



52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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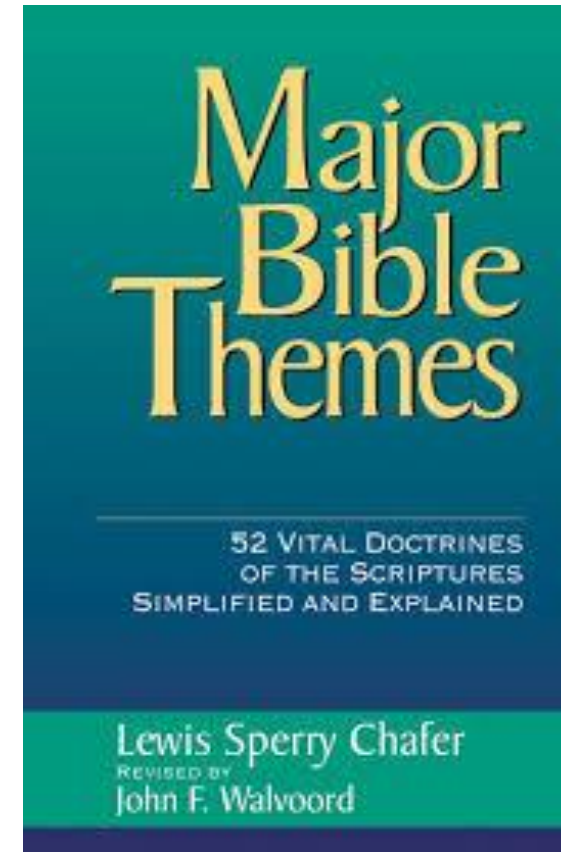
Chapter Forty-Two

The Gentiles in History and Prophecy

Step # One

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Find the Outline



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The Gentiles in History and Prophecy

A. Gentiles in the **Program of God**

B. **Early Prophecies** of the Gentiles

C. **Times** of the Gentiles

Understand It



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The Gentiles in History and Prophecy

A. Gentiles in the Program of God

In both history and prophecy, three major divisions of humanity may be observed in Scripture: the Jews, the Gentiles, and the church of God.

In contrast with God's purpose for Israel as the primary means of divine revelation and special dealing and the channel through which Christ could come, and His purpose for the church to reveal supremely His grace, God's purpose for the Gentiles seems to be related to demonstrating His sovereignty and His omnipotence.

Understand It



B. Early Prophecies of the Gentiles

In one sense, Gentile prophecy began in the Garden of Eden as the Gentile participated to some extent in the purpose of God in salvation. Early in Genesis, prophecy is given concerning the flood of Noah's time which wiped out the human race except for Noah and his family. Likewise, history records the judgment of God upon the Gentiles at the time of the Tower of Babel .

Beginning in Genesis 12, however, the human race is divided into two classes as God begins to introduce the promised seed which would come from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. All others continued in their place as Gentiles. The dealings of God with Gentiles in relation to Israel are basically recorded in Scripture.

Understand It



The first great Gentile power was Egypt, and in Egypt Israel grew from a small family into a great nation, as recorded in the first five books of the Old Testament. The major role of the Gentiles in relation to Israel, however, begins with the Babylonian empire, the third in a series of great empires but the first of four empires which became the subject of Daniel's prophecies.

Understand It



C. Times of the Gentiles

To Daniel the prophet were given two of the three major programs of God, that is:

- (1) the program of God for Israel and
- (2) the program of God for the Gentiles.

In a series of divine revelations beginning with the dream of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2, and continuing with subsequent revelations to Daniel, God revealed that **four great empires** beginning with Babylon would characterize the period of Gentile dominion over Israel.

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This is seen in the great image of Daniel 2: the head of gold represented Babylon; the upper part of the body of silver, the empire of the Medes and the Persians; the lower part of the body of brass, the empire of Greece; and the iron legs and feet, the empire of Rome. This truth is reinforced in Daniel 7, where the four beasts represent the same four empires.

The period of the four empires beginning with Babylon is referred to by Christ as "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24) and is characterized by Jerusalem's being under Gentile control. While for brief periods Gentile control of Jerusalem has been relinquished, no final deliverance of Jerusalem from the power of the Gentiles will be fulfilled until the second coming of Christ.

