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**In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon. This precedes 6:1 by 14 years. Dan = 68**

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**Here the text shifts tense (<7:2, he. > 7:2, I). After 7:28, text in Hebrew, not Aramaic.**

What does Daniel see/record? **7:1-3** see **Rev.13:1; 17:1,15**

**He saw 4 winds of heaven stirring the great sea and 4 great beasts come out of the sea.**

What is the interpretation of the 4 beasts? **7:15-18** Implication?

**These are 4 kings from earth. Thus the great sea = humanity. 4 winds = God's striving.**

What's the description of the *first beast*? **7:4** See **Dan.4:1-36**

**A lion w/eagles wings. Plucked off, lifted up & made to stand/man. Given man's mind.**

What's the interpretation? **2:31-45; 4:1-36** (1<sup>st</sup> world gentile kingdom, Babylon)

**Lion/wings=Babylon (lit, excavation). Wings plucked=Neb. illness. Recovery= given mind**

What's the description of the *second beast*? **7:5** See **Dan 2:39**

**A bear, raised up on one side w/3 ribs in its mouth. Told to arise, devour much flesh.**

What's the interpretation? **8:1-4, 20; 2:39** (2<sup>nd</sup> world gentile kingdom, Medio-Persia)

**Bear=power/lumbering. One side high=Persia over Medes. 3 ribs=West, North, South?**

What's the description of the *third beast*? **7:5b-6** See **Dan.2:39**

**A leopard w/four wings of a bird on its back and four heads. And dominion was given.**

What's the interpretation? **7:6; 8:5-8,21** (3<sup>rd</sup> world gentile kingdom, Greece)

**Leopard w/4 wings = Greece (Alexander the Great)/lightning speed. 4 heads= 4 generals**

What's the description of the fourth beast? **7:7-8** See **Dan.2:40-43, 8:8-14**

**Beast, dreadful/terrifying/strong/iron teeth! 10 horns, little one rips out 3 of 10. Boasts!**

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