

Daniel 7 - Study Guide

Visions of the Future

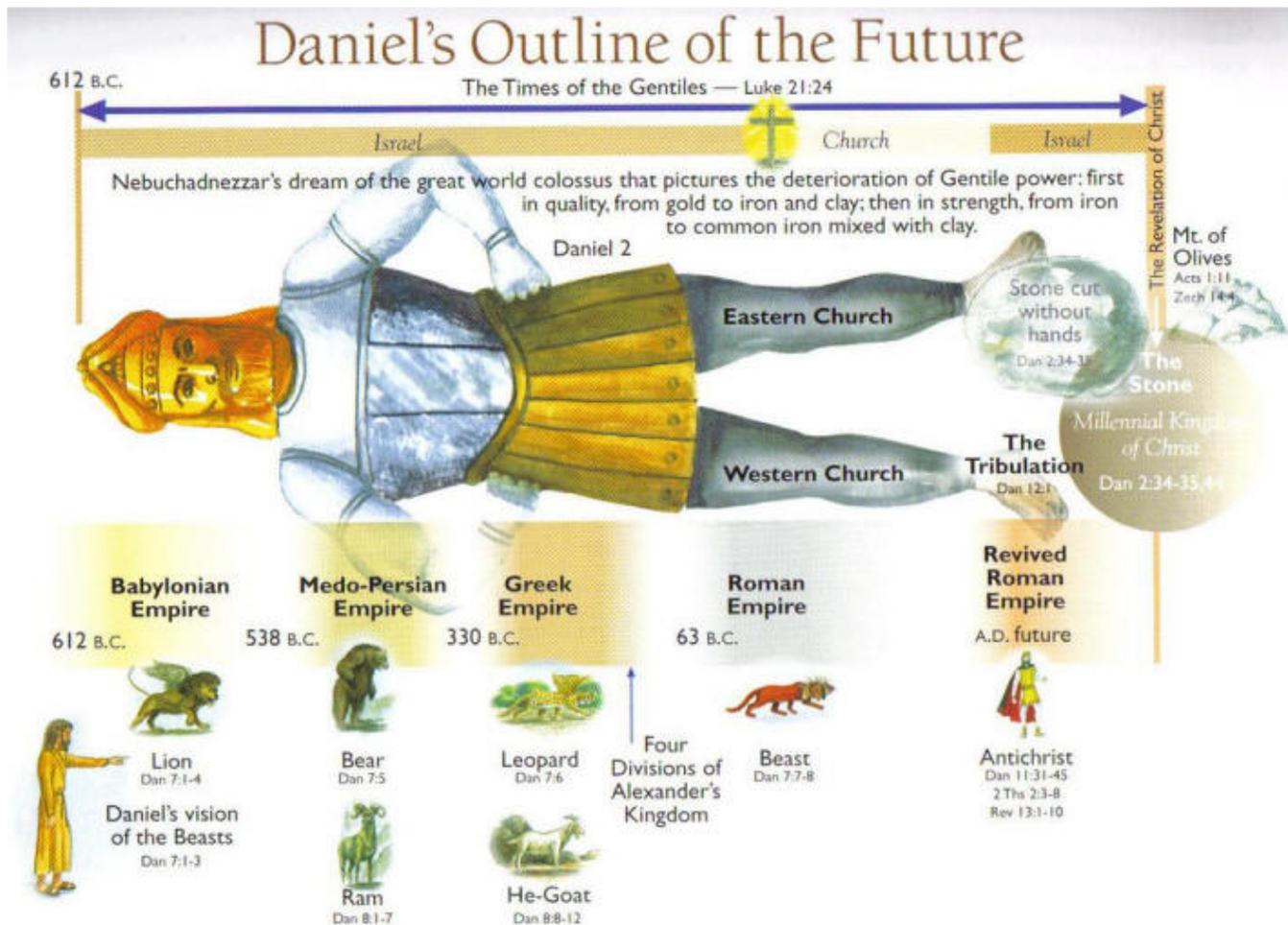
Scripture Summary

The vision that Daniel describes in chapter 7 is estimated to have taken place around the year 553 B.C. Daniel tells us in verse 1 that this was in the 1st year of Belshazzar. This is about 9 years after Nebuchadnezzar's death and 14 years from the fall of Babylon. Chronologically, the events described in chapter 7 of Daniel actually took place somewhere between chapters 4 and 5.

Basic Outline

1. Time setting (1)
2. The 4 beasts (2-7)
3. The 4th beast and the little horn (8, 15-25)
4. The Ancient of Days, the Son of Man and the Final Kingdom (9-14, 26-28)

Something Helpful:





Discussion Questions

1. What captured your attention most from Daniel chapter 7?
2. What one word is used over and over in chapter 7 to describe of the people of God (vs21,22,25, 27)? What does it mean and why is it used in this pivotal chapter (1 Cor. 1:2)?
3. How does reading this passage affect your attitude toward the future?
4. What is the final fate of “the little horn?”
5. What is the final destiny of “the saints,” the people of the Most High?
6. What do you find most appealing about Daniel's description of God's kingdom?
7. After the four kingdoms rise and fall, "the saints of the Most High will receive the everlasting kingdom". How is their conquest different from that of the first four kingdoms?

Reference Verses:

Revelation 17:15 Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

Revelation 13:6-7 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the *Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the *Book of Life* was cast into the lake of fire.