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• From time immemorial, mankind has observed the characteristics and habits of animals and has applied them in a figurative or symbolic sense to persons, peoples, governments, and organizations. The Bible makes good use of this effective means of illustration. Examples pertaining to the figurative use of the **qualities residing in an animal**, or **suggested by its characteristics**, are listed in the accompanying charts.

••Beasts As Symbols Of Governments

• Certain major world powers of history appear directly in the Biblical record, and all of these, as well as other nations, have used **animals as symbols of their governments**. In Egypt, the **serpent** figured prominently, the **uraeus**, the **sacred asp**, appearing on the **headdress** of the Pharaohs. However, Egypt was also represented by the **bull**, as was **Assyria**.

• **Medo-Persia** used the **eagle**, the shields of the Medes bore the golden eagle, the Persians bore an eagle fixed to the end of a lance. Athens was designated by the owl. Rome, the eagle. Great Britain is designated by the lion. The United States, the eagle. From the most remote times China has been symbolized by the dragon. Well known are the Russian bear and the German two-headed eagle.

••The Wild Beasts Of Daniel And Of Revelation.

• That the **beasts** described in these books represent political kingdoms or governments, exercising rulership and authority, is clearly stated.

• After this I kept on beholding, and, see there! Another **beast**, one like a leopard, but it had four wings of a flying creature on its back. And the beast had four heads, and there was **given to it rulership indeed**. (**Daniel 7:6**)

- But as for the rest of the **beasts**, their rulerships were taken away, and there was a lengthening in life given to them for a time and a season. (**Daniel 7:12**)
- This is what he said; As for the fourth **beast**, there is a fourth kingdom that will come to be on the earth, that will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour all the earth and will trample it down and crush it. (**Daniel 7:23**)
- The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (**Daniel 8:20**)
- And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. (**Daniel 8:21**)
- And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. (**Daniel 8:22**)
- And the fifth one poured out his bowl upon the throne of the wild beast. And its kingdom became darkened, and they began to gnaw their tongues for their pain. (**Revelation 16:10**)
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild **beast** that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)
- Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The seven heads mean seven mountains, where the woman sits on top. (**Revelation 17:9**)
- And there are seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. (**Revelation 17:10**)
- And the wild **beast** that was but is not, it is also itself an eighth king, but springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. (**Revelation 17:11**)
- And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings

one hour with the wild **beast**. (Revelation 17:12)

- A consideration of the Biblical passages reveals that, while these political wild **beasts** vary in symbolic form, yet all have certain characteristics in common. All are shown as **standing in opposition to God's rule by the Messianic Kingdom over mankind**. They are also depicted as in **opposition to God's holy ones**, his covenant people, first the Jewish nation, then the Christian congregation.
- Those specifically named, Medo-Persia and Greece, were major world powers, and the great size attributed to the others or the description of their actions indicates that these too were not minor kingdoms. It may be noted that subordinate kingdoms are symbolized by horns in some cases. All the **beasts** are represented as very aggressive, **seeking the dominant position over the nations or peoples within the reach of their power**.
- As for these huge **beasts**, because they are four, there are four kings that will stand up from the earth. (Daniel 7:17)
- But the holy one's of the Supreme One will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom for time indefinite, even for time indefinite upon times indefinite. (Daniel 7:18)
- I kept on beholding when that very horn made war upon the holy ones, and it was prevailing against them. (Daniel 7:21)
- And out of one of them there came forth another horn, a small one, and it kept getting very much greater toward the south and toward the sunrising and toward the Decoration. (Daniel 8:9)
- And it kept getting greater all the way to the army of the heavens, so that it caused some of the army and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it went trampling them down. (Daniel 8:10)
- And all the way to the Prince of the army it put on great airs, and from him the constant feature was taken away, and the established place of his sanctuary was thrown down. (Daniel 8:11)
- And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. (Daniel 8:23)

- And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty one's to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. **(Daniel 8:24)**
- And they worshiped the dragon because it gave the authority to the wild **beast**, and they worshiped the wild **beast** with the words: Who is like the wild **beast**, and who can do battle with it? **(Revelation 13:4)**
- And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given it, and authority to act forty-two months was given it. **(Revelation 13:5)**
- And it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his residence, even those residing in heaven. **(Revelation 13:6)**
- And there was granted it to wage war with the holy one's and conquer them, and authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. **(Revelation 13:7)**
- And there was granted it to give breath to the image of the wild beast, so that the image of the wild **beast** should both speak and cause to be killed all those who would not in any way worship the image of the wild **beast**. **(Revelation 13:15)**
- And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild **beast**. **(Revelation 17:12)**
- These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild **beast**. **(Revelation 17:13)**
- These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. **(Revelation 17:14)**
- Many commentators endeavor to limit the fulfillment of the visions of the **beasts** in the book of Daniel so that it does not extend

beyond the time when Jesus Christ was on the earth, at which time the Roman Empire was the dominant power.

- The prophecies themselves, however, make plain that they extend beyond that time. The final forms of the **beasts** are shown as reaching down to the arrival of the definite time for God's holy one's to take possession of the kingdom in the appointed time of the end. Then the Messiah destroys such **beastly** opposition for all time.

- I kept on beholding when that **very horn made war upon the holy ones**, and it was prevailing against them. (**Daniel 7:21**)

- Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment itself was given in favor of the holy one's of the Supreme One, and the definite time arrived that the holy one's took possession of the kingdom itself. (**Daniel 7:22**)

- This is what he said; As for the fourth **beast**, there is a fourth kingdom that will come to be on the earth, that will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour all the earth and will trample it down and crush it. (**Daniel 7:23**)

- And as for the ten horns, out of that kingdom there are ten kings that will rise up, and still another one will rise up after them, and he himself will be different from the first ones, and three kings he will humiliate. (**Daniel 7:24**)

- And he will speak even words against the Most High, and he will harass continually the holy one's themselves of the Supreme One. And he will intend to change times and law, and they will be given into his hand for a time, and times and half a time. (**Daniel 7:25**)

- And the Court itself proceeded to sit, and his own rulership they finally took away, in order to annihilate him and to destroy him totally. (**Daniel 7:26**)

- And the kingdom and the rulership and the grandeur of the kingdoms under all the heavens were given to the people who are the holy one's of the Supreme One. Their kingdom is an indefinitely lasting kingdom, and all the rulerships will serve and obey even them. (**Daniel 7:27**)

