



EXCELLENCE IN EXILE

FAITHFUL LIVING IN A FALLEN LAND

Part 4

Shattered Dreams & Collapsing Kingdoms

Daniel 2:31-49; 7:1-28

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The Language Layout of Daniel

A Hebrew (Chapter 1) the language of the Jews

B Aramaic (Chapter 2-7) the language of the nations

A' Hebrew (Chapter 8-12) the language of the Jews

The Aramaic Section of Daniel (Chapters 2-7)

- A Four Empires & God's Coming Kingdom** (Chapter 2)
- B Trial by Fire & God's Deliverance** (Chapter 3)
- C A King Warned, Chastised & Delivered** (Chapter 4)
- C' A King Warned, Defiant & Deposed** (Chapter 5)
- B' Trial in the Lion's Den & God's Deliverance** (Chapter 6)
- A' Four Empires & God's Everlasting Kingdom** (Chapter 7)

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Chapters 2 and 7 speak of the same prophetic vision, from two different perspectives.



Daniel 2

Chapter 2

The kingdoms of this world from a human perspective:

Precious metals growing stronger (but less desirable) over time



← Head of Gold



Daniel 2



← Head of Gold

← Arms & Chest of Silver



Daniel 2



← Head of Gold

← Arms & Chest of Silver

← Belly & Thighs of Bronze

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← Arms & Chest of Silver

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Daniel 2



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← Arms & Chest of Silver

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Daniel 2



← Head of Gold = **Babylonian**

← Arms & Chest of Silver = **Medo-Persian**

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Daniel 2



← Head of Gold = Babylonian

← Arms & Chest of Silver = Medo-Persian

← Belly & Thighs of Bronze = Grecian

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Daniel 2



← Head of Gold = **Babylonian**

← Arms & Chest of Silver = **Medo-Persian**

← Belly & Thighs of Bronze = **Grecian**

← Legs of Iron = **Roman**

← Feet of Iron & Clay

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← Head of Gold = **Babylonian**

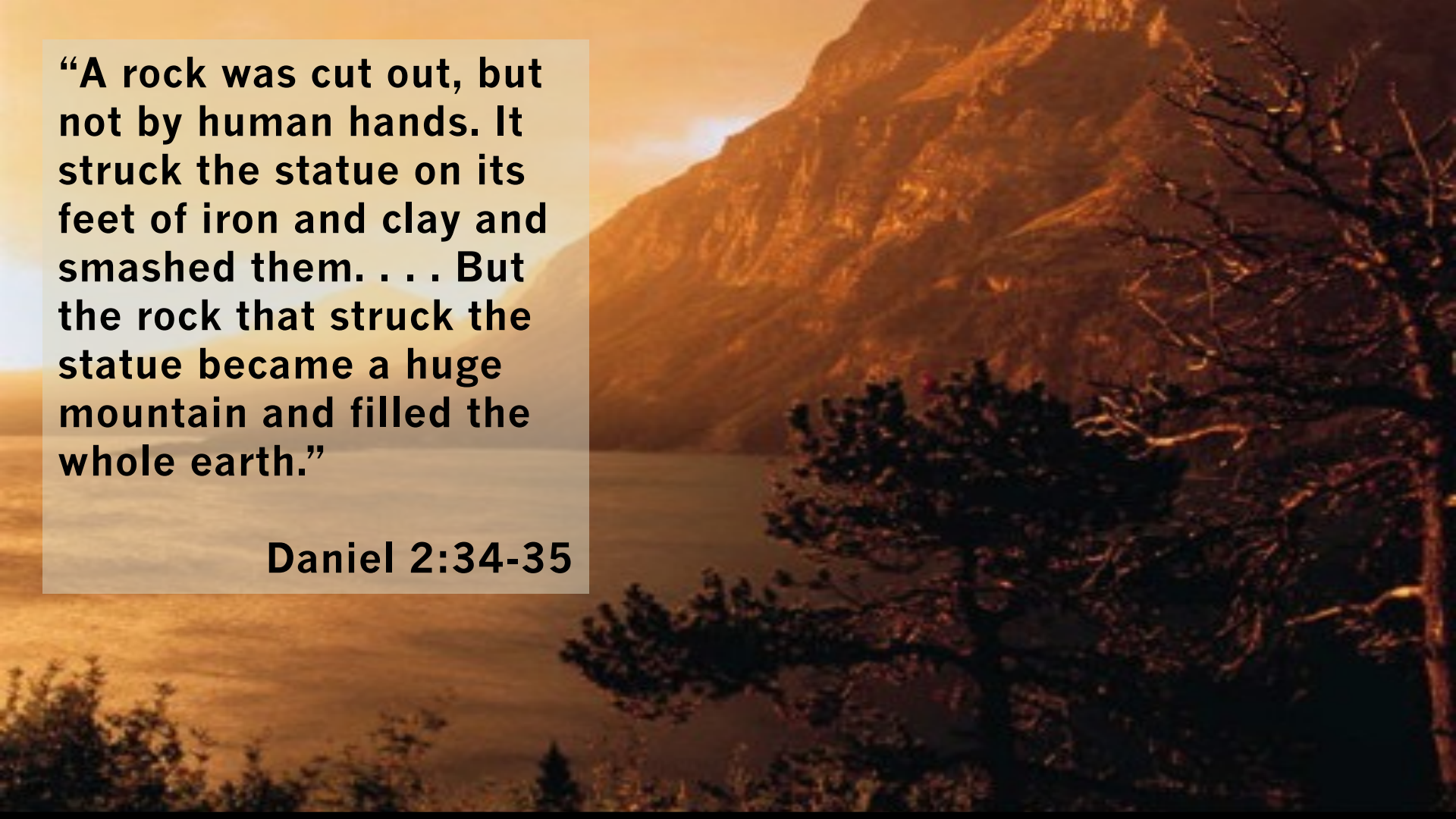
← Arms & Chest of Silver = **Medo-Persian**

