

The Ancient of Days

“The Book of Daniel” (Ch. 7)

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1. Four Winds, Four Beasts—Four Empires

(Numerological Four—Global Dominion)

- A. Lion with Eagle Wings—Neo-Babylon Empire
- B. Bear with Three Ribs—Persian Empire
 - 1) Three Ribs—Babylon, Lydia, Egypt conquered
- C. Leopard with Four Heads/Wings—Greek Empire (Diadoche)
 - 1) Seleucus—Syria (East)
 - 2) Ptolemy—Egypt (South)
 - 3) Lysimachus—Asia Minor (North)
 - 4) Cassander—Greece (West)
- D. Fourth Beast—Seleucid Empire
 - 1) Ten Horns—Seleucid Kings

(Numerological Ten—Completion of Power)

- a) Seleucus I Nicator (312-281)
- b) Antiochus I Soter (281-261)
- c) Antiochus II Theos (261-246)
- d) Seleucus II Callinicus (246-225)
- e) Seleucus III Ceraunus (225-223)
- f) Antiochus III the Great (223-187)
- g) Seleucus IV Philopator (187-175)
- h) Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163)**
- i) Antiochus V Eupator (163-161)
- j) Demetrius I Soter (161-150)
 - i) Alexander Epiphanes reigns as rival king in 152
 - ii) Appoints Jonathan Apphus High Priest
 - iii) Jews and Balas kill Demetrius I in 150

2) Hasmonean Dynasty (150-63)

2. The Most High

- A. Aram (*elyown*)—God Most High

3. The Little Horn

- A. The Little Horn, The Fourth Beast—Antiochus IV Epiphanes
 - 1) Speaks against the Most High
 - 2) Oppresses the Holy People
 - 3) Changes the set times and laws (end sacrifices)
 - 4) For three and a half years (times, times, half a time)

(Numerology—the broken seven)

- a) The oppression of Antiochus (168-165 BC)
 - b) The siege of Jerusalem by Titus (68-70 AD)
- B. Three Other Horns—Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy

4. The Son of Man

- A. Aram (*bar enosh*)—Israel, Maccabees, Hasmonean Dynasty
- B. Aram (*kadiyshey*)—Holy People, Saints, People of God
 - 1) Daniel 7:13
*“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.”*
 - 2) Daniel 7:27
*“Then the [kingdom], power and greatness of the [kingdom] under [all] heaven will be handed over to the **holy people** of the Most High.”*
 - 3) Matthew 24:30
*“Then will appear the sign of the **Son of Man** in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.”*

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- A. Aram (*atiyq yowmaya*)—David handing off the Messianic Kingdom
 - 1) Micah 5:2
*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from **ancient** times.”*
 - 2) Luke 1:32-33
*“He will be great and will be called the Son of the **Most High**. The Lord God will give him the **throne of his father David**, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*
 - 3) Revelation 1:14-15
*The hair on his head was **white like wool**, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.*