





# Lesson 21 — Daniel 7

## The Twelve Caesars

1	<b>Julius Caesar</b> Assassinated March 15, 44 BC.		7	<b>Galba</b> Reigned 7 months from AD 68 to 69.	
2	<b>Augustus</b> Reigned 31 BC to AD 14. (Luke 2:1)		8	<b>Otho</b> Reigned 95 days in AD 69.	
3	<b>Tiberius</b> Reigned AD 14 to 37. (Luke 3:1)		9	<b>Vitellius</b> Reigned 8 months in AD 69.	
4	<b>Caligula</b> Reigned AD 37 to 41.		10	<b>Vespasian</b> Reigned AD 69 to 79.	
5	<b>Claudius</b> Reigned AD 41 to 54. (Acts 11:28)		11	<b>Titus</b> Reigned for 26 months from AD 79 to 81.	
6	<b>Nero</b> Reigned AD 54 to 68. (Acts 25:11)		12	<b>Domitian</b> Reigned AD 81 to 96.	

### RULES FOR UNDERSTANDING APOCALYPTIC LANGUAGE

- (1) We should understand apocalyptic language figuratively unless we are forced to do otherwise, and we should be consistent in making that determination.
- (2) Similarity of language does not prove identity of subjects.
- (3) Dissimilarity of language does not prove distinctness of subjects.
- (4) Easy to understand scriptures should be used to understand harder passages. The Bible is its own best commentary.
- (5) The time frame is crucial in properly understanding apocalyptic language.

### FIGURATIVE NUMBERS

- 3 denotes God.
- 4 denotes the earth or the creation.
- 12 denotes God's people.
- 10 denotes completeness.
- 7 denotes perfection.
- 8 denotes renewal.
- 1000 denotes complete completeness.
- 144,000 denotes *all* of the God's people.
- 666 denotes one who is hopelessly short of divine perfection.
- 3½ is a broken seven, denoting imperfection.



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