← Belly & Thighs of Bronze = **Grecian**

← Legs of Iron = **Roman**


← Feet of Iron & Clay = **Divided Kingdom**

Daniel 2



“A rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. . . . But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.”

Daniel 2:34-35



“The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.”

(Daniel 2:44)

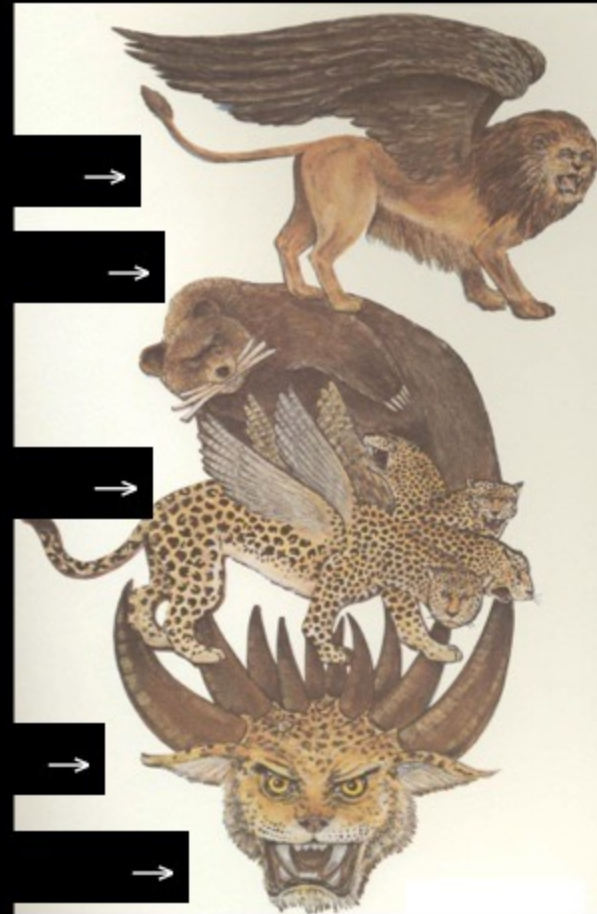
**The “rock kingdom”
would be an entirely
different species of
kingdom than the world
had ever seen.**



