



# **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 4:**

**THE BEAR  
WITH  
UNEVEN  
SHOULDERS**

# The Bear with Uneven Shoulders



## ❖ 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.



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## **Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols**

**Lion = Kingdom of Babylon.**

❖ See Jeremiah 4:7; 50:17,43,44.

**Eagle's Wings = Swiftiness of Conquest.**

❖ See Habakkuk 1:6-8.

**Man's Heart = Weakness, Timidity, Faint.**

❖ See Isaiah 1:5.

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## ❖ Daniel 7:5.

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.



## Daniel and The Revelation by Uriah Smith (pp 107,108)

### Chap. 7 – The Struggle for World Dominion

**The Bear.**--As in the image of Daniel 2, so in this series of symbols a marked deterioration is noticed as we descend from one kingdom to another. The silver of the breast and arms is inferior to the gold of the head. The bear is inferior to the lion. Medo-Persia fell short of Babylon in wealth, magnificence, and brilliance. The bear raised itself up on one side. The kingdom was composed of two nationalities, the Medes and the Persians. The same fact is represented by the two horns of the ram in Daniel 8. Of these horns it is said that the higher horn came up last, and of the bear that it raised itself up on one side. This was fulfilled by the Persian division of the kingdom, for although it came up last, it attained the higher eminence, becoming a dominant influence in the nation.

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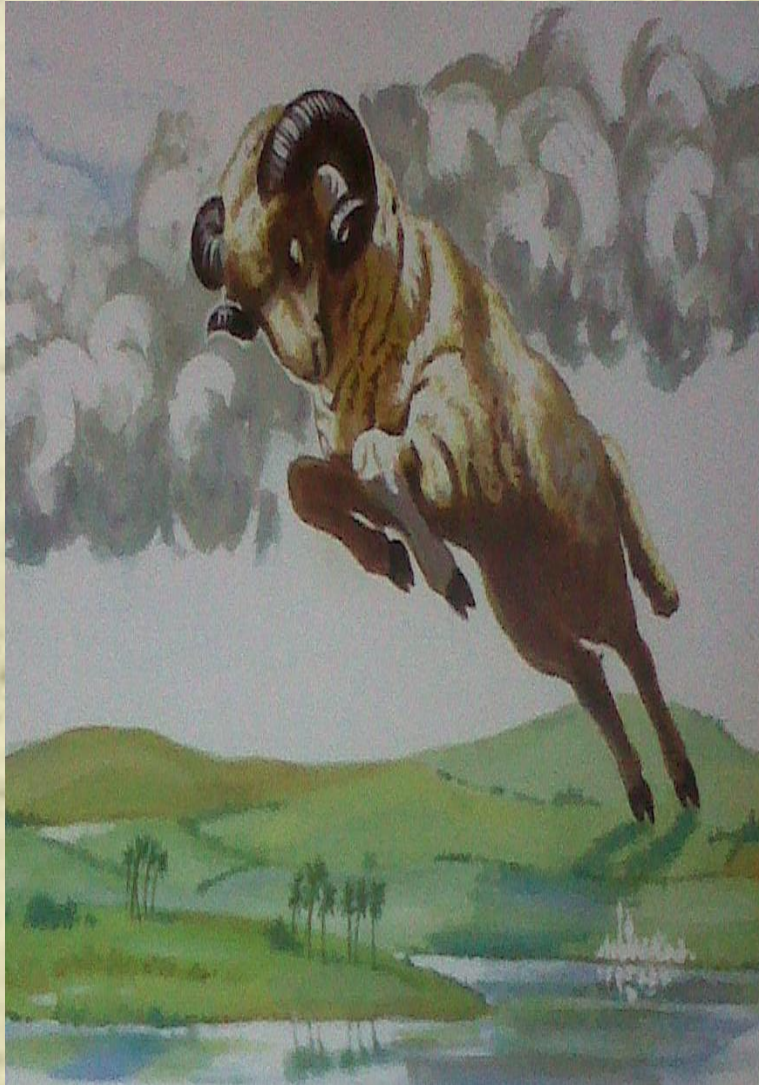


Medo-Persia's Ascendency.



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## ❖ Daniel 8:3, 4.



3) Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. 4) I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

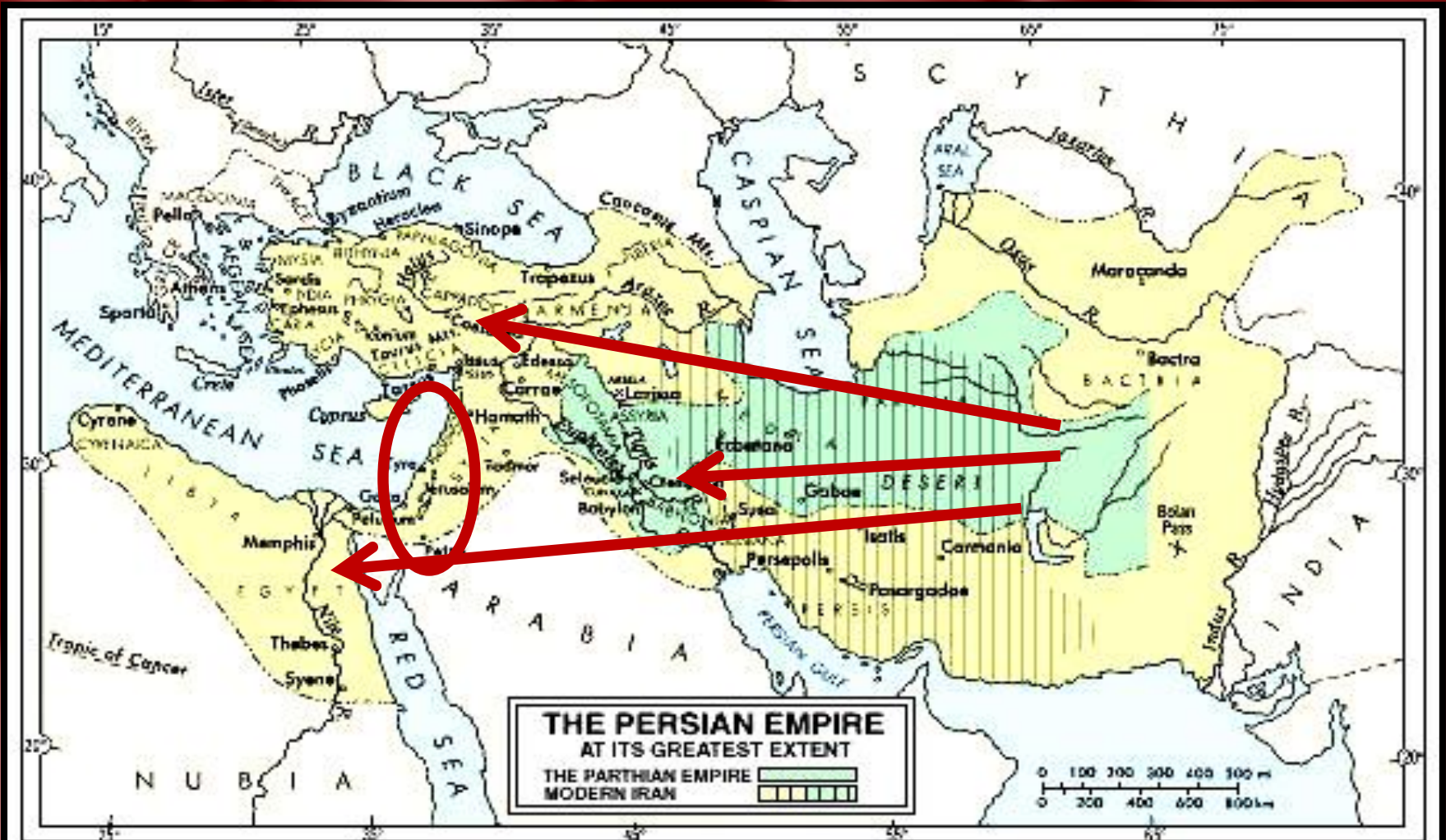
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The three ribs doubtless signify the three provinces of Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt, which were especially oppressed by Medo-Persia. The command, "Arise, devour much flesh," would naturally refer to the stimulus given to the Medes and Persians by the overthrow of these provinces. The character of the power is well represented by a bear. The Medes and Persians were cruel and rapacious, robbers and spoilers of the people. This Medo-Persian kingdom continued from the overthrow of Babylon by Cyrus to the battle of Arbela in 331 B.C., a period of 207 years.



# The Bear with Uneven Shoulders



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Medo-Persia dominated Ancient Israel.

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## **Important Events of Medo-Persia's Reign:**

- 1. Restoration of the Jews (Isaiah 44:28 – 45:4).**
- 2. Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6).**
- 3. Rebuilding the Temple at Jerusalem (Ezra 1&6).**
- 4. Esther Saves the Jews (Esther 4:14; 8 & 9).**



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## What is the Connection between these Two Beasts?

### ❖ Revelation 13:1, 2.

1) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as **the feet of a bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

### ❖ See Daniel 7:5.



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The Bear of Daniel 7 and the Beast of Revelation 13.



# 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 city with a tall spire, a river, and a bridge. The scene is rendered in a classical, somewhat somber style with muted colors.

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RICHLY BLESS  
YOU.