

Parallel Beast Imagery in Daniel and Revelation

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Timeline → Rulers ↓	Babylon's supremacy begins; 609 BC	Persia dominates Babylon; 539 BC	Greece defeats Persia; 331 BC	Seleucid rule of Antiochus IV; 179 BC	Rome conquers Greece; 146 BC	Islamic kingdom begins; 630 AD	Antichrist and his future administration	Jesus Christ's kingdom established
Dan Ch 7 4 Beasts; 5 kingdoms		One of the beasts (winged lion) is symbolic for the kingdom of Persia, led by king Cyrus.	Another beast (a leopard w/4 wings & heads) is Greece under Alexander and his 4 generals.		Another beast (carnivorous bear) is symbolic for the kingdom of Rome, led by emperors.	After these, a 4th beast, different from the others, is militant Islam that devours, crushes.	This 4th beast (it had ten horns, and a little horn) is the antichrist's rule through 10 clerics.	The Ancient of Days comes. Judgment is passed in His favor & the saints possess the 5th kingdom.
Dan Ch 8 Ram & Goat; Persia/Greece		The ram represents the combined dominion of the Medo-Persian empire.	The male goat is symbolic for the kingdom of Greece ruled by Alexander and his generals.	Antiochus IV ascends to power. He invades the temple in Jerusalem and defiles the altar.			The antichrist is pictured here. Antiochus was a prefigured type of the antichrist.	
Rev Ch 13a 1st Beast; the antichrist spirit		The mouth like a lion is symbolic for Persia. The lion was a well-accepted symbol of Persia.	The body of the leopard represents Greece, where it symbolized the courage of Alexander.		The feet of the bear left the large footprint of the very strong empire of Rome.		This 3-fold beast has the mouth of a lion, body of a leopard, and bear's feet. Also 10 horns.	
Rev Ch 13b 2nd Beast; false prophet							Speaks as a dragon, the opposite of a lamb. Works false signs and wonders, has number of 666.	

In Daniel 7, Scripture shows four beasts coming up from the sea, representing kingdoms that will rule with power in the region. Their interpretation is not dependent on the order they are presented. The writer lists them in the order of; lion, bear, leopard and the dreadful beast. Note that they are shown above, however, in chronological order, as understood prophetically - lion, leopard and then bear as seen in Nebuchanezzar's dream statue (See illustration #19).

In Revelation 13 we see a beast, also coming up from a spiritual sea, also representing these kingdoms. It is presented as one creature, with characteristics described in this order; it looks like a leopard, it leaves a bear's footprint and it speaks with a lion's mouth. It had 10 horns and 7 heads, which represent its power base. Its interpretation is not dependent on the presented order, but prophetic order, from top down (mouth, body, feet).

Revelation 13 also depicts a lamb with two horns (possibly a reference to Medo-Persian descent from Daniel Ch 8) that is interpreted as a seemingly innocent person of Euro-Mid-East associations who is actually the false prophet.