

The Beasts of Daniel 7

	A lion with eagles' wings, made to stand on 2 feet	A bear, raised up on one side, with 3 ribs in its mouth	A leopard with 4 heads and 4 wings	A terrifying and dreadful beast with great iron teeth and 10 horns	Little horn of the 4th beast	The Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven
Maccabean View	Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar)	Media kingdom	Persian kingdom	Greek kingdoms	Antiochus IV	The return of the kingdom to the Jews
Roman View	Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar)	Medo-Persia kingdom	Greek kingdoms	Roman empire (and possibly other future empires)	Possibly the Antichrist	Jesus Christ
Ages View	Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar)	An age to come	Another age to come	Another age to come	Possibly the Antichrist	Jesus Christ

Important questions:

- Does Daniel consider the Medes their own distinct kingdom in the chronology?
- Which view best fits the symbolism of the animals?
- Which view best fits the overall pattern of Daniel and what actually unfolds in history?
- Who is the little horn of the 4th beast and what is his relationship to the little horn of chapter 8?