

The Book of Daniel

Part 7: Visions and Dreams

Recap The Book of Daniel Series

- ◇ Israel is Conquered by Babylon
- ◇ God Shares Outline of History to Nebuchadnezzar
- ◇ Babylon Falls to the Medes and Persians
- ◇ Daniel Becomes Leader in Media-Persian Kingdom
- ◇ Outline Prophecies
- ◇ Daniel Moves from Interpreting Dreams to Having Dreams

A Vision of Beasts and Horns

- ◇ Daniel 7:1-14
- ◇ A Lion, Bear, Leopard & Dreadful Beast
- ◇ Ten Horns, A Little Horn, Court Set Up & Coming of Son of Man

Interpretation of the Vision

- ◇ Daniel 7:15-28
- ◇ The Beasts are Kingdoms
 - "These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth." Daniel 7:17*
 - ◇ Lion: Babylon
 - ◇ Bear: Media-Persia
 - ◇ Leopard: Greece
 - ◇ Dreadful Beast: Pagan Rome
- ◇ Ten Horns are Ten Kingdoms
 - "As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them." Daniel 7:24*
 - ◇ Ten Horns: European Countries
- ◇ A Little Horn Dominates
 - "He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half of time." Daniel 7:25*
- ◇ The Court Sits for Judgment
 - "But the court will sit for judgment and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever." Daniel 7:26*
- ◇ God's Eternal Kingdom is Set Up
 - ◇ "His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominion will serve and obey Him." Daniel 7:27

A Continued Vision of Beasts and Horns

- ◇ Daniel 8:1-14
- ◇ A Ram & Bear
- ◇ A Large Horn, Ten Horns, Small Horn & Holy Place Cleansed
- ◇ Holy Place Cleansed after 2300 Days

Interpretation of Vision

- ◇ Daniel 8:15-27
- ◇ Gabriel Explains Vision to Daniel
 - “Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.” Daniel 8:19*
- ◇ The Beasts are Kingdoms
 - “The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large that is between his eyes is the first king.”*
 - ◇ Ram: Media-Persia
 - ◇ Goat: Greece
- ◇ The Small Horn is Rome
 - “And he will magnify himself in his heart and will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without human agency.” Daniel 7:25*

The Interpretation is Disrupted

- ◇ Daniel 7:26-27
 - “Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king’s business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.” Daniel 7:27*

Given For a Reason

- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar’s Vision Was Given to Reach Him
- ◇ Belshazzar Was Given Same Choice
- ◇ God Gave Visions These For Us
 - “Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.” Daniel 8:19*
- ◇ God Reveals Him Plan Ahead
 - “I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done.” Isaiah 46:9,10*
 - “Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7*
- ◇ He Does So to Reach Us
 - The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*