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Most of the times of the Gentiles have already been fulfilled. The last stage of the Roman empire, however, symbolized by the feet of the image in Daniel 2 and by the ten-horn stage of the beast of Daniel 7, has not had literal fulfillment. The fourth beast, according to Scripture, will be destroyed by the Son of Man coming from heaven, as portrayed in Daniel 7 or in the smiting stone of Daniel 2 which destroys the image of Nebuchadnezzar.

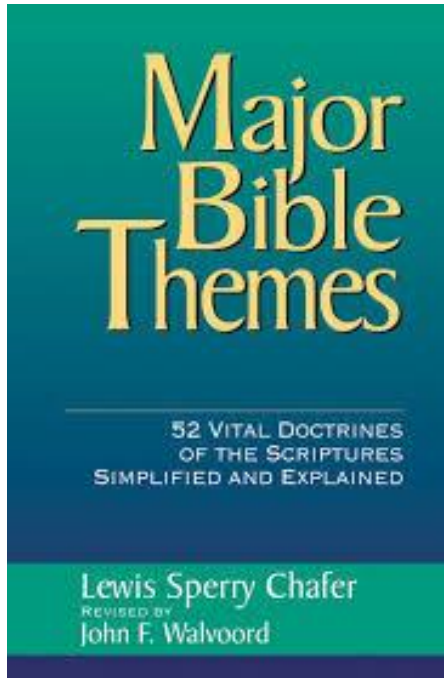
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Based on these prophecies, many interpreters believe a future revival of the Roman empire is in prospect which will come about after the church has been raptured and taken to heaven, but before the second coming of Christ to set up His kingdom. This situation will arise in what Scripture refers to as "the time of the end" (Dan. 11:35) and will be a dominant factor in world history and prophecy as they relate to the period leading up to the Second Coming.

Following the completion of the times of the Gentiles at the second coming of Christ to the earth, Gentiles who are saved and on earth in the millennial kingdom will enjoy also special blessing from God.

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



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What does the Bible
teach about the
Gentiles in History
and Prophecy?

Chapter 42 : The Gentiles in
History and Prophecy

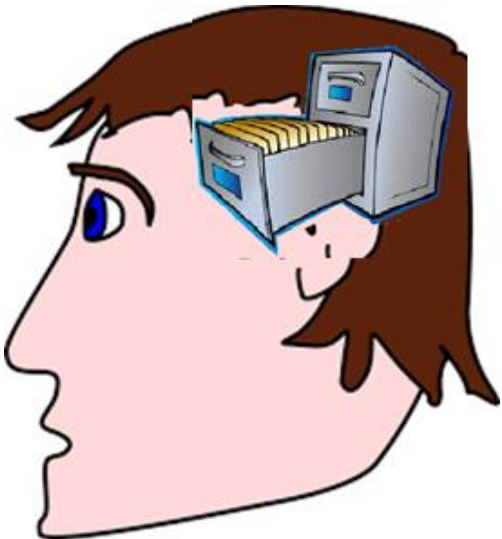
Using Major Bible Themes
write a study about the
Gentiles in History and
Prophecy?

Memorize it



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Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



