

# Times of the Gentiles, Part 4 - Babylon Past and Future (Daniel 2; 7; Revelation 13)<sup>a</sup>

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## Jerusalem fell to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon

### 1. The divine, global mandate to rule by Nebuchadnezzar/Babylon

#### A. Passage: Jeremiah [27:4-8](#)

**4** ‘And command them to say to their masters, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel—thus you shall say to your masters: **5** I have made the earth, the man and the beast that [are] on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed proper to Me. **6** And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him. **7** So all nations shall serve him . . . **8** And it shall be, [*that*] the nation and kingdom which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish,’ says the LORD, ‘with the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.’ (Jer. [27:4-8](#))

## Revelation given Daniel/Nebuchadnezzar: sequence of Gentile Kingdoms

### 1. Time period: throne of David unoccupied

### 2. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream (Daniel [2](#)) is parallel to David’s vision (Daniel [7](#))

A. One is the Gentile (humanist) perspective (Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel [2](#)) = glorious

B. One is the Divine perspective (Daniel, Daniel [7](#)) = beast-like

### 3. The **sequence of kingdoms<sup>c</sup>** (subset of 7)

A. Diagram: Babylon, Head of Gold, Lion with Eagle’s Wings (begins the Times of the Gentiles, 587 B.C.)

B. Diagram: Medo-Persia, Chest and Arms of Silver, Bear with Three Ribs

C. Diagram: Greece, Belly and Thigh of Bronze, Leopard with Four Wings and Four Heads

D. Diagram: Rome, Legs of Iron, Dreadful and Terrible Beast

- E. Diagram: Rome divided and dispersed, Feet of Iron and Clay, Ten Horns
- F. Diagram: Antichrist, Little Horn - Babylon Future
- G. Diagram: Millennial Kingdom, Stone Cut Without Hands (ends the Times of the Gentiles at Second Coming)
- H. Sequence spans the Times of the Gentiles - no occupant on the throne of David

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**Babylon throughout Scripture: Babel (Nimrod, Gen. 10:10) → Neo-Babylonia (Nebuchadnezzar) → Babylon Future (the Beast)**

**1. The ultimate expression of humanism — imagined achievement and greatness independent of God**

**2. Bookends for the Times of the Gentiles**

A. First/last Gentile rulers: Nebuchadnezzar / Beast

B. Boastful mouths

I. Daniel [4:30](#)

*The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?” (Daniel [4:30](#))*

II. Daniel [7:25](#)

*He shall speak pompous words against the Most High . . . (Daniel [7:25a](#))*

III. Revelation [13:5](#)

*And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. (Revelation [13:5](#))*

C. Beast-like for 7 years: Nebuchadnezzar / Beast

D. Demand worship of their image under penalty of death: Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. [3](#)) / Beast (Rev. [13](#))

E. Persecution with special focus on the Jews

I. Daniel’s friends in the fiery-furnace, by Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel [3](#))

II. Jewish believers in the Tribulation, by the Beast (Revelation [12:13-17](#))

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a - See [http://www.spiritandtruth.org/teaching/Times\\_of\\_the\\_Gentiles/004\\_Babylon\\_Past\\_and\\_Future/index.htm](http://www.spiritandtruth.org/teaching/Times_of_the_Gentiles/004_Babylon_Past_and_Future/index.htm).

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