Chapter 7

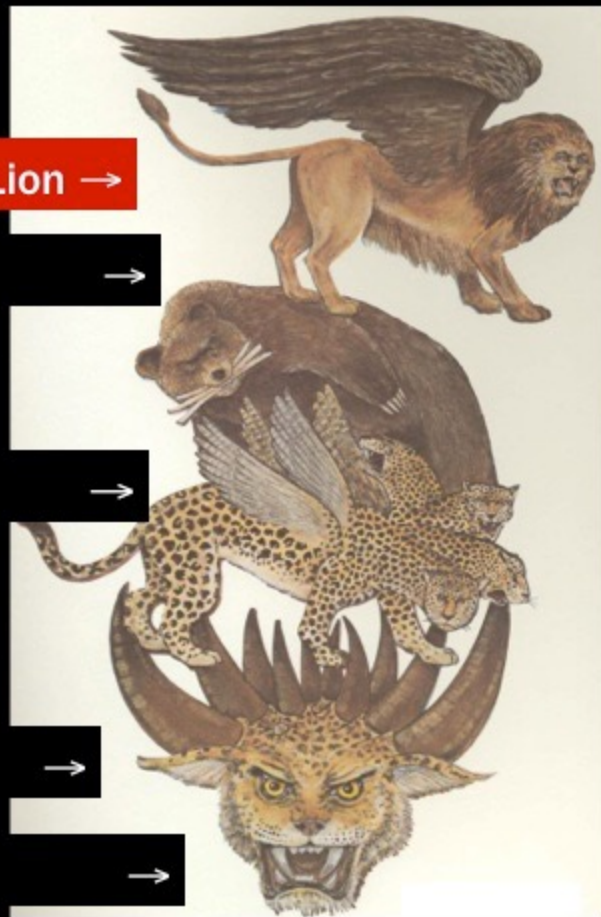
The kingdoms of this world from a divine perspective:

Freakish monsters growing more destructive (oppressive) over time.



Daniel 7

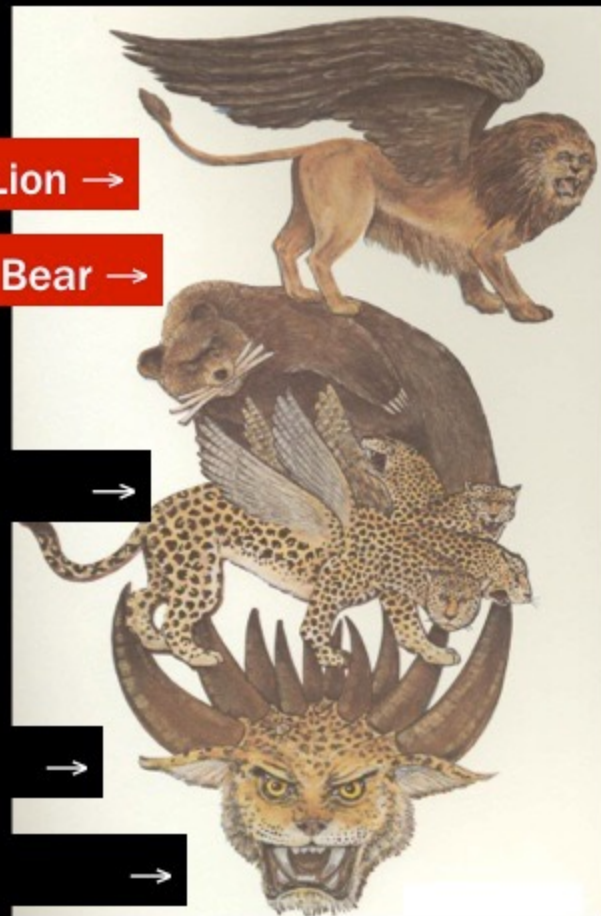
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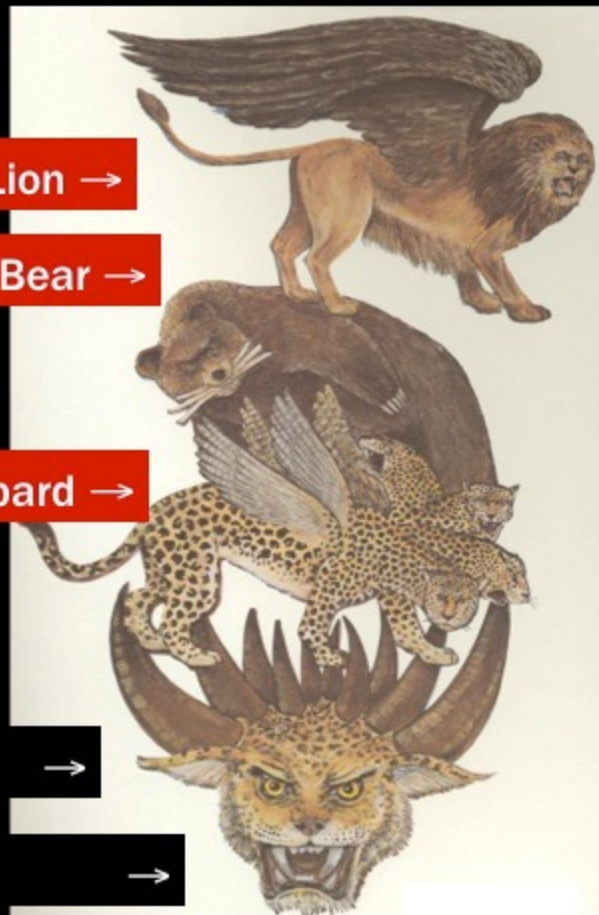


