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**Babylon  
Media Persia  
Greece and Rome**

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### An overview of Babylon, Media Persia, Greece, and Rome.

1. **Babylon:** symbolised by a lion that had eagle wings, that were torn off (Dan. 7:4) meaning it could not fly or stand up, to arise again on its feet it had to be lifted-up by others and once it was standing again it was given the mind of a man (v17-18). The lion with eagle wings is the head made of gold that Daniel saw in his vision in (Dan. chapter two) which was Babylon the first world power of Daniels vision. (Dan. 2:32) (Dan. 2:37).

**The history:** Cyrus the king of Media Persia invaded and defeated Babylon and took the throne. Upon Babylon's defeat Cyrus liberated the enslaved populations and gave Israel written permission to return to their homeland and rebuild their beloved city Jerusalem and the temple of God. The LORD not only called Cyrus the king of Persia His anointed shepherd and called him by name, but also equipped Cyrus for the battle. (Isaiah 45:1, 28). Added to this the LORD says, even though Cyrus (a secular king) does not know Him, He calls Cyrus by name and will go before him (Isaiah 45:2-3).

2. **Media Persia:** symbolised by a ferocious bear destroying and conquering multitudes of nations (Dan. 7:17-18). This bear is the chest and arms made of silver that Daniel saw in his vision in chapter two, which was Media Persia the second world power of the image. (Dan. 2:32) (Dan. 2:39).

**The history:** Media existed as a kingdom in its own right prior to Persia, but Cyrus the Great king of Persia toppled the Median rulers and turned Media into the Kingdom of Persia. He then conquered the Empire of Babylon in 539 B.C., and established the Persian Empire as the pre-eminent power of the region. In the 6th century BC, the Persian Empire was the largest empire in the world. Media was the weaker with Persia being the stronger (Darius 1 continued what Cyrus had done). The bear lifted-up on one side with three ribs in its mouth between its teeth was Persia who conquered three great nations in its rise to power.

3. **Greece:** symbolised by a leopard with four heads (four kings of four kingdoms) and four wings on its back with enormous governing authority and ruling power, influence, and control (Dan. 7:17-18). The leopard with four wings and a bird on its back is the middle and thighs made of bronze that Daniel saw in his vision in chapter two which was Greece the third world kingdom. (Dan. 2:32) (Dan. 2:39).

**The History:** Media Persia fell to Alexander the Great after which the empire of Greece became firmly under his control, and the city of Alexandria grew into one of the greatest cities of the ancient world. His death created enormous problems, because there were no plans for a succession, so his empire when to the four strongest generals who were, Ptolemy 1 the King of Egypt, Cassander King of Macedonia, Lysimachus King of Thrace and Seleucus I, King of Syria. Although Alexander is not named in the Bible, he is described prophetically in Daniel chapter eight as the great horn between the he-goat's eyes (Dan. 8:5-8) (Dan. 8:20-22).

4. **Rome:** is said to be different from the previous kings and their kingdoms, in that it appears terrifying, and exceedingly strong, it had ten horns and iron teeth and anything it did not destroy with its teeth it crushed with its feet. (Daniel 7:7). This is the legs, feet, and toes that Daniel saw in his vision in Daniel chapter two, which was Rome

the fourth world kingdom (Dan. 2:40-41) (Dan. 2:42-43). The legs of iron continue down to the feet and ten toes mixed with iron and clay, which signifies that the final beast is Rome with all its affiliated nations and Papal power extending on through history until in the last days when it rises once again as a final world power and empire of the world.

**The History:** the early history of the small, but powerful city-state of Rome began with its gradual domination of Mediterranean powers, especially many of the states and nations of Greece. They built up their empire between the 3rd century BC and the 3rd century AD., and at Rome's height the Empire stretched from North-Western Europe to the Near East and encompassed all the lands of the Mediterranean.

**Rome and Religion:** The Romans made a fundamental distinction between state religion and Roman religion. Roman state religion was considered the formal link between men and the gods. Their religion was a type of contract between Rome and the highest god amongst all their gods. They held that their highest god would look after Rome's security and progress, providing the state looked after the god's needs by supplying the proper sacrifices and worship.

Now here in Revelation, John sees a ten-horned beast rise-up out of the sea, like a leopard, a bear and a lion which are all symbols of Daniels vision with the leopard symbolizing Greece, the bear Media Persia, and the Lion Babylon. The natural idea, therefore, in this passage, is that in the latter days a power that is represented by the beast would spring up among the nations, when the world is restless and unsettled, like the waves of the ocean.

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