Chapter Forty-Two

The Gentiles in History and Prophecy

Three major divisions of humanity may be observed in Scripture

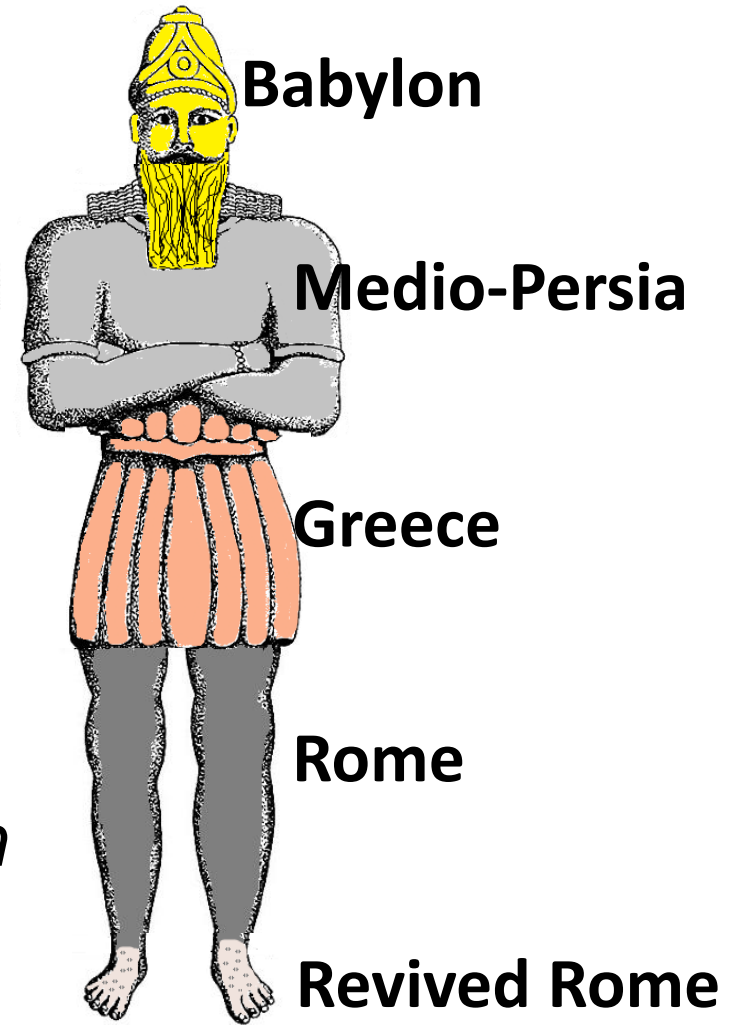
1Co 10:32 *Give none offence, neither to the **Jews**, nor to the **Gentiles**, nor to the **church of God**:*

*Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.***

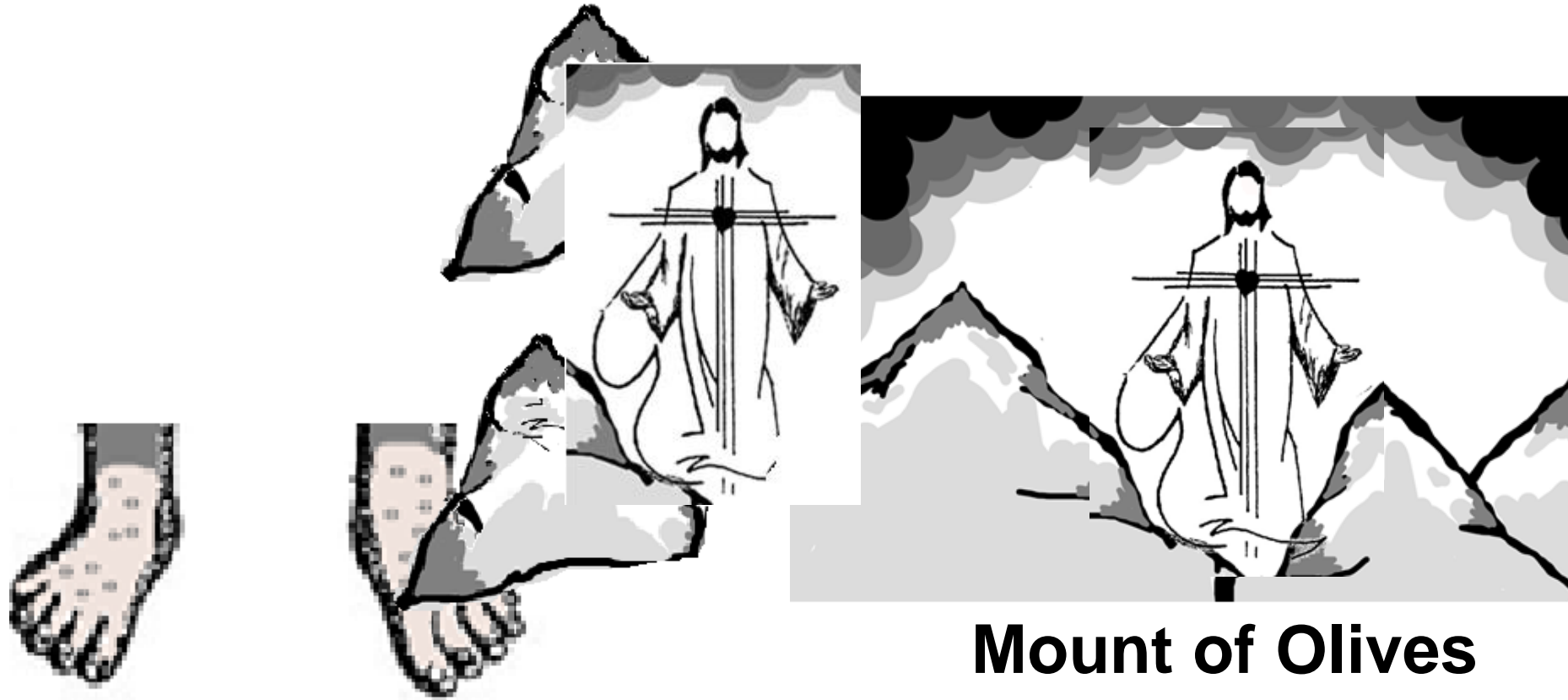
Nebuchadnezzar's Image

Daniel 2:32-33 *This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.*

Daniel 2:38 *And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*



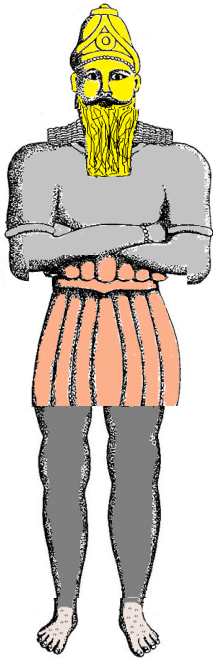
Daniel 2:34 *Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.*



Mount of Olives

Read Daniel 2 :44-45

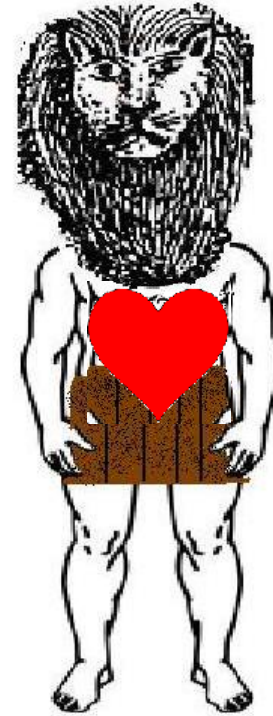
Daniel 2:35 *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.*



Daniel 7:2-3 *Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.*

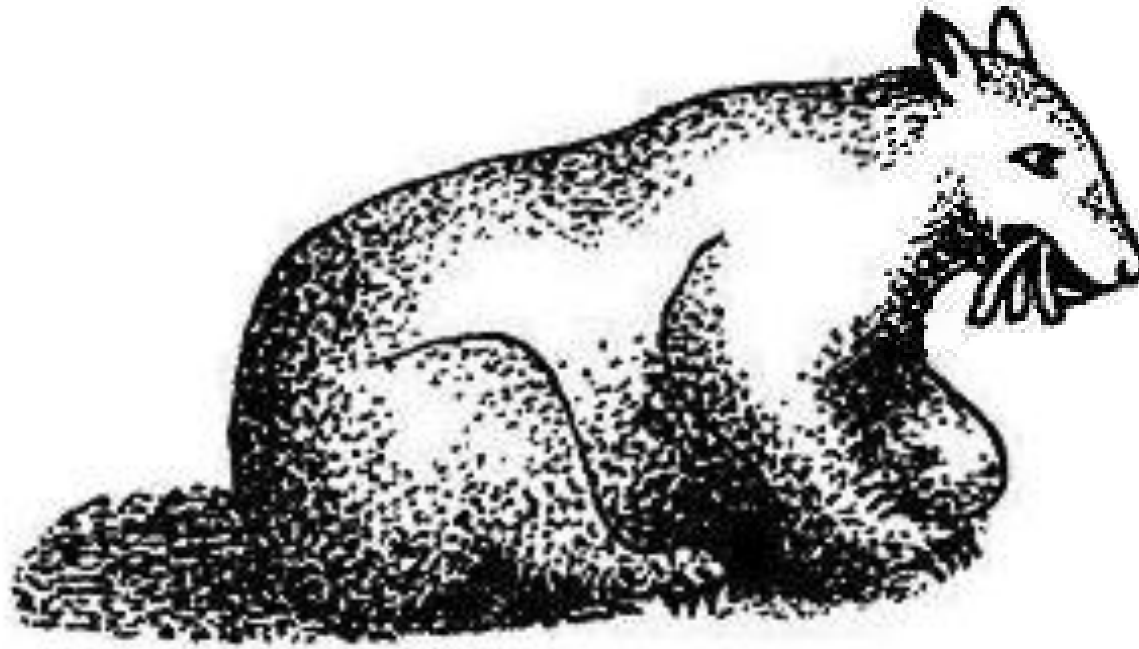


Dan 7:4 *The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings:* *I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked,* *and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand* *upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given* *to it.*