- And he went on to say; Here I am causing you to know what will

- occur in the final part of the denunciation, because it is for the appointed time of the end. ([Daniel 8:19](#))
- The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. ([Daniel 8:20](#))
 - And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. ([Daniel 8:21](#))
 - And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. ([Daniel 8:22](#))
 - And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. ([Daniel 8:23](#))
 - And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty one's to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. ([Daniel 8:24](#))
 - And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. ([Daniel 8:25](#))
 - These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild **beast**. ([Revelation 17:13](#))
 - These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. ([Revelation 17:14](#))
 - And I saw the wild **beast** and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. ([Revelation 19:19](#))
 - And the wild **beast** was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he

mised those who received the mark of the wild **beast** and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (**Revelation 19:20**)

- It may be noted that Christ Jesus expressly foretold that opposition to the Messianic Kingdom would continue into the time of the end, so that his disciples then preaching that Kingdom would be objects of hatred by all the nations.
- While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying; Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of things? (**Matthew 24:3**)
- Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name. (**Matthew 24:9**)
- Then, also, many will be stumbled and will betray one another and will hate one another. (**Matthew 24:10**)
- And many false prophets will arise and mislead many. (**Matthew 24:11**)
- And because of the increasing of lawlessness the love of the greater number will cool off. (**Matthew 24:12**)
- But he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (**Matthew 24:13**)
- And this Good News of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (**Matthew 24:14**)
- This obviously does not allow for any nation, particularly world powers, to be excluded from possible identification with the final forms or expressions of the symbolic wild **beasts**.

· Daniel's Vision Of The Beasts Out Of The Sea

- After Egypt and Assyria had finished their respective periods of dominance, and toward the close of the Babylonian Empire, Yehowah

God gave Daniel a vision of four huge **beasts coming up out of the vast sea.**

- In the first year of Belshazzar the king of Babylon, Daniel himself beheld a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. At that time he wrote down the dream itself. The complete account of the matters he told. (**Daniel 7:1**)
- Daniel was speaking up and saying; I happened to be beholding in my visions during the night, and, see there! The **four winds of the heavens were stirring up the vast sea.** (**Daniel 7:2**)
- And four huge **beasts** were coming up out of the sea, each one being different from the others. (**Daniel 7:3**)
- But the **wicked are like the sea** that is being tossed, when it is unable to calm down, the waters of which keep tossing up seaweed and mire. (**Isaiah 57:20**)
- Likens persons alienated from God to the sea, saying, But the **wicked are like the sea that is being tossed**, when it is unable to calm down, the waters of which keep tossing up seaweed and mire.
- And he says to me; The waters that you saw, where the harlot is sitting, mean peoples and crowds and nations and tongues. (**Revelation 17:15**)
- Bible commentators regularly link this vision with that of the colossal image in the (**Daniel Chapter Two**). As a comparison of (**Daniel Chapters 2, 7**) shows, there are definite similarities. The colossal image had four principal parts or sections, to compare with the four **beasts.**
- The metals of the image began with the most precious, gold, and became successively inferior, while the **beasts** began with the majestic lion. In both visions the fourth part, or kingdom, receives particular consideration, shows the greatest complexity of form, introduces new elements, and continues down till the time when divine judgment is executed upon it for standing in opposition to God's rule.
- Briefly the four **beasts** were, a **lion**, first having eagles wings, then losing them and taking on human qualities. A **bear**, a less majestic and more ponderous creature than the lion, devouring much flesh. A **leopard** with four wings, adding to its great speed, and four

heads. And a fourth **wild beast** not corresponding to any actual animal, unusually strong, with large iron teeth, ten horns, and another horn developing with eyes and a mouth speaking grandiose things.

- Much of the chapter relates to the fourth **beast** and its unusual horn. While each **beast** was different from the others, this was especially true of the fourth one.
- And four huge **beasts** were coming up out of the sea, each one being different from the others. (**Daniel 7:3**)
- The first one was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I kept on beholding until its wings were plucked out, and it was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand up on two feet just like a man, and there was given to it the heart of a man. (**Daniel 7:4**)
- And, see there! Another **beast**, a second one, it being like a bear. And on one side it was raised up, and there were three ribs in its mouth between its teeth, and this is what they were saying to it, Get up, eat much flesh. (**Daniel 7:5**)
- After this I kept on beholding, and, see there! Another **beast**, one like a leopard, but it had four wings of a flying creature on its back. And the **beast** had four heads, and there was **given to it rulership indeed**. (**Daniel 7:6**)
- After this I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! A fourth **beast**, fearsome and terrible and unusually strong. And it had teeth of iron, big ones. It was devouring and crushing, and what was left it was treading down with its feet. And it was something different from all the other beasts that were prior to it, and it had ten horns. (**Daniel 7:7**)
- I kept on considering the horns, and, look! Another horn, a small one, came up in among them, and there were three of the first horns that were plucked up from before it. And, look! There were eyes like the eyes of a man in this horn, and there was a mouth speaking grandiose things. (**Daniel 7:8**)
- I kept on beholding at that time because of the sound of the grandiose words that the horn was speaking. I kept on beholding until the **beast** was killed and its body was destroyed and it was given to the burning fire. (**Daniel 7:11**)

- But as for the rest of the **beasts**, their rulerships were taken away, and there was a lengthening in life given to them for a time and a season. (**Daniel 7:12**)
- As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within on account of it, and the very visions of my head began to frighten me. (**Daniel 7:15**)
- I went up close to one of those who were standing, that I might request from him reliable information on all this. And he said to me, as he went on to make known to me the very interpretation of the matters. (**Daniel 7:16**)
- As for these huge **beasts**, because they are four, there are **four kings that will stand up from the earth**. (**Daniel 7:17**)
- But the holy one's of the Supreme One will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom for time indefinite, even for time indefinite upon times indefinite. (**Daniel 7:18**)
- Then it was that I desired to make certain concerning the fourth **beast**, which proved to be different from all the others, extraordinarily fearsome, the teeth of which were of iron and the claws of which were of copper, which was devouring and crushing, and which was treading down even what was left with its feet. (**Daniel 7:19**)
- And concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking grandiose things and the appearance of which was bigger than that of its fellows. (**Daniel 7:20**)
- I kept on beholding when that very horn made war upon the holy ones, and it was prevailing against them. (**Daniel 7:21**)
- Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment itself was given in favor of the holy one's of the Supreme One, and the definite time arrived that the holy one's took possession of the kingdom itself. (**Daniel 7:22**)
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 - **And the Court itself proceeded to sit, and his own rulership they finally took away, in order to annihilate him and to destroy him totally. (**Daniel 7:26**)**
 - **In the last quarter of the **Seventh Century B.C.E**, Babylon became the dominant power in the Middle East. The Babylonian kingdom swiftly extended its domain over Syria and Palestine, overthrowing the kingdom of Judah with its line of Davidic rulers who sat on the glorious throne of Yehowah in Jerusalem.**
 - **And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's throne as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (**1 Chronicles 29:23**)**
 - **It may be observed that, when warning Judah of its impending fall to Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah likened the future conqueror to a **lion going up out of a thicket**.**
 - **Tell it in Judah, you men, and publish it even in Jerusalem, and say it out, and blow a horn throughout the land. Call out loudly and say; Gather yourselves together, and let us enter into the fortified cities. (**Jeremiah 4:5**)**
 - **Raise a signal toward Zion. Make provision for shelter. Do not stand still. For there is a calamity that I am bringing in from the north, even a great crash. (**Jeremiah 4:6**)**
 - **He has gone up as a **lion out of his thicket**, and the one who is bringing the nations to ruin has pulled away, he has gone forth from his place in order to render your land as an object of**