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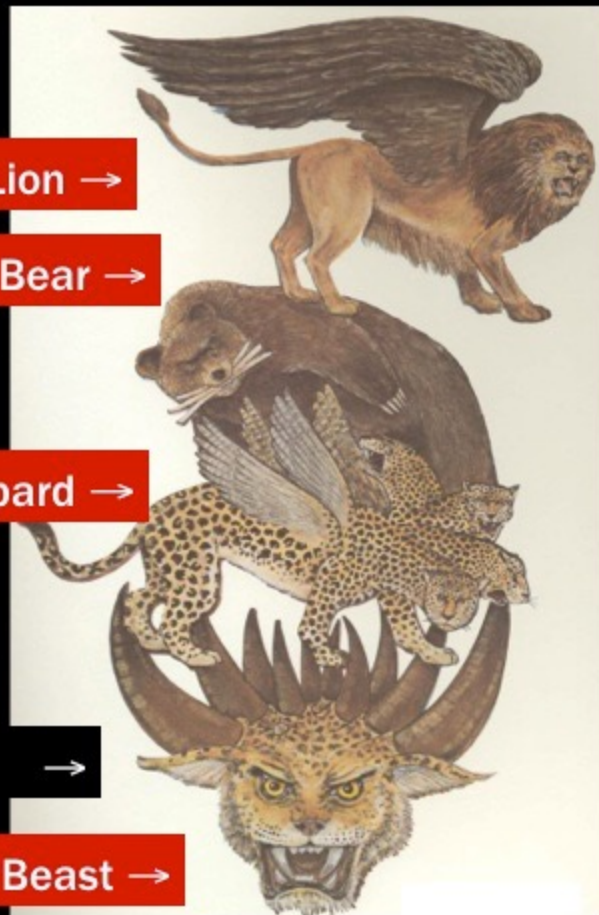
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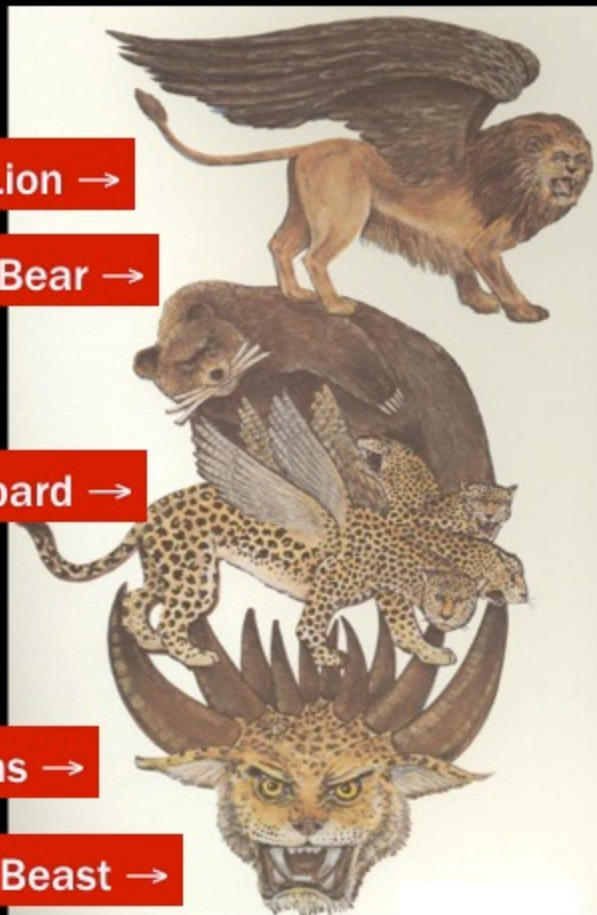
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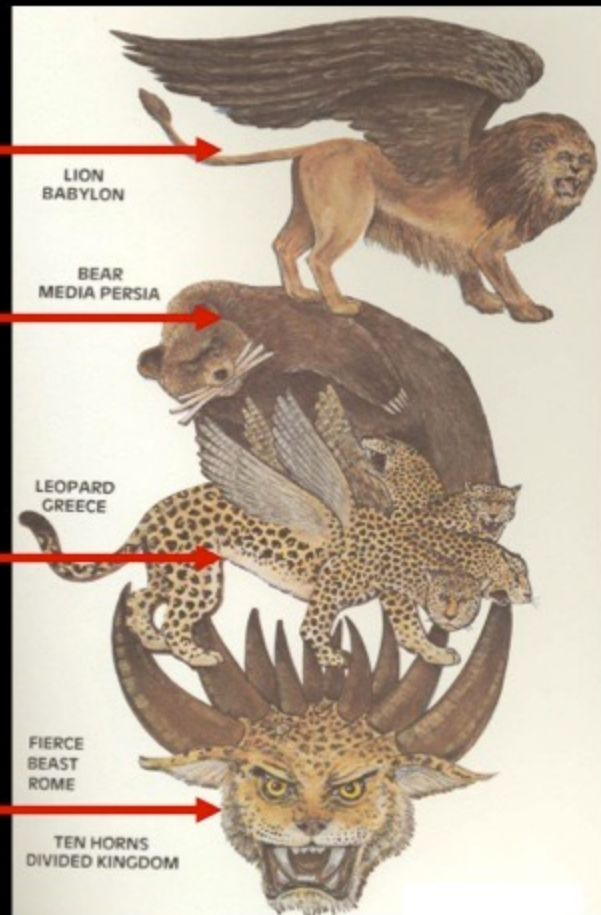
