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Let me get back to the three ribs and the teeth of this third beast, like a leopard. Now those three ribs had reference to three empires that were devoured by this government or this kingdom. That was Assyria and Egypt and, of course, Babylon. They were the three.

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:** (Now the iron of the image that was seen by Nebuchadnezzar was in the feet and legs and this has moved up to the mouth, the 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.** (Now there are many, many, well I'll say some writers or scholars writing on this who like to make the ten toes of the image the ten kingdoms, but I don't find anywhere else where ten toes represents a kingdom or a toe represents a kingdom, but I do find where horns represent kingdoms and these are the horns of the Roman Empire, the ten kingdom divisions.

8) **I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn,** (I believe I'll leave that for just a minute.)

Let's look at this 9th verse.

9) **I beheld till the thrones were cast down,** (Daniel saw this in this dream which was prophecy, something that was to come.) **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.** (He's still seeing the cherubim.)

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.** (Now don't take this as the judgement in the last day.)

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,** (the rest of the kingdoms now, the rest of the kings) **they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.** (Now the thing that I want to bring up right here is from the days of Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon and the kingdom handed down to Belshazzar and passing on into the hands of the Medes and Persians and into the Greeks, which were the Macedonians, and finally into the Romans, their dominion as they passed from one to the other was taken away but there were vassal states that remained all down through the centuries, and well I believe we mentioned the satraps the other night that were placed in those vassals or provinces and were made subordinate rulers but they answered to the chief that was in authority . These others had their dominion taken away but their lives were prolonged, that is their existence was prolonged, for a season and time.

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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.** (Now Daniel sees the Son of man going back in to heaven, not coming down, but going up, because the Ancient of days is in heaven on the throne. Well, we find a scripture in Psalms, **(Psalms 24:7) "Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."** (That's having reference to His return back to glory and this is too.) And they brought him near before the Ancient of days.

Now listen.

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.** (Now Jesus in all that He did while He was here on earth was in service to the Father. He says, "I came not to do mine own will but the will of Him that sent me." Jesus was a servant to accomplish the will of His Father while He was here on the earth, not only to go to the cross and pay the price of our salvation by His death and His burial and His resurrection, but His setting up of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, the church, of course. He, as the one who set it up, became the head of it, but He didn't receive the dominion of that kingdom until He was back, or went back to the Father and the Father gave Him dominion and power and this goes on to say that this kingdom "is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

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,** (One of them who? One of the cherubim, one of the agencies that had come down) **and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.** (Now here's where we get our answer.)

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

18) **But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom,** (and he's talking about the church kingdom now) **and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.**

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;** (Now this is the reason I left off that last beast awhile ago.) **which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;**

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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.

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

22) **Until the Ancient of days came** (In other words, the Ancient of days interferred or intervened) **and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the** kingdom.

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.**

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.**

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.** (Now here we enter right into the dark ages. Time, times, and the dividing of time is simply 3½ years in days, which would be 1,260 year days. Now that introduces the dark ages.)

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

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.**

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

Now for about 600 years or better, between 600 and 700, this prophecy was presented back there in the captivity of Israel under Babylon and to the kings that took over the kingdom, one to the other, passed all the way down for people to understand, by prophecy, the coming of the kingdom and we're going to study in just a little while the exact number of years that it was going to be until the coming of Christ into the world the first time and the cleansing of the sanctuary and the putting away of sin and that happened in Christ's death and the annointing of the most holy place, which took place on the day of Pentecost, and that prophecy now came even to Daniel and to those kingdoms back in that day that they could understand.