- astonishment. Your own cities will fall in ruins so that there will be no inhabitant. ([Jeremiah 4:7](#))
- Israel is a scattered sheep. **Lions themselves have done the dispersing.** In the first instance the king of **Assyria** has devoured him, and in this latter instance Nebuchadrezzar the king of **Babylon** has gnawed on his bones. ([Jeremiah 50:17](#))
 - After the fall of Jerusalem, Jeremiah said that Babylon's forces had been **swifter than the eagles** in their pursuit of the Judeans.
 - **Swifter than the eagles** of the heavens our pursuers have proved to be. Upon the mountains they have hotly pursued us. In the wilderness they have lain in wait for us. ([Lamentations 4:19](#))
 - History shows that Babylon's expansion, at one time reaching as far as Egypt, before long came to a halt, and in the latter part of the empire, Babylon's rulers showed little of the earlier aggressiveness.
 - Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian kingdom, with its heartland in the hills to the east of the plains of Mesopotamia. The Medo-Persian Empire was quite different from the Semitic Babylonian Empire, being the first Japhetic, or Aryan power, to gain the dominant position in the Middle East. The Jews, though allowed to return to Judah, continued as a subject people under the Medo-Persian yoke.
 - Look! We are today slaves. And as for the land that you gave to our forefathers to eat its fruitage and its good things, look! We are slaves upon it. ([Nehemiah 9:36](#))
 - And its produce is abounding for the kings that you have put over us because of our sins, and over our bodies they are ruling and over our domestic animals, according to their liking, and we are in great distress. ([Nehemiah 9:37](#))
 - This empire showed an even greater appetite for territory than had the Babylonian, extending its domain from India to Ethiopia.
 - Now it came about in the days of Ahasuerus, that is, the Ahasuerus who was ruling as king from India to Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty-seven jurisdictional districts. ([Esther 1:1](#))
 - Medo-Persia's domination was ended by the lightning conquest of the Grecian forces headed by Alexander the Great. In a few short

years he built up an empire that embraced parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa. This was the first European-based power to hold such a position. After Alexander's death his generals struggled for control of the empire, four of them eventually gaining the rulership of different sections. Palestine was fought over by the rival Seleucid and Ptolemaic kingdoms.

- The Grecian Empire was eventually taken over completely by Rome. The Roman Empire surpassed all the preceding empires not only in the extent of its domain, covering the entire Mediterranean area and in time reaching to the British Isles, but also in the efficiency of its military machine and the firmness of its application of Roman Law to the provinces of its far-flung empire.

- Rome, of course, was the political instrument used to execute the Messiah, Christ Jesus, as well as to persecute the early Christian congregation. The empire extended for nearly a thousand years thereafter in different forms but eventually broke up into various nations, with Britain finally gaining the dominant position.

- Historian **H. G. Wells** makes the following interesting observations on the distinctiveness of the Roman Empire; **Now this new Roman power which arose to dominate the western world in the Second and First Centuries B.C. was in several respects a different thing from any of the great empires that had hitherto prevailed in the civilized world. It was not at first a monarchy, and it was not the creation of any one great conqueror.**

- It was the first republican empire that escaped extinction and went on to fresh developments. Its population was less strongly Hamitic and Semitic than that of any preceding empire. It was so far a new pattern in history, it was an expanded Aryan republic. It was always changing. It never attained to any fixity. In a sense the **administrative** experiment failed. In a sense the experiment remains unfinished, and Europe and America to-day are still working out the riddles of world-wide statecraft first confronted by the Roman people. [The Pocket History of the World, 1943, pp. 149-151]

•• The Ram And The Male Goat

- In the vision Daniel received two years later;

- In the third year of the kingship of Belshazzar the king, there was a vision that appeared to me, even me, Daniel, after the one

appearing to me at the start. ([Daniel 8:1](#))

- The powers represented by the two symbolic **beasts** involved are clearly named. The kingdom of Medo-Persia is here pictured as a male sheep or a ram, having two horns, the taller horn coming up afterward. History shows that the Medes first were the stronger, and the Persians thereafter gained the ascendancy, though both peoples remained united in a dual power. A he-goat, moving very fast across the earth, symbolized the world power of Greece.

- When I raised my eyes, then I saw, and, look! A ram standing before the watercourse, and it had two horns. And the two horns were tall, but the one was taller than the other, and the taller was the one that came up afterward. ([Daniel 8:3](#))

- And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the four winds of the heavens. ([Daniel 8:8](#))

- The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. ([Daniel 8:20](#))

- And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. ([Daniel 8:21](#))

- The prophetic vision shows that the goats great horn located between its eyes, representing the first king, was broken as soon as it became mighty, and four kingdoms resulted, though of inferior strength.

- And I, for my part, kept on considering, and, look! There was a male of the goats coming from the sunset upon the surface of the whole earth, and it was not touching the earth. And as regards the he-goat, there was a conspicuous horn between its eyes. ([Daniel 8:5](#))

- And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the four winds of the heavens. ([Daniel 8:8](#))

- And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for

the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. (**Daniel 8:21**)

