



Study of Prophecy: “Daniel Chapter Seven”

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Opening Scripture

Daniel 12:4

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

334 - Come Thou Fount

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me ever to adore Thee,
May I still Thy goodness prove,
While the hope of endless glory,
Fills my heart with joy and love.**

334 - Come Thou Fount

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.**

334 - Come Thou Fount

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.

Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen G. White (pg. 599)

Chap. 58 – The Schools of the Prophets

The teaching of the Bible has a vital bearing upon man's prosperity in all the relations of this life. It unfolds the principles that are the cornerstone of a nation's prosperity--principles with which is bound up the well-being of society, and which are the safeguard of the family--principles without which no man can attain usefulness, happiness, and honor in this life, or can hope to secure the future, immortal life. There is no position in life, no phase of human experience, for which the teaching of the Bible is not an essential preparation. Studied and obeyed, the word of God would give to the world men of stronger and more active intellect than will the closest application to all the subjects that human philosophy embraces. It would give men of strength and solidity of character, of keen perception and sound judgment--men who would be an honor to God and a blessing to the world.

SESSION 3:



**THE LION
WITH
EAGLE'S WINGS**

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❖ Daniel 7:1-3.

1) 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. 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.⁸



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Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols

Winds = Strife/Political commotion/War.

- ❖ See Jeremiah 25:32, 33; 49:36,37.

Seas/Waters = Peoples/ Nations/Tongues

- ❖ See Revelation 17:15.

Beast = Kingdom

- ❖ See Daniel 7:17,23.

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❖ Daniel 7:4.

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.

Daniel and The Revelation by Uriah Smith (pg 107)

Chap. 7 – The Struggle for World Dominion

The Lion. - In the vision of Daniel 7, the first beast seen by the prophet was a lion. For the use of the lion as a symbol, read Jeremiah 4:7; 50: 17, 43, 44. **The lion as first seen in the vision before us had eagle's wings. The symbolic use of wings is impressively described in Habakkuk 1: 6-8, where it is said that the Chaldeans should "fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat."**

From these symbols we may easily deduce that Babylon was a kingdom of great strength, and that under Nebuchadnezzar its conquests were extended with great rapidity. But there came a time when the wings were plucked. It no longer rushed upon its prey like an eagle. The boldness and spirit of the lion were gone. A man's heart--weak, timorous, and faint--took the place of a lion's strength. Such was the case with the nation during the closing years of its history, when it had become enfeebled and effeminate through wealth and luxury.

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❖ Jeremiah 4:7

The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

❖ Jeremiah 50:17.

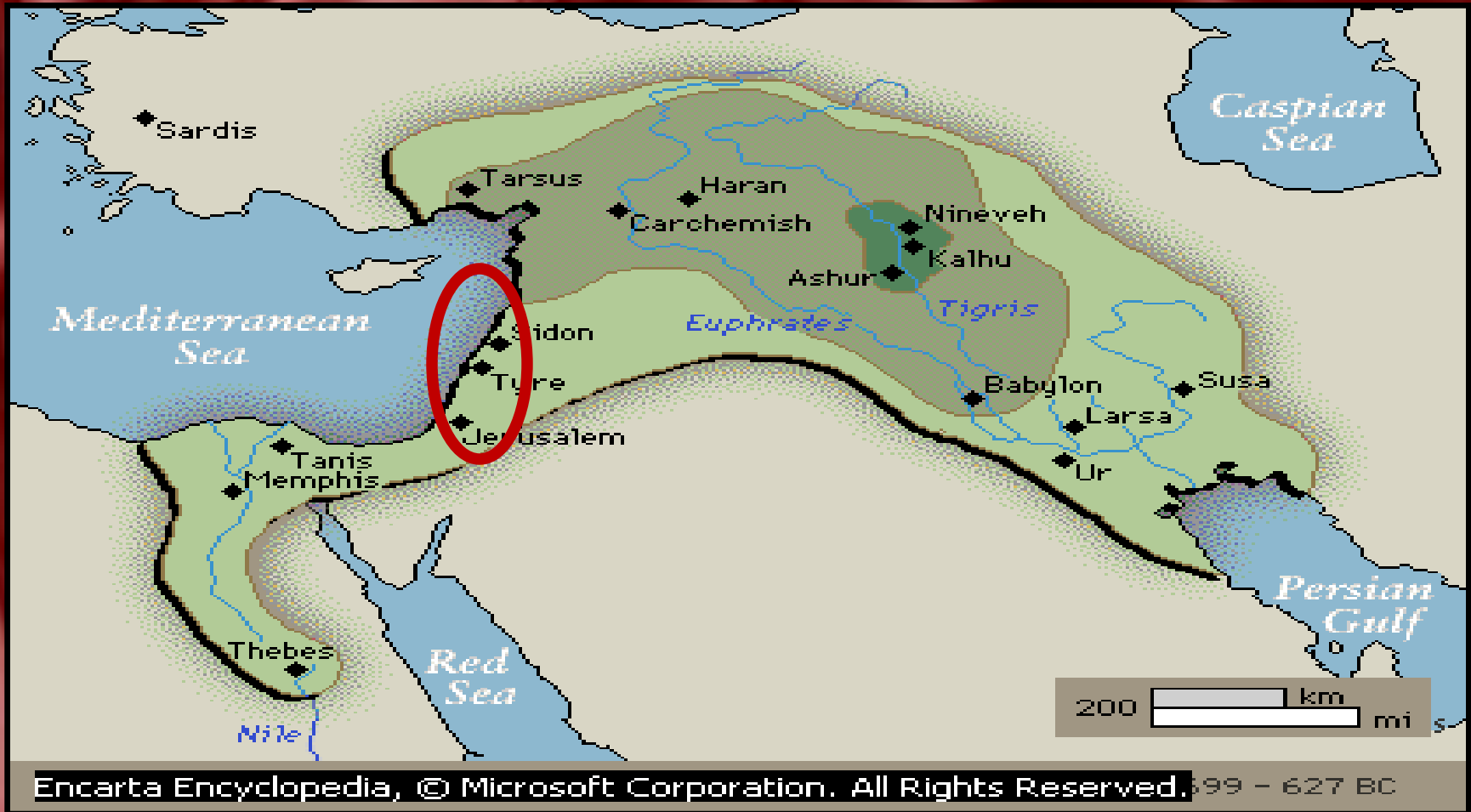
Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