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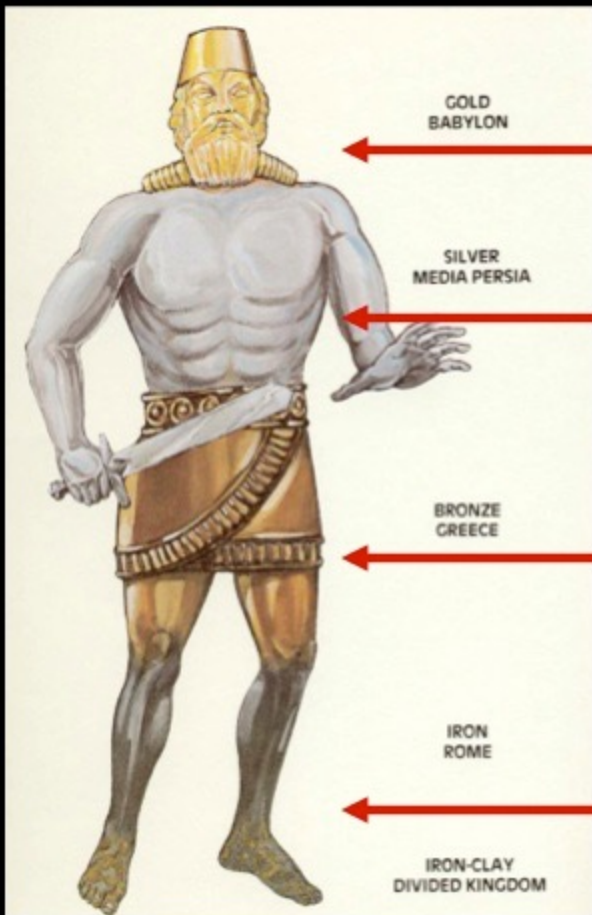
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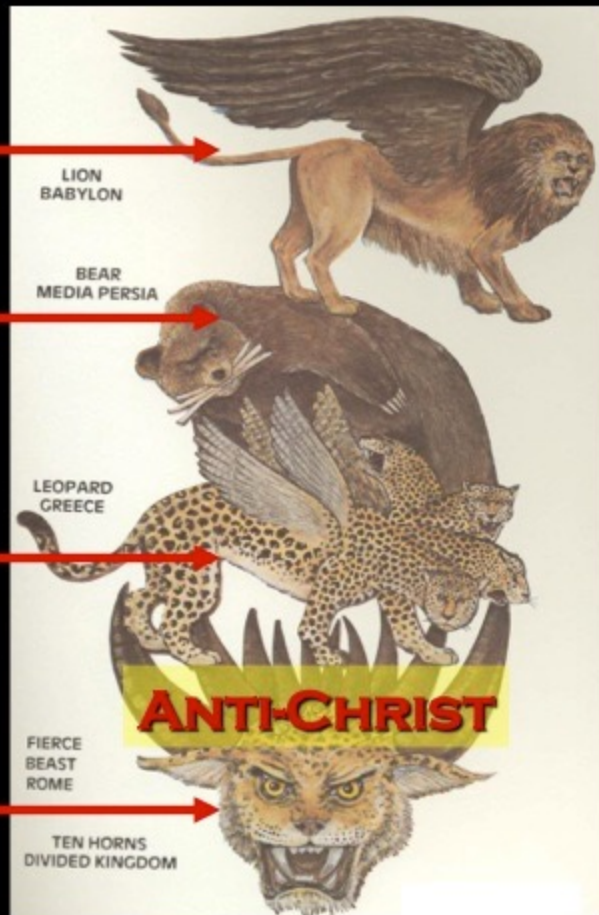
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“Thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. . . . The court was seated, and he books were opened.” (Daniel 7:9-10)

