

Appendix 3 – Daniel’s Fourth Beast

The identity of the fourth beast in Daniel’s vision described in Daniel 7 is found in the book of Revelation, as well as another unfamiliar prophecy written around 100 AD.

Apocrypha

First we will look at the book of 2 Esdras, which is one of the books in the Apocrypha. This little-known book was part of the original Authorized King James Bible (A.V.) in 1611. In 1885 the Revised Version (R.V.) replaced the Authorized Version, and the Apocrypha was removed. While this book cannot be given the same weight as Scripture, we discovered a remarkable reference describing Daniel’s **4th beast** of Daniel 7.

“...1) I had a dream I saw rising from the sea an eagle...2) I saw it spread its wings over the whole earth...5) and it reigned over the earth and over those who inhabit it...6) all things under heaven were subjected to it, and no one spoke against it—not a single creature...on the earth.” (2 Esdras 11:1, 2, 5, & 6)

“10) He said to me, “This is the interpretation of this vision that you have seen: 11) the eagle that you saw coming up from the sea is the fourth kingdom that appeared in a vision to your brother Daniel.”

(2 Esdras 12:10-11)

The above prophecy is over 1,900 years old and it declares the **fourth beast** of Daniel is represented to be an **eagle**! Of course, the **eagle** is the symbol for the United States of America.

John’s Apocalypse

Daniel’s **4th beast** is also explained in John’s portrayal of Mystery Babylon in the book of Revelation, which is described in the following section.

Mystery Explained (Rev 17:7-18)

The angel tells John the clues to solve the mystery surrounding the harlot seen riding on the beast with 7 heads and 10 horns (Rev 17:7). On the facing page is a summary of the key verses, along with this author's speculation of the identity of the nations involved.

Verse 8 – At the time John wrote this, the beast that “was” and “is not” must be Babylon, which fell in 539 BC. It could not be Rome since the Romans came into power in 63 BC with Pompey's occupation of Jerusalem.

Verse 9 – This verse, along with verse 18, reveal that the 7 heads are 7 hills or mountains upon which their headquarters are located.¹ Verse 9 states that understanding the true identity of this important city calls for wisdom. We know these cities will be the headquarters of the Beast and the harlot. Since the city of Rome is well known as “*the city on 7 hills,*” we know this is where the harlot is located.

Verse 10 – The 7 kings include the 5 who have fallen (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia and Greece, + Rome (which was in power at the time John wrote this), leaving the Beast, who has not yet come (we deem is the New Babylon: Daniel's 4th Beast).

Verse 11 – The Beast that “was” and “is not” is of the 7 that are listed. From verses 8 and 10 above we see this must be from the Beast named New Babylon (the 7th). The actual Antichrist is the “*little horn*” which comes out of the 7th one listed (*cf.* Dan 7:7-8). This “*little horn*” is the 8th and will be destroyed at the very end (*cf.* Rev 19:20).

The Beast will rule from the center of economic and political power. New York City is probably the greatest commercial and banking center in the world. It is also the headquarters for the United Nations, which could host the global government to place all sovereign nations under the Beast's control, in order to bring in the New World Order (NWO). Interestingly, New York will become “*the city on 7 mountains,*” since the Beast will have dominion over “*the seven continents*” of the world. Both the Beast and the harlot (False Prophet) will rule the world from their strategic command centers: New York and Rome.

Mystery of Woman, Beast and 10 Horns

“7) *But the angel said to me, ‘Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman* and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.*

8) *The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel... when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

Beast	Beast	Beast
<u>Was</u>	<u>Is Not</u>	<u>Will Ascend</u>
Babylon	Babylon	<i>(Daniel’s 4th Beast)</i>

9) *‘Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.*

10) *There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.*

5 Kings	One	Not Yet
<u>Have Fallen</u>	<u>Is</u>	<u>Come</u>
Egypt, Assyria Babylon, Persia Greece	Rome	Beast (4 th Beast)

11) *‘The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.*

<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
5 Kings	One	Not Yet	He is of
<u>Have Fallen</u>	<u>Is</u>	<u>Come</u>	<u>The 7</u>
Egypt, Assyria Babylon, Persia Greece	Rome	Beast (4 th Beast)	Little Horn
		(comes out [7 Heads & 10 Horns])	(of the 7)

18) *‘And the woman* whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.’”*

(Rev 17:7-11, 18)

* Cities = New York City and Rome: the Headquarters for the U.N. / America and the Roman Catholic Church.

From the foregoing description of *Mystery Babylon*, we see that Daniel's 4th beast is the **seventh** kingdom that had not existed when the Apostle John penned these words. This means that Daniel's 4th beast must be an **entirely new** kingdom to arrive (**it's not**: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece or Rome). We believe this embodies America that symbolizes a New Babylon. This new 4th beast is different from all of the other beasts because it is an amalgamation of America aligned with 10 other nations led by the Antichrist (little horn).

Readers desiring additional evidence for America being part of Mystery Babylon should read our commentary on the book of Revelation: *Calling All Overcomers*. This can be freely downloaded on our website: www.ProphecyCountdown.com

We also highly recommend Pastor Randy Shupe's excellent analysis of this subject in his volume: *Babylon the Great*. This exceptional book is available at: www.PastorRandyShupe.com

Finally, as was explained in the beginning of this appendix, we cannot ignore the remarkable description for our beloved nation of America (the Eagle) found in the Apocrypha. While this account cannot be held with the same importance of Scripture, we should not ignore a prophecy written over 1,900 years ago that was included by King James when he authorized the Apocrypha to be included in the Holy Bible of 1611.

While the speculations in this book are not meant to dogmatically identify the various nations associated with the prophecies, we believe God included essential information in his Holy Word to alert believers during the time of the end.

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’” (Rev 18:4).