Babylon

Dan 7:5 *And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, 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.*



Babylon, Lydia, Egypt

Media Persia

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

Cassandra-Macedonia

Lysimachus-Thrace



Greece

Ptolemy- Egypt

Seleucus- Syria

Dan 7:7 *After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: 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.*

Rome

**Revived
Rome**



Read Daniel 7:9-14

Rev 17:9-10 *The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space..*

Kingdoms

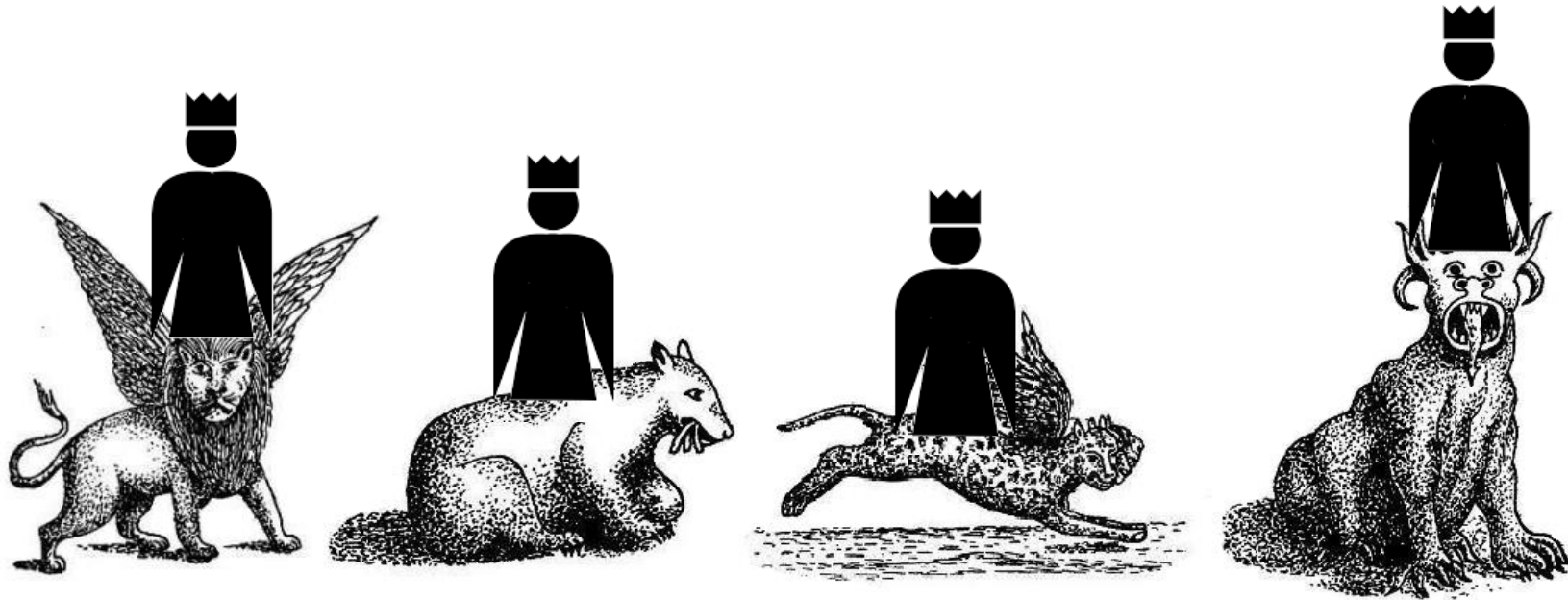
Revived Rome

Future



Definition of the Images...