- And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. (**Daniel 8:22**)
- The rapid conquest of the Medo-Persian Empire by Alexander has already been commented on, as well as the division of his kingdom among four of his generals.
- It is worthy of mention here that the same nation or its rulers may be represented **by different animal symbols** in different prophecies. Thus, the kings of Assyria and Babylon are represented by **lions** at;
- Israel is a scattered sheep. **Lions** themselves have done the dispersing. In the first instance the king of Assyria has devoured him, and in this latter instance Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has gnawed on his bones. (**Jeremiah 50:17**)
- And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; The great **eagle**, having great wings, with long pinions, full of plumage, which had color variety, came to Lebanon and proceeded to take the treetop of the cedar. (**Ezekiel 17:3**)
- He plucked off the very top of its young shoots and came bringing it to the land of Canaan, in a city of traders he placed it. (**Ezekiel 17:4**)
- Furthermore, he took some of the seed of the land and put it in a field for seed. As a willow by vast waters, as a willow tree he placed it. (**Ezekiel 17:5**)
- And it began to sprout and gradually became a luxuriantly growing vine low in height, inclined to turn its foliage inward, and as for its roots, they gradually came to be under it. And it finally became a vine and produced shoots and sent forth branches. (**Ezekiel 17:6**)
- And there came to be another great eagle, having great wings, and having large pinions, and, look! This very vine stretched its roots hungrily toward him. And its foliage it thrust out to him in order for him to irrigate it, away from the garden beds where it

was planted. ([Ezekiel 17:7](#))

- To a good field, by vast waters, it was already transplanted, in order to produce boughs and to bear fruit, to become a majestic vine. ([Ezekiel 17:8](#))
- Say, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Will it have success? Will not someone tear out its very roots and make its very fruit scaly? And must not all its freshly plucked sprouts become dry? It will become dry. Neither by a great arm nor by a multitudinous people will it have to be lifted up from its roots. ([Ezekiel 17:9](#))
- And, look! Although transplanted, will it have success? Will it not dry up completely, even as when the east wind touches it? In the garden beds of its sprout it will dry up. ([Ezekiel 17:10](#))
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; ([Ezekiel 17:11](#))
- Say, please, to the rebellious house; Do you people actually not know what these things mean? Say; Look! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and proceeded to take its king and its princes and bring them to himself at Babylon. ([Ezekiel 17:12](#))
- Furthermore, he took one of the royal seed and concluded a covenant with him and brought him into an oath, and the foremost men of the land he took away. ([Ezekiel 17:13](#))
- In order, that the kingdom might become low, unable to lift itself up, that by keeping his covenant it might stand. ([Ezekiel 17:14](#))
- But he finally rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, for it to give him horses and a multitudinous people. Will he have success? Will he escape, he who is doing these things, and who has broken a covenant? And will he actually escape? ([Ezekiel 17:15](#))
- As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, in the place of the king who put in as king the one that despised his oath and that broke his covenant, with him in the midst of Babylon he will die. ([Ezekiel 17:16](#))
- And by a great military force and by a multitudinous

congregation Pharaoh will not make him effective in the war, by throwing up a siege rampart and by building a siege wall, in order to cut off many souls. ([Ezekiel 17:17](#))

- The rulers of Babylon and Egypt are pictured by **great eagles**. Ezekiel elsewhere likens Egypt's Pharaoh to a **great sea monster** lying in the Nile canals.
- Speak, and you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am against you, O Pharaoh, king of Egypt, the **great sea monster** lying stretched out in the midst of his Nile canals, that has said; My Nile River belongs to me, and I, I have made it for myself. ([Ezekiel 29:3](#))
- Hence the fact that Medo-Persia and Greece are represented by certain symbolisms in ([Daniel Chapter 8](#)) does not eliminate the possibility of their being represented by other symbolisms in the earlier vision ([Daniel Chapter 7](#)) nor in subsequent prophecies.

•• The Seven-Headed Wild Beast Out Of The Sea

- In the vision had by the apostle John and recorded at ([Revelation Chapter 13](#)), a seven-headed, ten-horned wild **beast** comes up out of the sea, leopard-like, yet with feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion. It is thus a composite form of several of the symbols appearing in Daniel's vision of the four **beasts**. The dragon, identified at;
- So down the **great dragon** was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. ([Revelation 12:9](#))
- As Satan the Devil, gives the beast its authority and power.
- And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild **beast** ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. ([Revelation 13:1](#))
- Now the wild **beast** that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth was as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave to the **beast** its power and its throne and great authority. ([Revelation 13:2](#))

- This **beasts** seven heads bearing ten horns distinguish it from the one-headed **beasts** of Daniel's vision. Seven and ten, are commonly acknowledged as Biblical symbols of completeness. This is corroborated by the extent of this **beast's** domain, for it exercises authority, not over one nation or a group of nations, but over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.
- And there was granted it to wage war with the holy one's and conquer them, and authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (**Revelation 13:7**)
- And all those who dwell on the earth will worship it, the name of not one of them stands written in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered, from the founding of the world. (**Revelation 13:8**)
- And I saw three unclean inspired expressions that looked like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the wild **beast** and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (**Revelation 16:13**)
- They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. (**Revelation 16:14**)
- Noting these factors, **The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible** comments: **The first of these beasts of (Revelation Chapter 13) combines in itself the joint characteristics of the four beasts of Daniel's vision. Accordingly, this first **beast** represents the combined forces of all political rule opposed to God in the world.** [Edited by G. Buttrick, 1962, Vol. 1, p. 369]

See Also NUMBER

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•• **Two-Horned Beast**

- Then John saw a **beast** out of the earth with two horns like those of a harmless lamb, yet speaking as a dragon, exercising the full authority of the first wild **beast**, just described. It directs making an image of the globally ruling seven-headed **beast**, putting all persons under compulsion to accept its mark.

- And I saw another wild **beast** ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (**Revelation 13:11**)
- And it exercises all the authority of the first wild **beast** in its sight. And it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first wild **beast**, whose death-stroke got healed. (**Revelation 13:12**)
- And it performs great signs, so that it should even make fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of mankind. (**Revelation 13:13**)
- And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, because of the signs that were granted it to perform in the sight of the wild **beast**, while it tells those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the wild beast that had the sword-stroke and yet revived. (**Revelation 13:14**)
- And there was granted it to give breath to the image of the wild beast, so that the image of the wild **beast** should both speak and cause to be killed all those who would not in any way worship the image of the wild beast. (**Revelation 13:15**)
- And it puts under compulsion all persons, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, that they should give these a mark in their right hand or upon their forehead. (**Revelation 13:16**)
- And that nobody might be able to buy or sell except a person having the mark, the name of the wild **beast** or the number of its name. (**Revelation 13:17**)
- It may be recalled that the two-horned ram of (**Daniel Chapter 8**) represented a dual power, Medo-Persia. Of course, that power had long since disappeared by the apostle John's day, and his vision was of things yet future.
- A revelation by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. (**Revelation 1:1**)