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❖ Habakkuk 1:6-8.

- ❖ 6) For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. 7) They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. 8) Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and **their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.**

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Babylonian Empire dominated Ancient Israel.

Geddes and Grosset - Atlas of World History (pg 68)

In 1792 BC, a ruler called Hammurabi, came to power in the Semite city of Babylon. He can be looked upon as the first great emperor in the history of the world. Hammurabi's armies carried Babylonian power across most of the Fertile Crescent, from the Persian Gulf and the old Sumerian cities in the east, to the edge of mountains of Asia Minor and the borders of Syria in the west....

Astrology played a vital role in all decision taking, and this led to Babylonians to study the stars closely. By 1000 BC their astrologers had plotted the paths of the sun and the planets with great accuracy, and they were able to predict eclipses. They instituted the system under which the circle is divided into 360 degrees and the hour into 60 minutes.

The first great period of Babylonian power ended when the city was destroyed by the Hittites in 1600 BC. After that, Babylon remained an important centre of trade and culture, but a thousand years would pass before the city would achieve a late flowering of political power, under the great king Nebuchadnezzar.

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The city was entered through the huge Ishtar Gate, named after the goddess. The gate was covered with glazed blue bricks, and decorated with yellow and brown bulls and dragons.

taken over by the Persians.



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The Cause of Israel's Captivity

❖ Hosea 4:6.

❖ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

- Unprofitable – Matthew 25:24-30.
- Encumbrance – Luke 13:6-9.
- Unfruitful – John 15:1-6.
- Disconnected – Romans 11:17-21.

Daniel and The Revelation by Uriah Smith (pp 48, 49)

Chap. 2 – The King Dreams of Empires

God had said that that city should become a heap, and the habitation of the beasts of the desert; that its houses should be full of doleful creatures; that the wild beasts of the islands should cry in its desolate dwellings, and dragons in its pleasant palaces. (Isaiah 13: 19-22.)... Darius took away the brazen gates of the city, and beat down the walls from two hundred cubits to fifty cubits.... Xerxes ...plundered the temple of Belus of its immense wealth...In the year 294 B.C., Seleucus Nicator built the city of New Babylon and took much of the material and many of the inhabitants of the old city About the end of the fourth century, it was used by the Persian kings as an enclosure for wild beasts. At the end of the twelfth century...the few remaining ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's palace were so full of serpents and venomous reptiles that they could not be closely inspected without great danger.

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IS THERE A BABYLON TODAY?

❖ **1 Peter 5:13.**

❖ The church that is at **Babylon**, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

❖ **Revelation 14:8.**

And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon** is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

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❖ Revelation 17:4,5.

4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5) And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

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IS THERE A BABYLON TODAY?

❖ Revelation 18:1-5.

1) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon** the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

The Great Controversy by Ellen G. White (pp 594-5)

Chap. 37 – The Scriptures A Safeguard

When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. **The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image, should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it.** But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth, and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days, “The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions, which they love.

A religious painting depicting several angels with large, white, feathered wings flying through a cloudy sky. They are looking down towards a landscape below that features a body of water, a path, and a distant city or town. The overall style is classical and dramatic.

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YOU.