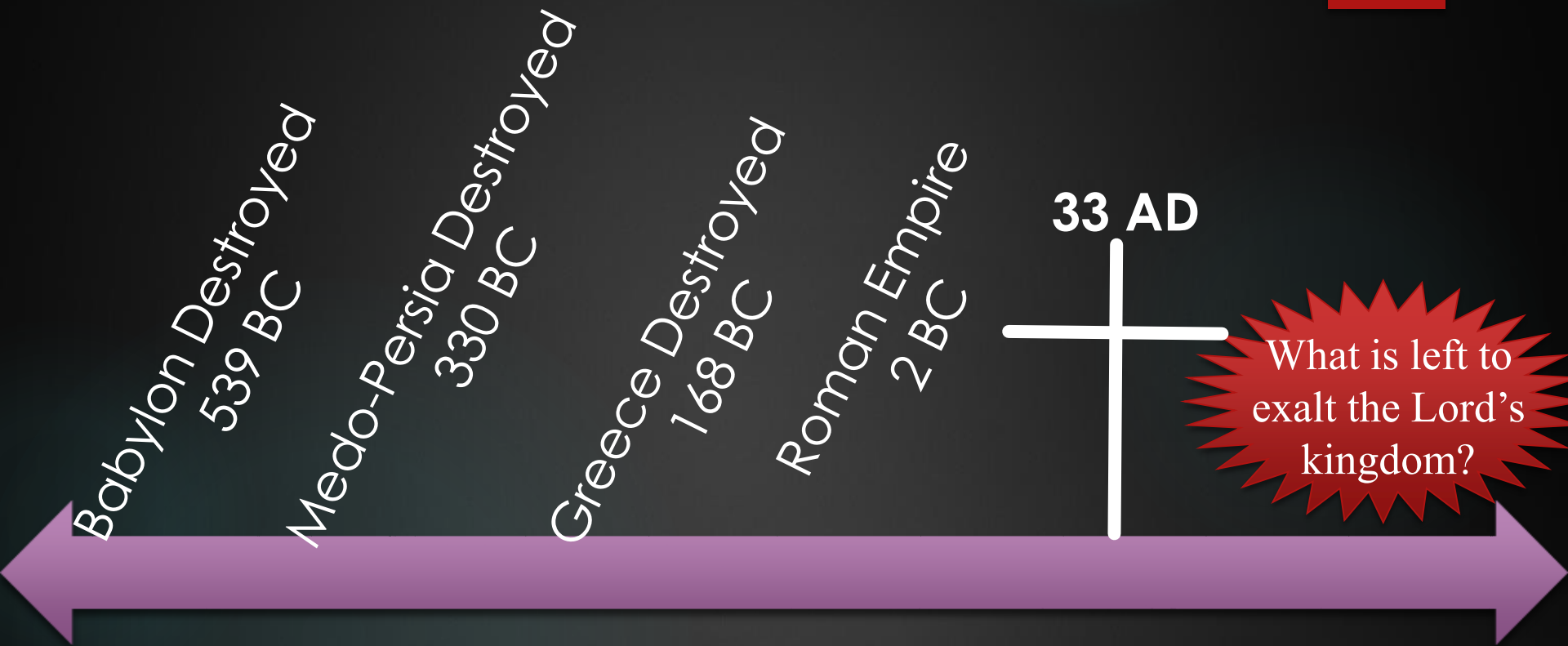
**A ten-horned  
beast unlike the  
others. Iron  
teeth, a boasting  
horn, and  
dreadfully  
terrifying.**

And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. (Dan. 2:44)

These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, that shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. (Dan. 7:17-18)

**THIS IS WHAT THE BOOK OF REVELATION  
IS ABOUT!!!**

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But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Jehovah's house **shall be established on the top of the mountains**, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it. (Micah 4:1)

# THE THEME & PURPOSE OF REVELATION

The grand theme of Revelation is that of war and **conflict between good and evil** resulting in victory for the righteous and defeat for the wicked. The conflict is spiritual, not physical or military. The message of the book is **assurance of victory and triumph**.

Never in the history of the world had the church been more widely and systematically persecuted than it was under Roman rule. If the church can survive that persecution, it must be from God.

But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. (Acts 5:34-39)

God's Kingdom cannot be overthrown, no matter how bleak it might seem! And **no matter how it looks**, Christ's church will be victorious.

**What areas does the church seem victorious in?**

- Education?
- Science?
- Entertainment?
- Culture?