- Other dual powers have existed since John's day, but among these the historical association of Britain and the United States is particularly notable and of long duration.
- The other notable characteristic of the two-horned **beast**, its speaking like a dragon, recalls the mouth speaking grandiose things on the outstanding horn of the fourth **beast** of;
 - I kept on considering the horns, and, look! Another horn, a small one, came up in among them, and there were three of the first horns that were plucked up from before it. And, look! There were eyes like the eyes of a man in this horn, and there was a mouth speaking grandiose things. ([Daniel 7:8](#))
 - And concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking grandiose things and the appearance of which was bigger than that of its fellows. ([Daniel 7:20](#))
 - I kept on beholding when that very horn made war upon the holy ones, and it was prevailing against them. ([Daniel 7:21](#))
 - Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment itself was given in favor of the holy one's of the Supreme One, and the definite time arrived that the holy one's took possession of the kingdom itself. ([Daniel 7:22](#))
 - This is what he said; As for the fourth **beast**, there is a fourth kingdom that will come to be on the earth, that will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour all the earth and will trample it down and crush it. ([Daniel 7:23](#))
 - And as for the ten horns, out of that kingdom there are ten kings that will rise up, and still another one will rise up after them, and he himself will be different from the first ones, and three kings he will humiliate. ([Daniel 7:24](#))
 - And he will speak even words against the Most High, and he will harass continually the holy one's themselves of the Supreme One. And he will intend to change times and law, and they will be given into his hand for a time, and times and half a time. ([Daniel 7:25](#))

- And the Court itself proceeded to sit, and his own rulership they finally took away, in order to annihilate him and to destroy him totally. (**Daniel 7:26**)
- While its misleading earth's inhabitants compares with the deception practiced by the fierce king described at;
- And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. (**Daniel 8:23**)
- And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty one's to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. (**Daniel 8:24**)
- And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. (**Daniel 8:25**)
- And I saw another wild **beast** ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it **began speaking as a dragon**. (**Revelation 13:11**)
- And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, because of the signs that were granted it to perform in the sight of the wild beast, while it tells those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the wild **beast** that had the sword-stroke and yet revived. (**Revelation 13:14**)

·· **The Scarlet-Colored Wild Beast**

- At (**Revelation Chapter 17**) the apostle records his vision of a scarlet-colored **beast** with seven heads and ten horns, mounted by the symbolic woman Babylon the Great. This **beast** thus resembles, or is in the image of, the first beast of (**Revelation Chapter 13**), but is distinct because of its scarlet color and the fact that no crowns are seen on its ten horns.

- Beholding the **beast**, John is told that five of the seven kings represented by the seven heads had already fallen, while one existed at that time, and the seventh was yet to come.
- The scarlet-colored **beast** itself is an eighth king but springs from or is a product of the previous seven. The ten kings represented by the ten horns exist and exercise authority in association with the scarlet **beast** for a short time. Warring against the Lamb, Jesus Christ, and those with him, they go down in defeat.
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild **beast** that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. ([Revelation 17:3](#))
- And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and was adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls and had in her hand a golden cup that was full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication. ([Revelation 17:4](#))
- And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. ([Revelation 17:5](#))
- Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The seven heads mean seven mountains, where the woman sits on top. ([Revelation 17:9](#))
- And there are seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. ([Revelation 17:10](#))
- And the wild **beast** that was but is not, it is also itself an eighth king, but springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. ([Revelation 17:11](#))
- And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild **beast**. ([Revelation 17:12](#))
- These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild **beast**. ([Revelation 17:13](#))
- These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords

and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. (**Revelation 17:14**)

- Some scholars would apply this vision to pagan Rome, and the seven heads to seven emperors of Rome, followed by an eighth emperor. They disagree, however, as to which emperors should be included. The Bible itself does not mention more than three Roman emperors by name, with a fourth, Nero, being mentioned under the title of Caesar.
- Other scholars understand the heads or kings to represent world powers, as in the book of Daniel. It is noteworthy that the Bible does name five world powers in the Hebrew Scriptures, namely, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece, while the Greek Scriptures name a sixth, Rome, ruling in John's day.
- While this would leave the seventh king unnamed, the fact that it had not yet appeared when John recorded the Revelation would allow for such anonymity. The eighth king, the symbolic scarlet **beast**, in some way unites in itself these seven heads while at the same time springing from them.

SYMBOLISM OF DESIRABLE THINGS

ANIMAL	CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOLISM OR QUALITY
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| • | | |
| Ass | Ability to do hard work
lending itself to labor | Tribe of Issachar |
| • | Issachar is a strong-boned ass , lying down between the two saddlebags. (Genesis 49:14) | |
| • | And he will see that the resting-place is good and that the land is pleasant, and he will bend down his shoulder to bear burdens and he will become subject to slavish forced labor. (Genesis 49:15) | |
| Bull | Strength, power
Power, attribute of
living creature near | |

Yehowah's throne

- Does a **wild bull** want to serve you, or will it spend the night by your manger? (**Job 39:9**)
- Will you bind a **wild bull** fast with its ropes in the furrow, or will it harrow low plains after you? (**Job 39:10**)
- Will you trust in it because its **power is abundant**, and will you leave your toil to it? (**Job 39:11**)
- And the first living creature is like a lion, and the second living creature is like a **young bull**, and the third living creature has a face like a man's, and the fourth living creature is like a flying eagle. (**Revelation 4:7**)

Bull, young Sacrificial animal Fruit of lips, sacrifices of praise

- Take with yourselves words and come back to Yehowah. Say to him, all you people, May you pardon error, and accept what is good, and we will offer in return the **young bulls of our lips**. (**Hosea 14:2**)
- Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the **fruit of lips** which make public declaration to his name. (**Hebrews 13:15**)

Calf Submissiveness Jesus Christ as a sacrifice

- However, when Christ came as a High Priest of the good things that have come to pass, through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. (**Hebrews 9:11**)
- He entered, no, not with the blood of goats and of young bulls, **but with his own blood**, once for all time into the holy place and obtained an everlasting deliverance for us. (**Hebrews 9:12**)
- For if the blood of goats and of bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who have been defiled sanctifies to the extent of cleanness of the flesh. (**Hebrews 9:13**)

- How much more will the **blood of the Christ**, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (**Hebrews 9:14**)

Dove Lovableness Shulammitte girl

- Look! You are beautiful, O girl companion of mine. Look! You are beautiful. Your **eyes are those of doves**. (**Song of Solomon 1:15**)
- I am asleep, but my heart is awake. There is the sound of my dear one knocking! Open to me, O my sister, my girl companion, **my dove**, my blameless one! For my head is filled with dew, the locks of my hair with the drops of the night. (**Song of Solomon 5:2**)

