

DANIEL CHAPTER 7

SUMMARY

- 1) Belshazzar's time to reign (553 BC - grandson of Nebuchadnezzar) - Daniel sees this vision, therefore no need for another human to explain. In chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar saw the dream, therefore Daniel was called in to explain. Nebuchadnezzar's dream had multiple aims to accomplish?
- 2) "...Four winds of heaven" Whatever was produced, was by heaven's motivation (Causing upheaval in response to something, perhaps "right" versus "wrong"?)
- 3) "...Four great beasts..." signifying the extent rather than the size of something?
- 4) First - "lion with eagle wings" transformation into man through "posture" and "mentality"? Human to Divine image?
- 5) "Arise and devour much flesh" why? (accentuate its domain and influence)?
- 6) A leopard is known for its "swiftness" and denoted the "speed" with which its leader conquered other nations.
- 7) The "brutality" of the nondescript beast is emphasized by the picture of its teeth and horns. The saints of God would "suffer" much because of its ferocity
- 8) The "little horn" is not in this verse identified as the one doing the "pulling up by the roots" of the three previous ones, but verse 24 identifies him as such.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whose dream was explained in chapter 2 and whose dream is explain now?
 2. Why the difference?
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OVERVIEW

A) DANIEL'S VISIONS:

VERSES 1-14

1. The First scene:

- a) The four winds of heaven having an influence upon the great sea
 - (I) Why? God working things out "according to the good pleasure of His will (Ephesians 1:9)
 - (II) How? Through the reaction of people, when human schemes and dreams come in direct conflict with God's plans (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- b) Four winds of heaven = The operations of God (Jeremiah 49:34-36; 51:1)
- c) The Great Sea = People in turmoil, nations in their restless state (e.g. during wartime - Isaiah 17:12-13; Revelation 17:15)
- d) Because of the tumults of the sea, there emerges creatures of our own making, often monstrous and irreligious

2. The second scene:

- a) Four great beasts emerge from the sea.
- b) Their appearance and character, diverse from one another
- c) How are they different?
 - 1) Their rulers
 - 2) Their laws and traditions
 - 3) Their environments
 - 4) Their people

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3. The Third Scene:

- a) Daniel sees thrones set in place
- b) A great trial or judgment begins
- c) He describes the great judge, the courtroom and the trial.
- d) The last beast is condemned because of the last horn
- e) The other beasts are no more but their lives are prolonged

4. The Fourth Scene:

- a) Daniel sees a victor brought forward to the great judge
- b) His rewards are:
 - (I) Dominion, Glory and a kingdom
 - (II) Consisting of: a people, nations and languages
 - (III) His dominion will be indestructible and everlasting

B) DANIEL'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED **VERSES 15-18**

- a) Daniel is perplexed and asks about the meaning
- b) He is given a summary:
 - i) Four kings are to vie for world dominance
 - ii) The outcome will favor the saints of the Most High

C) DANIEL CONTINUES HIS QUESTIONS **VERSES 19-22**

- a) Daniel zooms in on the fourth beast
- b) The fourth beast is outstandingly ferocious and destructive
- c) The terribleness of the eleventh horn
- d) His war against the saints
- e) The decisiveness of the battle, the Ancient of Days pronounces judgment

D) THE EXPLANATION CONTINUES **VERSES 23-27**

- a) The Fourth Beast = the fourth kingdom (2:44)
- b) Shall be particularly different and its dominion absolute
- c) The ten horns are ten kings
- d) The eleventh horn = the eleventh king and shall:
 - I) Be different from his predecessors
 - II) Subdue 3 kings
 - III) Speak great words against the Most High
 - IV) Wear out the saints of the Most High
 - V) Think to change times and laws
 - VI) Continue for a predetermined period
- e) But judgment shall be given against him and his dominion shall end
- f) The kingdom and rulership shall be given to the saints of the Most High
- g) This kingdom and its dominance shall be worldwide and everlasting.

Daniel continues in his anguish because of the revelations given to him.