The Four Great Beasts

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. This is a vision of Daniel and not a dream of the kings. It is a prophecy of Christianity from the first to the last, which is the Redemption of Zion. No one has been able to interpret Daniel until now—the time of the end. All of history must have been accomplished until such prophecy can be interpreted. The only reason the Redemption of Zion is included is because it fits the 69th week of Daniels seventy-week prophecy of Christianity.

[***Daniel 7:2-28***](https://www.lds.org/scriptures/ot/dan/7.2-28?lang=eng#p1)

***2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.***

***3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.***

The four winds are the four Christian doctrines. The sea is the knowledge of the Lord. The four beasts are the four kingdoms of Christianity diverse one from another. This is hard to accept, but no one can come close to explaining this prophecy other than what is written here.

***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.***

The first beast *was like a lion.* This is the first kingdom of Jesus Christ and ties specifically to the head of gold.

***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.***

This is the next beast like a bear. This is Gentile Christianity or that which came through the Roman Empire. The Emperor Constantine form 306 to 337 A.D. made Christianity the state religion. Since Jerusalem was destroyed by Rome about 70 AD, this would mean the Christianity would have spread substantially in 200 years for the Emperor to make it a state religion. For the bear to have ribs in its mouth means that it devoured much flesh as did the Roman Empire. To raise itself on one side refers to raising the power of the Church more to the Roman side than the Greek side. Constantine made his home in Constantinople—now called Istanbul. The bishop of Greek decent proved to himself that he was more worthy than the Bishop of Rome. This eventually divided the Church but still consumed many converts—described as flesh. This was the kingdom of silver.

***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.***

The third beast is like a leopard with stripes. This is a prophecy or the Reformation about 250 years later. The stripes are a representation of the many denominations that came out over time. The wings remind us that the reformation was a resolution against the tyranny of Rome. Rome collected all tithes and took them to a central treasury. This was a tithe of property and not income. The four heads represent the original four movements. They were the Lutheran Movement, the Anabaptist Movement—most ridged rules, the Calvin Movement, and the Humanistic Movement started by Sebastian Castellio. The dominion given the Protestants was that they would rule the would as the kingdom of brass.

***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.***

This is the residue of the Restored Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was not until 1844 that the Church fell from the heaven established by Joseph Smith. Brigham Young received the last revelation in 1848. After that tradition ruled by the various doctrines the Brigham Young instigated. This was the gall that the saints had to drink because of their disobedience to the economic commandments of the Kingdom of Heaven. This beast is the kingdom of iron. The Church is strong like iron. It is terrible in that it consumes the flesh of men. The iron teeth devour and broke in pieces the residue with the feet. It became more diverse than all of the prior beasts. The ten horns were the ten remaining of the Quorum of Twelve after Joseph Smith was martyred. They gave power unto the beast or false law of tithing. They are partly week and partly strong until the God of Heaven establishes Zion for the last time.

***8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.***

The horns were the last ten apostles of the restored Church after Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and Samuel Smith have been plucked up. The other little horn, which came before, was Brigham Young. He was among the apostles remaining.

***9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.***

***10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.***

This is after the redemption of Zion. Thousand thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand would join the Holy order of the Son of God in many autonomous units in Zion. Their judgment will come as the Church of the first-born.

***11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.***

***12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.***

The beast that was slain is the false law of tithing by income. This was the gall the saints drank for 1260 days or until the redemption of Zion. After *the voice of the great words which the horn spake,* Daniel beheld even till the beast was slain. Concerning *the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away.* More can be rendered, but this is sufficient.

***13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.***

***14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.***

This is the glory of the resurrection. It will start with the Church of the first-born and any others that reach heaven with the same intent of heart. Eventually, all will overcome death.

***15 ¶ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.***

***16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.***

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

The four great beasts are the four Christian Kingdoms that will arrive out of the earth or kingdoms of God.

***18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.***

This is the redemption of Zion when heaven will never again be destroyed. The current LDS Church rejected heaven and fell on 1844. This was the stumbling block that caused many stars to fall. Until this beast is slain, the Restored Church remains in darkness until Zion is redeemed.

***19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;***

***20 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 spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.***

One of the ten horns in the head of the beast came up before Joseph, Hyrum, and Samuel fell. He was Brigham Young. He had a mouth that spoke very great things and who was more stout than his fellows. The great words were in the gall given the saints.

***21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;***

Brigham Young made war with the saints in 1844 when he obtained the power and convinced the remaining apostles to join him in the tithing of income. He also got them to reduce all surpluses to only a tenth. This destroyed the Law of Consecration.

***22 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.***

The saints can only possess the kingdom when autonomous common consent is restored as was in the Scholl of the Prophets.

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

The fourth beast is the fourth kingdom of Iron. You can identify this to be the Restored Church because it attempts to devour the whole earth through missionary work. This is not to condemn honest missionary efforts, because how can man be judged if they do not know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The saints, however need to see through the allegory of prophecy. If they do not, they remain blind to the redemption of Zion.

***24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.***

Here the ten hors repeat with a slightly different expression. They are ten kings or religious leaders of the iron kingdom. They came from the twelve apostles. *Another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first.* Again, this is Brigham Young that is more diverse than Joseph Smith. Diverse means a great deal of variety or very different from the original gospel given to Joseph Smith. Tradition cannot see this and the diversity become related to the kingdom of iron because of Brigham Young. He *subdued* *three kings* by Joseph, Hyrum, and Samuel Smith being taken*.*

***25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.***

This describes Brigham Young and the traditions he created. He did *were out the saints…and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and dividing of time.* This is 1260 days or from 1844 after Joseph’s death to about 2050, when the redemption of Zion will be fulfilled. This is the same period that the prophecy of Joseph and Hyrum was clothed in sackcloth and also the same period that the church was driven into the wilderness because of the abomination in the 62nd week of Daniels seventy-week prophecy.

***26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.***

This represents the end of the dominion of traditions that has affected the doctrines of the Church. You will find that every lesson does not study scripture, but specific scriptures used are designed to support a traditional idea. When we read we cannot see through the allegory because if has been covered by tradition.

***27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.***

The above is a prophecy of the Redemption of Zion and should be completed by 2050—the approximate end of seven half times.

***28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.***

Why would the prophecy trouble Daniel? Did he see and understand? Perhaps he only concluded that the fourth kingdom was a dominion of darkness being that it was more diverse than the previous kingdoms. It is better that the saints not know, but the redemption of Zion is so close that we should no longer keep the truth in our hearts.

Conclusion:

It noteworthy to say that the fourth kingdom has more details that even repeats with slightly different wording. This is because it is the more important in our day—the time of the end. This is the basic reason for looking at the previous two dreams as happening in the last days. The remaining vision will cover Christianity in the same way.