

# Table of Prophetic Symbols

SYMBOL	CLARIFYING TEXT	WHAT THE SYMBOL MEANS
Metals in Daniël 2— gold, silver, brass, iron.	Daniel 2:38-40	Four successive world empires beginning in Daniel's day
Head of gold in	Daniël 2:38 Daniel 2:31, 32	Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom—Babylon
Toes of the image in Daniël 2:41	Daniel 2:41	A divided kingdom
The rock cut out without hands in Daniël 2:34	Daniel 2:44, 45	God's eternal kingdom
The tree in Daniël 4:10	Daniel 4:20 – 22	King Nebuchadnezzar
Cutting down of the tree in Daniël 4:14	Daniel 4:23, 25	King Nebuchadnezzar's loss of his throne to temporary insanity
The band of iron and brass around the tree trunk in Daniël 4:15	Daniel 4:26	Nebuchadnezzar's empire preserved
The mysterious writing on the wall of Belshazzar's banquet hall in Daniël 5:5	Daniel 5:26 – 28	God's judgment pronounced upon Babylon
The four winds in Daniël 7:2	Jeremiah 49:36, 37 Also see Revelation 7:1, 2	Winds equal devastation and destruction. The number four symbolizes the directions of the compass—North, South, East, and West.
Sea in Daniël 7:2	Revelation 17:15	Multitudes, peoples, nations



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Beasts in Daniël 7:3	Daniel 7:17, 23	Empires or kingdoms
The lion, bear, leopard and dragon-lie beast in Daniël 7:3-8	Daniel 7:4 – 7	Four successive world empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome
Ten horns in Daniel 7:7, 8	Daniel 7:24 (first part)	Ten kings or kingdoms—divisions of power
Little horn in Daniel 7:8	Daniel 7:24 (last part and verse 25)	A diverse or different power; one that is not political, but religious in nature
Eyes like a man in Daniel 7:8	Eph. 1:18	Eyes equal understanding or wisdom. Eyes like a man indicate a system based on human, rather than divine, wisdom
Clouds of heaven in Daniel 7:13	Matthew 16:27	Angels
A prophetic day	Numbers 14:34, Ezek. 4:6, Genesis 29:27	One year
Times, times, and half a time in Daniel 7:25	Revelation 12:6, 14	1,260 prophetic days or 1,260 literal years
Son of man in Daniel 7:13	Luke 19:10; Luke 21:27	Jesus Christ
Ram in Daniel 8:3	Daniel 8:20	Media-Persia



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Prince of the Host in Daniel 8:11; Daniel 9:25; Daniel 10:13; Daniel 12:1	Isiah 9:6	Jesus Christ
Transgression in Daniel 8:12	1 John 3:4	Sin is the transgression, or breaking, of God's law
Transgression of abomination of desolation	Daniel 11:31, 32	Open rebellion against God, His word, and His law—the Ten Commandments
2300 Prophetic days in Daniel 8:14	Ezek. 4:6, Numeri 14:34	2,300 literal years
Seventy weeks in Daniel 9:24-27	Ezek. 4:6, Numeri 14:34	490 literal years
Messiah, the Prince in Daniel 9:25	Matthew 1:21	Jesus Christ
The covenant in Daniel 9:27	Matthew 26:28	God's plan of salvation through the blood of Christ
The prince of the kingdom of Persia in Daniel 10:13	John 12:31	The prince of this world, or Satan
King of the South in Daniel 11:5	Exodus 5:2	Spiritual Egypt, anti-God powers, atheistic powers
King of the North in Daniel 11:7	Revelation 14:8, 9; 18:1-5	Spiritual Babylon, or false religious powers which, under the guise of religion, deceive with false teachings
Tidings from the East in Daniel 11:44	Matthew 24:27	The message of Christ's soon