Turtle-dove beauty, innocence God's servants innocent, not lawbreakers

- Look! I am sending you forth as sheep amidst wolves, therefore prove yourselves cautious as serpents and yet **innocent as doves**. (**Matthew 10:16**)
- Homing quality - Yehowah's people being gathered
- Who are these that come flying just like a cloud, and like **doves to their birdhouse holes**? (**Isaiah 60:8**)

Eagle Wisdom, Farsightedness Attribute of living creature near Yehowah's throne

- And the first living creature is like a lion, and the second living creature is like a young bull, and the third living creature has a face like a man's, and the fourth living creature is like a **flying eagle**. (**Revelation 4:7**)

- **Discernment, spiritual forevision of God's servants;**
- **Wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. (Matthew 24:28)**
- **So in response they said to him; Where, Lord? He said to them, Where the body is, there also the eagles will be gathered together. (Luke 17:37)**
- **Eagles Power of flight Refreshing vigor, endurance wings**
- **Who is satisfying your lifetime with what is good, your youth keeps renewing itself just like that of an eagle. (Psalms 103:5)**
- **But those who are hoping in Yehowah will regain power. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not tire out. (Isaiah 40:31)**
- **Care, Yehowah's care for Israel, protection.**
- **You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, that I might carry you on wings of eagles and bring you to myself. (Exodus 19:4)**
- **And for his woman;**
- **But the two wings of the great eagle were given the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, there is where she is fed for a time and times and half a time away from the face of the serpent. (Revelation 12:14)**

Fish Some fish clean according to the Law People fine, righteous, suitable for the Kingdom

- **Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet let down into the sea and gathering up fish of every kind. (Matthew 13:47)**
- **When it got full they hauled it up onto the beach and, sitting down, they collected the fine one's into vessels, but the unsuitable they threw away. (Matthew 13:48)**

- That is how it will be in the conclusion of the system of things: the angels will go out and separate the wicked from among the righteous (**Matthew 13:49**)
- And will cast them into the fiery furnace. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be. (**Matthew 13:50**)
- This is what you may eat of everything that is in the waters: Everything that **has fins and scales** in the waters, in the seas and in the torrents, those you **may eat**. (**Leviticus 11:9**)
- And everything in the seas and the torrents that has **no fins** and scales, out of every swarming creature of the waters and out of every living soul that is in the waters, they are a **loathsome thing for you**. (**Leviticus 11:10**)
- Yes, they will become a loathsome thing to you. You must not eat any of their flesh, and you are to loathe their dead body. (**Leviticus 11:11**)
- Everything in the waters that has **no fins and scales** is a **loathsome** thing to you. (**Leviticus 11:12**)

Gazelle **Beauty, loveliness** **Shepherd lover of the Shulammitte**

- My dear one is **resembling a gazelle** or the young of the stags. Look! This one is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, glancing through the lattices. (**Song of Solomon 2:9**)
- **Related speed, the speed of Gadite warriors**
- And there were some of the Gadites that separated themselves to David's side at the place difficult to approach in the wilderness, valiant, mighty men, army men for the war, keeping the large shield and the lance ready, whose faces were the faces of lions, and they **were like the gazelles upon the mountains for speed**. (**1 Chronicles 12:8**)

Goat **Sacrificial animal** **Jesus Christ as a sacrifice**

- However, when Christ came as a High Priest of the good things that have come to pass, through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. (**Hebrews 9:11**)
- He entered, no, **not with the blood of goats** and of young bulls, **but with his own blood**, once for all time into the holy place and obtained an everlasting deliverance for us. (**Hebrews 9:12**)
- For if the **blood of goats and of bulls** and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who have been defiled sanctifies to the extent of cleanness of the flesh. (**Hebrews 9:13**)
- How much more will the **blood of the Christ**, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (**Hebrews 9:14**)

Hen Protectiveness of young Jesus tender care

- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the killer of the prophets and stoner of those sent forth to her, how often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a **hen gathers her chicks** together under her wings! But you people did not want it. (**Matthew 23:37**)
- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the killer of the prophets and stoner of those sent forth to her, how often I wanted to gather your children together in the manner that a **hen gathers her brood** of chicks under her wings, but you **people did not want it!** (**Luke 13:34**)

Hind in battle

Swiftness

Tribe of Naphtali swift

- Naphtali is a **slender hind**. He is giving words of elegance. (**Genesis 49:21**)
- Surefootedness, stability and guidance of one's steps by Yehowah,
- Making my feet like those of the **hinds**, and upon places high for

me he keeps me standing. (2 Samuel 22:34)

- Making my feet like those of the **hinds**, and upon places high for me he keeps me standing. (Psalms 18:33)

Hind

Lovableness

Ones own wife

- A **lovable hind** and a **charming mountain goat**. Let her own breasts intoxicate you at all times. With her love may you be in an ecstasy constantly. (Proverbs 5:19)

**Horned snake
competent rear guard of Israel**

Dangerousness

Tribe of Dan,

- Let Dan prove to be a **serpent** by the roadside, a **horned snake** at the wayside, that bites the heels of the horse so that its rider falls backward. (Genesis 49:17)

Horse white

War mount

Righteous warfare

- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A **white horse**. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)
- And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)

Lion

**Majesty, courage destructiveness; Justice,
attribute of living creature near Yehowah's throne**

- And the first living creature is like a **lion**, and the second living creature is like a young bull, and the third living creature has a face like a man's, and the fourth living creature is like a flying eagle. (Revelation 4:7)
- To enemies Jesus as royal majesty, King, executor of justice,
- A **lion** cub Judah is. From the prey, my son, you will certainly go up. He bowed down, he stretched himself out like a lion and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? (Genesis 49:9)

- But one of the elders says to me, Stop weeping. Look! The **Lion** that is of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered so as to open the scroll and its seven seals. (**Revelation 5:5**)
- Yehowah,
- For this is what Yehowah has said to me, Just as the **lion** growls, even the maned young **lion**, over its prey, when there is called out against it a full number of shepherds, and in spite of their voice he will not be terrified and in spite of their commotion he will not stoop, in the same way Yehowah of armies will come down to wage war over Mount Zion and over her hill. (**Isaiah 31:4**)
- After Yehowah they will walk. Like a **lion** he will roar, for he himself will roar, and sons will come trembling from the west. (**Hosea 11:10**)
- Yehowah's people,
- And the remaining one's of Jacob must become among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a **lion** among the beasts of a forest, like a maned young lion among droves of sheep, which, when it actually passes through, certainly both tramples down and tears in pieces, and there is no deliverer. (**Micah 5:8**)

Serpent

Cautiousness

God's servants cautious

- Now the **serpent** proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that Yehowah God had made. So it began to say to the woman: Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (**Genesis 3:1**)
- Look! I am sending you forth as sheep amidst wolves, therefore prove yourselves cautious as **serpents** and yet innocent as doves. (**Matthew 10:16**)