# LITERAL, FIGURATIVE, & APOCALYPTIC LANGUAGE

WHEN IT IS USED	DEFINITION	LITERAL	FIGURATIVE	APOCALYPTIC
		The most basic and straightforward definition of a word is used.	Figurative language departs from the literal uses of the words and uses them to compare things in a metaphorical way.	Apocalyptic language is meant to paint a large picture of events. It is figurative language to the extreme. . It combines things that are completely unnatural in order to create a vivid picture.
		Unless context shows otherwise, the Bible text should be viewed and read as literal.	Figurative language is used all the time, and you know that it is figurative when the context makes it clear that a literal use of the word isn't appropriate.	Apocalyptic language is so flowery and extravagant that it is immediately noticeable in the text. It is most used when discussing national and global events. It also is used when it would be dangerous to speak openly about a subject
EXAMPLE		Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD." (2 Kgs 20:16-17)	At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." And He said to them, "Go and <b>tell that fox</b> , Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course." (Lk. 13:31-32)	<i>After this I beheld, and, lo, another, like a leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. (Dan 7:6)</i>

# IMAGERY & SYMBOLISM

The book of Revelation abounds in imagery, symbols, and signs. Most of the imagery is symbolic; however, a portion is not. Some of the images and symbols are explained; some are left veiled or semi-veiled. The unexplained portions force the interpreters to rely upon their own judgment, or the judgment of others, for conclusions, applications, and explanations. As would be expected, expositors are not united in their views. Therefore, **each interpreter must reach his conclusions in the light of his understanding of the total revelation of God.**

– Homer Hailey, Revelation an Introduction & Commentary

## IMAGERY FOR DEITY:

- JESUS – a lion (5:5), a lamb (5:6), a star (22:16)
- HOLY SPIRIT – seven spirits (1:4), seven eyes, seven horns (5:6)

## NUMERIC IMAGERY:

# 3 – Often associated with deity and completeness (Gen. 1:3). Jesus was three days in the earth (Matt 12:40). Sheet dropped three times for Peter (Acts 10:16). Consider other verses (2 Cor 12:8, Matt. 4, Gen. 5:32, Acts 7:32).

# 7 – Seven stands as the numerical symbol for the complete and perfect. Most importantly, the world was created in six days and God rested on the seventh day. Consider other uses (Matt 12:45; 15:36-37; 18:22; 22:25-28).



Seven lampstands are the seven churches of Asia – Rev. 1:20

Seven stars are the seven angels to the churches – Rev. 1:20

‘Angel’ : a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God (Thayer’s)

These seven angels aren’t spiritual beings; they are messengers carrying these letters to the different congregations.

## Jesus is the one standing in the middle of the lampstands

- Jesus is deity that looks like a son of man (1:13)
- White is associated with sinlessness (1:14)
- Jesus is the one speaking to the churches that’s why the messengers are in His hands (1:16)
- Jesus has the keys of Death and Hades (1:18)
- Jesus was dead and is alive forevermore (1:18)



# ASIA-MINOR

Pergamon

Thyatira

Smyrna

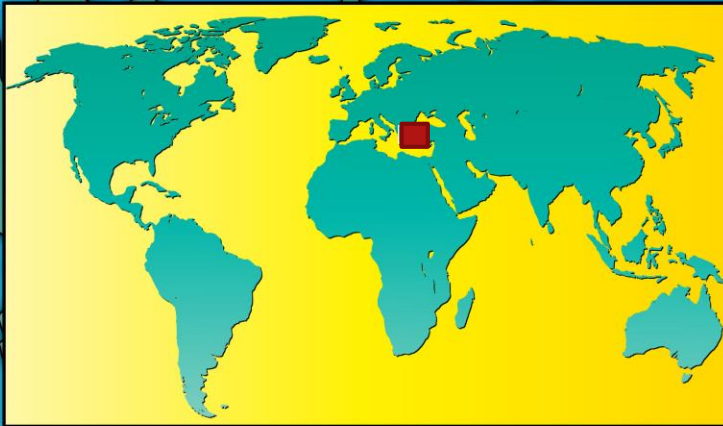
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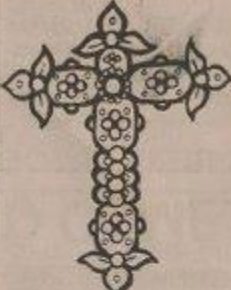
# Seven Churches are Seven Stages in Church History

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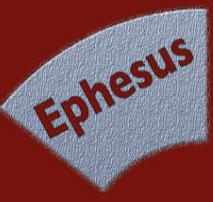