“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. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13-14)



**“Rock cut out
without hands.”**



Daniel 2

**Daniel 2:44
“...will set up a kingdom that
will never be destroyed.”**

**“One like a
son of man.”**

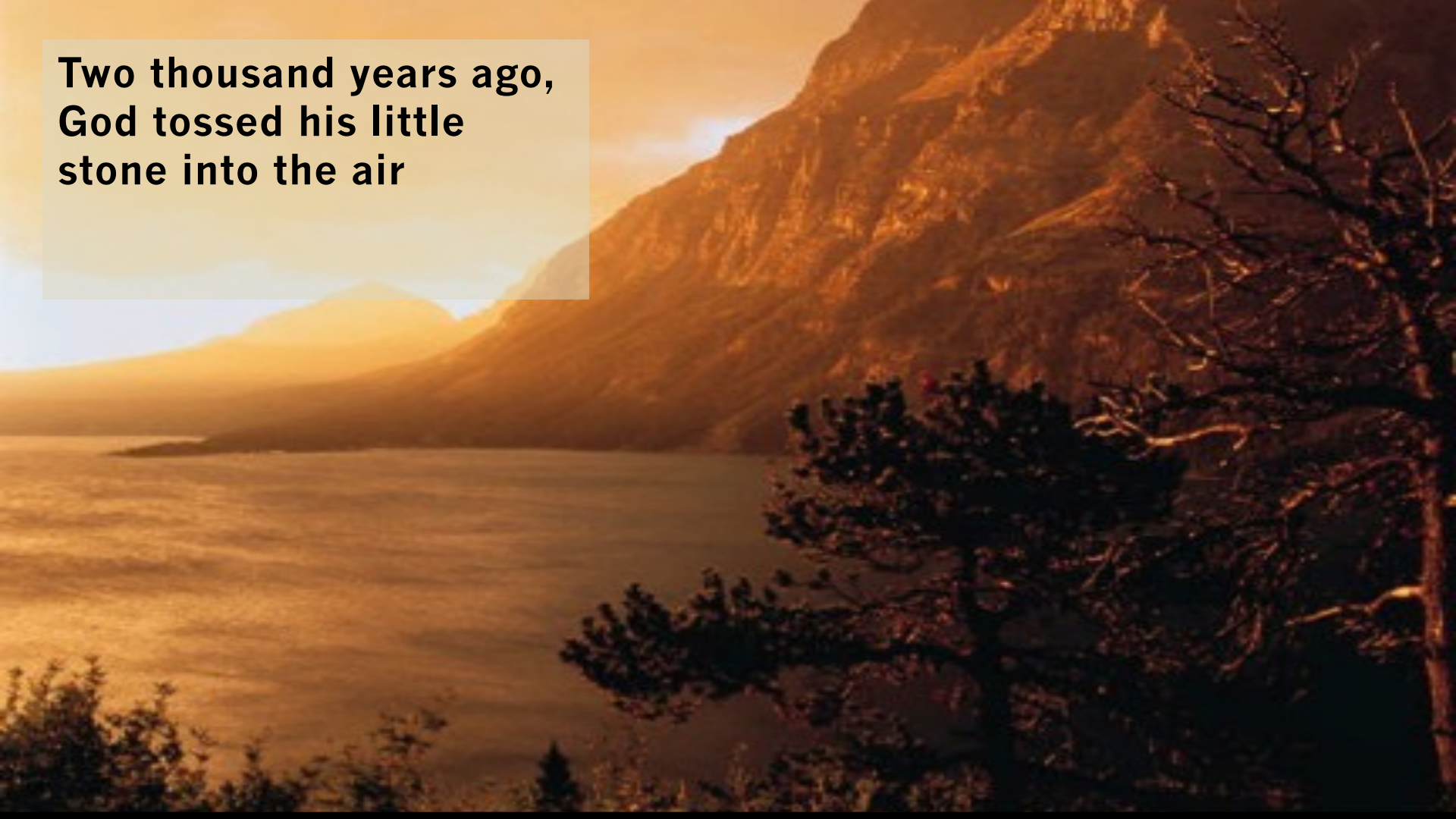


Daniel 7

**Daniel 7:14
“...his kingdom is one that
will never be destroyed.”**



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God tossed his little
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**“... his kingdom
will never end.”
(Luke 1:33)**

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- Mark 1:15
- Luke 11:20
- Luke 17:20-21
- Romans 14:17
- John 6:15
- Mark 14:61-64
- John 18:36
- Matthew 13:31-33
- Revelation 1:9
- John 16:33
- Daniel 7:27
- Hebrews 7:27
- Luke 12:32

Earthly kingdoms are 'bad dreams' that inevitably collapse and disappoint. God's kingdom is a hope-filled reality that grows and blesses.



**“The kingdoms of this world are become
the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and
he shall reign for ever and ever.”**

Revelation 11:15





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