Sheep

Sacrificial animal

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

- The next day he beheld Jesus coming toward him, and he said, See, the **Lamb** of God that takes away the sin of the world! (**John 1:29**)
- And I saw standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a **lamb** as though it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which eyes mean the seven spirits of God that have been sent forth into the whole earth. (**Revelation 5:6**)
- And I saw, and, look! The **Lamb** standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (**Revelation 14:1**)
- And no more will there be any curse. But the throne of God and of the **Lamb** will be in the city, and his slaves will render him sacred service. (**Revelation 22:3**)

Sheep meekness, docility, gregariousness **Yehowah's flock of people**

- As for us your people and the **flock** of your pasturage, we shall give thanks to you to time indefinite, from generation to generation we shall declare your praise. (**Psalms 79:13**)
- Therefore Jesus said again; Most truly I say to you, I am the door of the **sheep**. (**John 10:7**)
- Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the **sheep** with the blood of an everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus. (**Hebrews 13:20**)
- **Gregariousness** **Persons who do good toward Christ's spiritual brothers, and who enter into Kingdom blessings**
- And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the **sheep** from the goats. (**Matthew 25:32**)

- And he will put the **sheep** on his right hand, but the goats on his left. (**Matthew 25:33**)
- Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. (**Matthew 25:34**)

Wolf

**Fighter
fighter against God's
enemies**

Tribe of Benjamin,

- Benjamin will keep on **tearing like a wolf**. In the morning he will eat the animal seized and at evening he will divide spoil. (**Genesis 49:27**)

SYMBOLISM OF THAT WHICH IS BAD AND UNDESIRABLE

ANIMAL	CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOLISM OR
	QUALITY	

Animals

**Lack of reasoning ability
Wicked men**

- But these men, like **unreasoning animals** born naturally to be caught and destroyed, will, in the things of which they are ignorant and speak abusively, even suffer destruction in their own course of destruction. (**2 Peter 2:12**)
- Yet these men are speaking abusively of all the things they really do not know, but all the things that they do understand naturally like the **unreasoning animals**, in these things they go on corrupting themselves. (**Jude 1:10**)

Ass

**Strong sexual desire Faithless Judah in
turning to Assyria and
Egypt**

- And she kept lusting in the style of concubines belonging to those whose fleshly member is as the **fleshly member of male asses and whose genital organ is as the genital organ of male**

horses. (Ezekiel 23:20)

Bear

Ferocity

Wicked religious rulers

- As a growling lion and an **onrushing bear** is a wicked ruler over a lowly people. (Proverbs 28:15)

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Medo-Persian World Power

- And, see there! Another **beast**, a second one, it being like a **bear**. And on one side it was raised up, and there were three ribs in its mouth between its teeth, and this is what they were saying to it, Get up, eat much flesh. (Daniel 7:5)

Bull

Ferocity

Wicked enemies of David

- Many young **bulls** have surrounded me, the powerful one's of Bashan themselves have got around me. (Psalms 22:12)

Camel

Aimless (female) seeking of sexual fulfillment

Israel's unfaithful seeking after pagan nations and their gods

- How can you say; I have not defiled myself. After the Baals I have not walked? See your way in the valley. Take note of what you have done. A swift young **she-camel** **aimlessly running to and fro in her ways.** (Jeremiah 2:23)

Dog **Viciousness, uncleanness** **Wicked enemies of David**

- For **dogs** have surrounded me, the assembly of evildoers themselves have enclosed me. Like a lion they are at my hands

and my feet. (**Psalms 22:16**)

- They keep returning at evening time, they keep barking like a **dog** and go all around the city. (**Psalms 59:6**)
- And let them return at evening time, let them bark like a **dog** and go all around the city. (**Psalms 59:14**)

Dog Viciousness, uncleanness, operating in packs unsatisfied in sexual desire

Sexual pervert Worthless individual

- You must not bring the hire of a harlot or the price of a **dog** into the house of Yehowah your God for any vow, because they are something detestable to Yehowah your God, even both of them. (**Deuteronomy 23:18**)
- Look out for the **dogs**, look out for the workers of injury, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. (**Philippians 3:2**)
- Outside are the **dogs** and those who practice spiritism and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone liking and carrying on a lie. (**Revelation 22:15**)
- Finally Abishai the son of Zeruah said to the king; Why should this **dead dog** call down evil upon my lord the king? Let me go over, please, and take off his head. (**2 Samuel 16:9**)

Dove Easily distracted unstable, simpleminded Ten-tribe kingdom of Israel

- And Ephraim proves to be like a **simpleminded dove** without heart. To Egypt they have called, to Assyria they have gone. (**Hosea 7:11**)

Dragon Devouring, crushing, swallowing

Satan the Devil, King of Babylon

- So down the **great dragon** was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels

were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)

- Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has eaten me up, he has thrown me into confusion. He has set me as an empty vessel. He has **swallowed me down** like a big snake, he has filled his abdomen with my pleasant things. He has rinsed me away. (**Jeremiah 51:34**) Footnote

Eagle

Rapacious, predatory

Kings of Babylon and Egypt

- And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said, The great **eagle**, having great wings, with long pinions, full of plumage, which had color variety, came to Lebanon and proceeded to take the treetop of the cedar. (**Ezekiel 17:3**)
- And there came to be another great **eagle**, having great wings, and having large pinions, and, look! This very vine stretched its roots hungrily toward him. And its foliage it thrust out to him in order for him to irrigate it, away from the garden beds where it was planted. (**Ezekiel 17:7**)
- Say, please, to the rebellious house, Do you people actually not know what these things mean? Say; Look! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and proceeded to take its king and its princes and bring them to himself at Babylon. (**Ezekiel 17:12**)
- But he finally rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, for it to give him horses and a multitudinous people. Will he have success? Will he escape, he who is doing these things, and who has broken a covenant? And will he actually escape? (**Ezekiel 17:15**)

Fish Some fish, unclean according to the Law

Wicked persons, unsuitable for Kingdom

- Again the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet let down into the sea and gathering up **fish** of every kind. (**Matthew 13:47**)
- When it got full they hauled it up onto the beach and, sitting down, they collected the **fine one's** into vessels, but the

unsuitable they threw away. (**Matthew 13:48**)