TRIBULATION

# THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

						
<b>EPHESUS</b> (Rev. 2: 1-7) ONCE ON FIRE FOR CHRIST, BUT NOW BECOMING INDIFFERENT.	<b>SMYRNA</b> (Rev. 2: 8-11) PERSECUTED, POOR, BUT EVER FAITHFUL AND RESOLUTE!	<b>PERGAMOS</b> (Rev. 2: 12-17) PERMISSIVE, SHELTERING FALSE TEACHERS, FOLLOWING FALSE DOCTRINES.	<b>THYATIRA</b> (Rev. 2: 18-29) IDOLATROUS, SEDUCED INTO CORRUPT BELIEFS AND PAGAN RITUALS.	<b>SARDIS</b> (Rev. 3: 1-6) A CHURCH IN NAME ONLY. WITHOUT RESULTS AND SPIRITLESS.	<b>PHILADELPHIA</b> (Rev. 3: 7-13) EXEMPLARY! FAITHFUL TO GOD'S WORD AND FILLED WITH HIS LOVE!	<b>LAODICEA</b> (Rev. 3: 14-22) SELF-INDULGENT, RICH, AND OSTENTATIOUS. FULL OF WORLDLY PRIDE.
<b>A BACKSLIDING CHURCH</b>	<b>A STEADFAST CHURCH</b>	<b>A LICENTIOUS CHURCH</b>	<b>A LAX, PAGAN CHURCH</b>	<b>A DEAD CHURCH</b>	<b>A FAVOURED CHURCH</b>	<b>A LUKEWARM CHURCH</b>
CRITICISM: "Thou hast left thy first love...."	NO CRITICISM!	CRITICISM: "Thou hast them that hold the doctrines of Baalam and the Nicolaitans...."	CRITICISM: "Thou sufferest that ...Jezebel to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication..."	CRITICISM: "Thou hast a <u>name</u> that thou livest and art dead. I have <u>not</u> found thy works perfect..."	NO CRITICISM!	CRITICISM: "I will spue thee out of my mouth.... Thou art wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked..."
COUNSEL: "Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent."	COUNSEL: "Fear not! Be faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life!"	COUNSEL: "Repent, or I will come unto thee quickly!"	COUNSEL: "Hold fast to what (little) ye have till I come."	COUNSEL: "Strengthen what (little) remains. Hold fast and repent."	COUNSEL: "Hold that fast which thou hast, that <u>no</u> man take thy Crown."	COUNSEL: "Buy my gold, and white raiment to clothe thee...and anoint thine eyes..."



								
		<b>2:1-7</b>	<b>2:8-11</b>	<b>2:12-17</b>	<b>2:18-29</b>	<b>3:1-6</b>	<b>3:7-13</b>	<b>3:14-22</b>
<b>JESUS among the Lampstands</b>		holds 7 stars & walks among 7 lampstands	the first and last, who died and came to life again	holds the sharp double-edged sword	eyes of blazing fire & feet of burnished bronze	holds 7 spirits of God and 7 stars	holy and true; holds key of David	the Amen, faithful witness, ruler of God's creation
<b>I know your deeds</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hard work &amp; perseverance,</li> <li>intolerance of evil &amp; falsehood</li> <li>hate Nicolaitan practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>afflictions &amp; poverty</li> <li>slander of synagogue of Satan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>where you live (Satan's throne)</li> <li>faithfulness (even to death – e.g. Antipas)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>deeds, love &amp; service</li> <li>perseverance</li> <li>doing more than at first</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have kept word and not denied – Satan's synagogue will acknowledge</li> <li>endured patiently</li> </ul>	
<b>But I have this against you...</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you have forsaken first love</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers like Balaam – idolatry &amp; sexual immorality</li> <li>Teachers of Nicolaitans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tolerate 'prophets' Jezebel – sexual immorality &amp; idols</li> <li>she's had time to repent, so...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reputation of life but actually dead</li> <li>deeds not complete in my sight</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lukewarm</li> <li>not rich but pitiful, blind, naked</li> <li>I rebuke those I love:</li> </ul>
<b>Repent... let him who has an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do what you did at first</li> <li>or lampstand removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>don't fear suffering (prison, persecution 10 days, death)</li> <li>be faithful (&amp; receive crown)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repent</li> <li>or I will fight with sword of mouth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cast her on bed of suffering (adulterers also &amp; children die)</li> <li>God searches hearts and repays</li> <li>Hold on to gospel not jezebel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wake up</li> <li>Strengthen what's dying</li> <li>Remember &amp; Obey what heard</li> <li>Or I will come (like a thief in night)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold on to your crown (I'm coming soon)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repent</li> <li>Buy gold, clothes &amp; salve (to overcome poverty, nakedness and blindness)</li> <li>Open door (to eat with Christ)</li> </ul>
<b>For all who overcome...</b>		right to eat from tree of life in paradise	not hurt by the second death	I will give hidden manna, white stone with new hidden name	I will give authority over nations (Ps2:9) & the morning star	a few who have not soiled – dressed in white and in book of life	a pillar in temple – never leave; name of God, city & new name	right to sit with me on my throne (just as he did with Father)
<b>7 Virtues for ALL churches</b>		<b>Love Jesus</b>	<b>Endure Persecution</b>	<b>Teach Soundly</b>	<b>Don't tolerate evil</b>	<b>Spiritually Alive</b>	<b>Wait Patiently</b>	<b>Be Humbly Dependent</b>