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Four Great Monarchies Part A

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NOTES: If the wings of an eagle on the back of a lion denoted rapidity of movement in the Babylonian, or Assyrian, Empire (see **Habakkuk 1:6-8**), four wings on the leopard must denote unparalleled celerity of movement in the Grecian Empire. This we find to be historically true. "The rapidity of Alexander's conquests in Asia was marvelous: he burst like a torrent on the expiring Persian Empire, and all opposition was useless. The gigantic armies collected to oppose him melted like snow in the sunshine. The battles of Granicus, **B.C. 334**, Issus in the following year, and Arbela in **B.C. 331**, settled the fate of the Persian Empire, and established the wide dominion of the Greeks." - "**The Divine Program of the World's History**," by **H. Grattan Guinness**, page 308.

"The beast had also four heads." The Grecian Empire maintained its unity but a short time after the death of Alexander, which occurred in **B.C.**

323. Within twenty-two years after the close of his brilliant career, or by **B.C. 301**, the empire was divided among his **four leading generals**.

Cassander took Macedonia and Greece in the west; Lysimachus had Thrace and the parts of Asia on the Hellespont and Bosphorus in the north; Ptolemy received Egypt, Lydia, Arabia, Palestine, and Coele-Syria in the south; and Seleucus had all the rest of Alexander's dominions in the east.

12. How was the fourth kingdom represented?

"After this I saw in the night-visions, and behold a fourth _____, _____ and _____, and strong _____; and it had great iron _____: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." **Daniel 7:7**

13. What was the fourth beast declared to be?

"Thus he said, *The fourth beast shall be the fourth _____ upon _____, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*" **Daniel 7:23**



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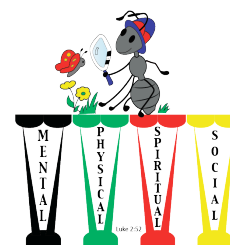
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1. At what time was Daniel's second vision given?

"In the first _____ of Belshazzar _____ of _____ Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters." **Daniel 7:1**

NOTE: That is, in the first year of Belshazzar's office as associate king with his father Nabonadius, or **540 B.C.**

2. What effect did this dream have upon Daniel?

"I Daniel was _____ in my _____ in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head _____ me." **Daniel 7:15**

NOTE: The effect of Daniel's dream upon him, it will be noticed was similar to the effect of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams upon him; it troubled him. **See Daniel 2:1**

3. What did Daniel ask of one of the heavenly attendants who stood by him in his dream?

"I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked _____ the _____ of _____ this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things." **Daniel 7:16**

4. What did the prophet see in this vision?

"Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the _____ of the _____ strove upon the _____ sea." **Daniel 7:2**

5. What was the result of this strife?

"And _____ great _____ came up from the _____, diverse one from another." **Daniel 7:3**

6. What did these four beasts represent?

"These great beasts, which are four, are four _____, which shall _____ out of the _____." **Daniel 7:17**

NOTE: The word kings here, in **Daniel 2:44**, denotes kingdoms, as explained in **verses 23** and **24** of the seventh chapter, the two words being used interchangeably in this prophecy.

7. In symbolic language, what is represented by winds?

Strife, war, commotion. **See Jeremiah 25:31-33; Jeremiah 49:36-37**

NOTE: That winds denote strife and war is evident from the vision itself. As a result of the striving of the winds, kingdoms rise and fall.

8. What, in prophecy, is symbolized by waters?

"And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest . . . are _____, and _____, and _____, and _____." **Revelation 17:15**

NOTE: In the second chapter of Daniel, under the figure of an image of man, the mere political outline of the rise and fall of earthly kingdoms is given, preceding the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom. In the seventh chapter, earthly governments are represented as viewed in the light of Heaven,- under the symbols of wild and ferocious beasts,- the last, in particular, oppressing and persecuting the saints of the Most High. Hence the change in the symbols used to represent these kingdoms.

9. What was the first beast like?

"The _____ was like a _____, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it." **Daniel 7:4**

NOTE: The **lion**, the first of these four great beasts, like **the golden head** of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, **represents the Babylonian** monarchy; the lion, the king of beasts, standing at the head of his kind, as gold does of metals. The **eagle's wings** doubtless denote the rapidity with which Babylon extended its conquests under Nebuchadnezzar, who reigned from **B.C. 604 to B.C. 561**. This kingdom was overthrown by the Medes and Persians in **B.C. 538**.

10. By what was the second kingdom symbolized?

"And behold another beast, a _____, like to a _____, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." **Daniel 7:5**

NOTE: "This was the **Medo-Persian Empire**, represented here under the symbol of a **bear**. . . . The Medes and Persians are compared to a bear on account of their **cruelty and thirst after blood**, a bear being a most voracious and cruel animal."- **Adam Clarke, on Daniel 7:5**

11. By what was the third universal empire symbolized?

"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a _____, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it." **Daniel 7:6**