- That is how it will be in the conclusion of the system of things: the angels will go out and separate the wicked from among the righteous (**Matthew 13:49**)
- And will cast them into the fiery furnace. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be. (**Matthew 13:50**)
- And everything in the seas and the torrents that has no fins and scales, out of every swarming creature of the waters and out of every living soul that is in the waters, they are a loathsome thing for you. (**Leviticus 11:10**)
- Yes, they will become a loathsome thing to you. You must not eat any of their flesh, and you are to loathe their dead body. (**Leviticus 11:11**)
- Everything in the waters that has no fins and scales is a loathsome thing to you. (**Leviticus 11:12**)

Fox

Craftiness, slyness

**Treacherous King
Herod Antipas**

- And he said to them; Go and tell that **fox**, Look! I am casting out demons and accomplishing healing today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be finished. (**Luke 13:32**)

Goat Presumptuousness

Persons not friendly

Stubbornness, independent **Toward Christ's spiritual brothers**

disposition, tendency to butt **cursed one's going into**

destruction Grecian World Power

- And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the **goats**. (**Matthew 25:32**)
- Then he will say in turn, to those on his left; Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. (**Matthew 25:41**)

- And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous one's into everlasting life. ([Matthew 25:46](#))
- And I, for my part, kept on considering, and, look! There was a male of the **goats** coming from the sunset upon the surface of the whole earth, and it was not touching the earth. And as regards the he-goat, there was a conspicuous horn between its eyes. ([Daniel 8:5](#))
- And the hairy **he-goat** stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. ([Daniel 8:21](#))

Horse Usefulness in battle
Strong desire sexual

Warfare, war equipment
Sex-mad Israelites of
Jeremiah's day

- The **horse** is a deception for salvation, and by the abundance of its vital energy it does not afford escape. ([Psalms 33:17](#))
- Not in the mightiness of the **horse** does he take delight, nor in the legs of the man does he find pleasure. ([Psalms 147:10](#))
- Woe to those going down to Egypt for assistance, those who rely on mere **horses**, and who put their trust in war chariots, because they are numerous, and in **steeds**, because they are very mighty, but who have not looked to the Holy One of Israel and have not searched for Yehowah himself. ([Isaiah 31:1](#))
- Can you give to the **horse** mightiness? Can you clothe its neck with a rustling mane? ([Job 39:19](#))
- Can you cause it to leap like a locust? The dignity of its snorting is frightful. ([Job 39:20](#))
- It paws in the low plain and exults in power. It goes forth to meet armor. ([Job 39:21](#))
- It laughs at dread, and is not terrified, nor does it turn back on account of a sword. ([Job 39:22](#))
- Against it a quiver rattles, the blade of a spear and a javelin. ([Job](#)

39:23)

- With pounding and excitement it swallows up the earth, and it does not believe that it is the sound of a horn. (**Job 39:24**)
- As soon as the horn blows it says Aha! And from far off it smells the battle, the uproar of chiefs and the war cry. (**Job 39:25**)
- Look! Like rain clouds he will come up, and his chariots are like a storm wind. His **horses** are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, because we have been despoiled! (**Jeremiah 4:13**)
- **Horses** seized with sexual heat, having strong testicles, they have become. They neigh each one to the wife of his companion. (**Jeremiah 5:8**)

**Leopard Speed Rapidity of Chaldean conquest
Grecian World Power**

- And its horses have proved swifter than **leopards**, and they have proved fiercer than evening wolves. And its steeds have pawed the ground, and from far away its own steeds come. They fly like the eagle speeding to eat something. (**Habakkuk 1:8**)
- After this I kept on beholding, and, see there! Another beast, one like a **leopard**, but it had four wings of a flying creature on its back. And the beast had four heads, and there was given to it rulership indeed. (**Daniel 7:6**)

**Lion Fierce, rapacious, predatory Wicked enemies of David
Babylonian World Power
Kings of Assyria and
Babylon
Devil**

- They have opened against me their mouth, as a **lion** tearing in pieces and roaring. (**Psalms 22:13**)
- The first one was like a **lion**, and it had the wings of an eagle. I kept on beholding until its wings were plucked out, and it was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand up on two feet just like a man, and there was given to it the heart of a man.

(Daniel 7:4)

- Israel is a scattered sheep. **Lions** themselves have done the dispersing. In the first instance the king of Assyria has devoured him, and in this latter instance Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has gnawed on his bones. (Jeremiah 50:17)
- Keep your senses, be watchful. Your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring **lion**, seeking to devour someone. (1 Peter 5:8)

Serpent **Cunning, deceptiveness**

Satan the Devil

- So down the great **dragon** was hurled, the original **serpent**, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (Revelation 12:9)
- But I am afraid that somehow, as the **serpent** seduced Eve by its cunning, your minds might be corrupted away from the sincerity and the chastity that are due the Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)

Sheep male **Butting** **Medo-Persian World Power**

- When I raised my eyes, then I saw, and, look! A **ram** standing before the watercourse, and it had two horns. And the two horns were tall, but the one was taller than the other, and the taller was the one that came up afterward. (Daniel 8:3)
- I saw the **ram** making thrusts to the west and to the north and to the south, and no wild beasts kept standing before it, and there was no one doing any delivering out of its hand. And it did according to its will, and it put on great airs. (Daniel 8:4)
- The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)

Sow

Uncleanness

Apostates

- The saying of the true proverb has happened to them: The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the **sow** that was bathed to

rolling in the mire. (2 Peter 2:22)

Wolf Ferocity; rapacity, viciousness;
craftiness

False prophets
Wicked, false Christians
False teachers
Wicked men of the world

- Be on the watch for the false prophets that come to you in sheep's covering, but inside they are ravenous **wolves**. (Matthew 7:15)
- I know that after my going away oppressive **wolves** will enter in among you and will not treat the flock with tenderness. (Acts of Apostles 20:29)
- Look! I am sending you forth as sheep amidst **wolves**, therefore prove yourselves cautious as serpents and yet innocent as doves. (Matthew 10:16)

Worm Low, weak, insignificant God's nation Israel or Jacob weak in
itself, strong by Yehowah's power

- For I, Yehowah your God, am grasping your right hand, the One saying to you, Do not be afraid. I myself will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)
- Do not be afraid, you **worm** Jacob, you men of Israel. I myself will help you, is the utterance of Yehowah, even your Repurchaser, the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 41:14)
- Look! I have made you a threshing sledge, a new threshing instrument having double-edged teeth. You will tread down the mountains and crush them, and the hills you will make just like the chaff. (Isaiah 41:15)

Zebra (female) Craving sexual satisfaction from any quarter Israel
unfaithfully seeking after pagan nations and their gods

- A **zebra** accustomed to the wilderness, at the craving of her soul, snuffing up the wind, at her time for copulation, who can turn her back? All those who are looking for her will not go tiring

themselves out. In her month they will find her. (**Jeremiah 2:24**)