Dan 7:17 *These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.*



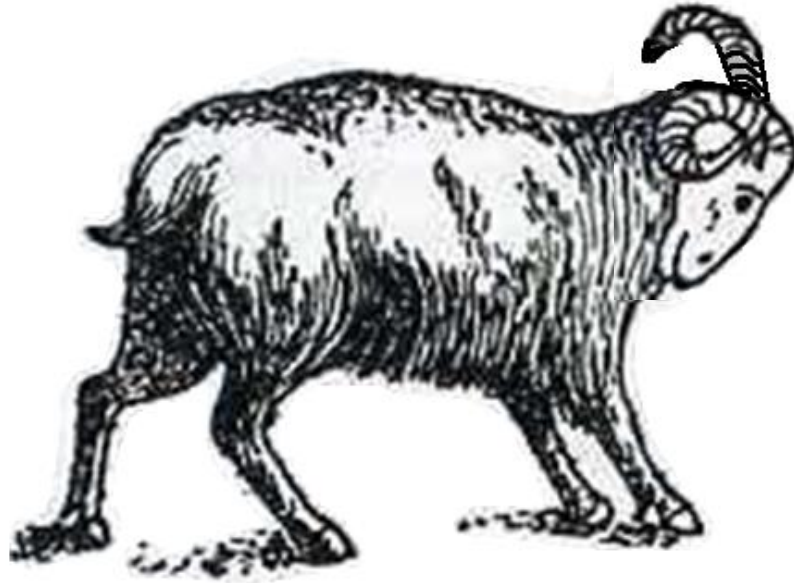
The four beasts mirror Nebuchadnezzar's Image...



Dan 7:20-22 *And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*

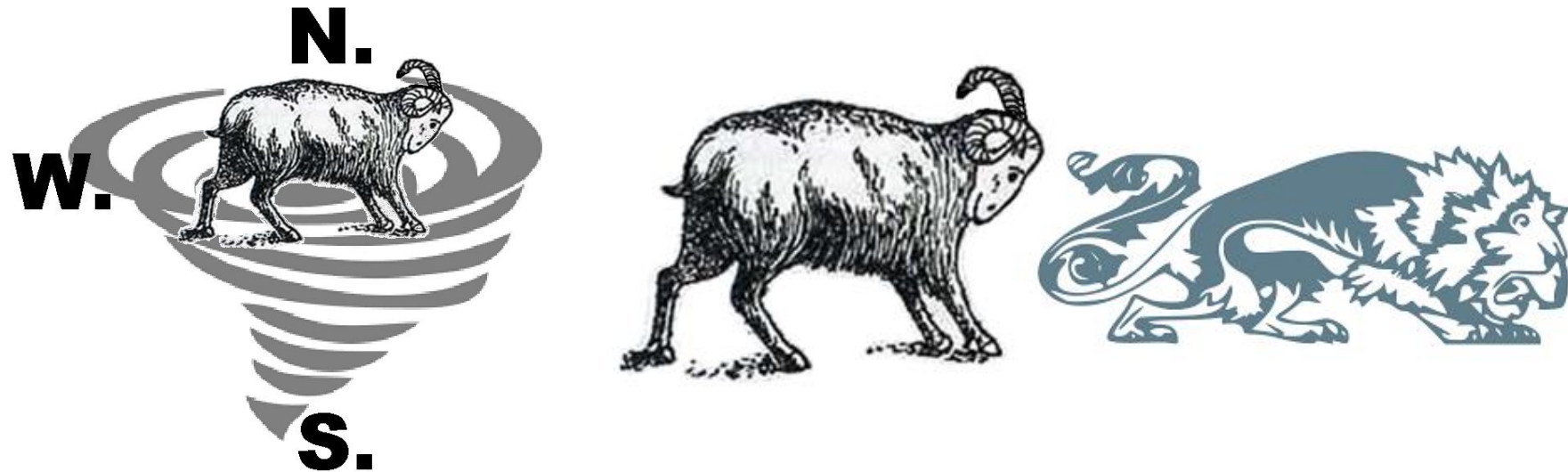


Dan 8:3 *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.*



Media Persia

Dan 8:4 *I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.*

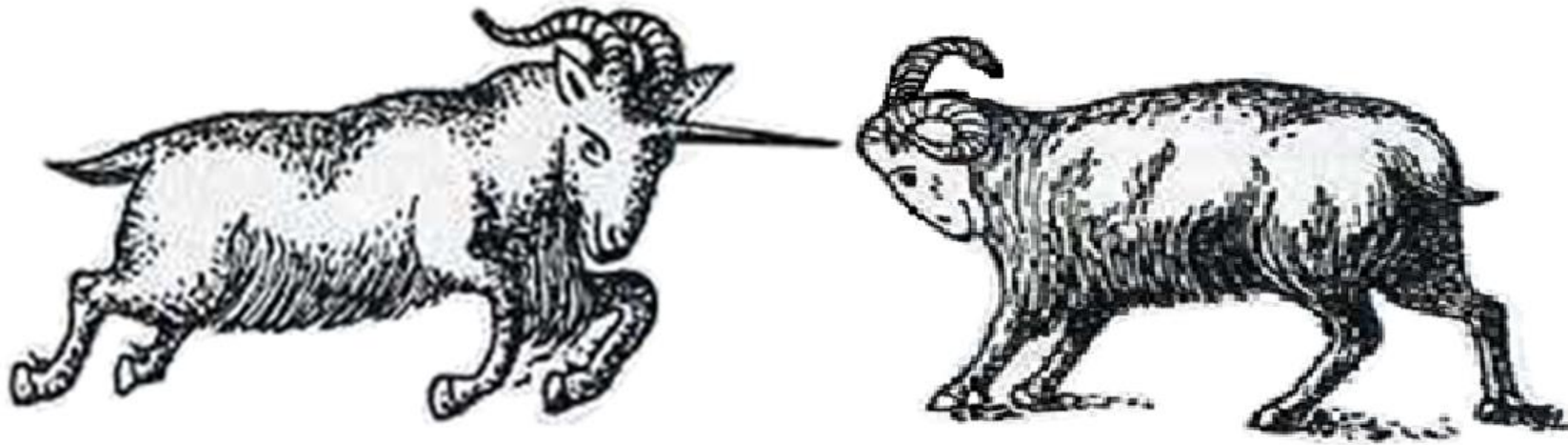


Dan 8:5 *And as I was considering, behold, an he goat
came from the west on the face of the whole earth,
and touched not the ground: and the goat had a
notable horn between his eyes.*



Greece

Dan 8:6 *And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.*



Dan 8:7 *I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.*



Dan 8:8 Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.



**Cassandra-
Macedonia**

**Lysimachus-
Thrace**

**Ptolemy-
Egypt**

**Seleucus-
Syria**

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter Forty-Two

The Gentiles in History and Prophecy

1. Explain how the Gentiles are one of three major divisions of humanity in the present age.

In both history and prophecy, three major divisions of humanity may be observed in Scripture: the Jews, the Gentiles, and the church of God.

2. Summarize the early history of Gentiles before Abraham.

In one sense, Gentile prophecy began in the Garden of Eden as the Gentile participated to some extent in the purpose of God in salvation. Early in Genesis, prophecy is given concerning the flood of Noah's time which wiped out the human race except for Noah and his family. Likewise, history records the judgment of God upon the Gentiles at the time of the Tower of Babel .

3. What were the first two great Gentile empires, and how was each related to Israel's history?

The first great Gentile power was Egypt, and in Egypt Israel grew from a small family into a great nation, as recorded in the first five books of the Old Testament. The major role of the Gentiles in relation to Israel, however, begins with the Babylonian empire, the third in a series of great empires but the first of four empires which became the subject of Daniel's prophecies.

4. What two major programs of God were revealed to Daniel?

To Daniel the prophet were given two of the three major programs of God, that is:

- (1) the program of God for Israel and
- (2) the program of God for the Gentiles.

5. Name the four empires revealed to Daniel as the outline of Gentile world history.

Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece and Rome

6. What are "the times of the Gentiles" and how are they described by Christ in Luke 21:24?

The times of the Gentiles is a time when Gentile Nations control Israel

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

7. When, according to Daniel, will the times of the Gentiles be ended?

When Christ the smiting stone comes at the end of the Tribulation

Daniel 2:34 *Thou sawest till that a **stone was cut out without hands**, which **smote the image upon his feet** that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.*

8. What is promised to the Gentiles after the second coming of Christ to the earth

To those who are saved and survive the Tribulation the blessing of the Millennial Kingdom

9. How is the present church age related to the times of the Gentiles?

Gentile prophecy does not seem to be in the fore view of the Old Testament prophesied program for the Gentile Church. It is as if the prophetic fore view were suspended on the day of Pentecost, to be resumed on the day of the Rapture.

10. Can we expect future fulfillment of the last stage of the times of the Gentiles?

Trends in world development at present seem to foreshadow a setting of the stage for the end of the age, with the implication that the present age is nearing the close and the fulfillment of Gentile prophecy is about to be resumed.