

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
 Current Book: Daniel – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: Daniel 7:1-28 – Daniel’s visions of four beasts, judgment, and Jesus Christ!**

Today’s Message:  
**“Four Beasts”**



**INTRODUCTION**

Last week, we finished the history section of Daniel with a new king and governmental leaders trying to destroy Daniel! And in *the den of lions*, Daniel’s God was able to save! Today, we will begin the prophetic section of Daniel with a vision of four **BEASTS** coming up out of the sea. God showed him the future once again only this time from His **HEAVENLY** perspective. It was the Gentile kingdoms of the world from Babylon to the never-ending reign of Jesus Christ. As we will see, details begin to emerge of a coming **WORLD** leader we call, “Antichrist.” This is God’s message to you today...

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**A. The Text Daniel 7:1-28**

**#1. The Four Beasts – Daniel saw a vision of four BEASTS coming out of the sea.**

**AND FOUR GREAT BEASTS CAME UP FROM THE SEA**

- ✓ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and **VISIONS**.
  - In **7:1**, the CONTEXT is between chapter 4 and 5 – **2 years** before chapter 5.
  - In **7:2**, the GREAT SEA in the Old Testament is *the Mediterranean Sea*.
  - In **Revelation 17:15**, the WATERS of the great whore are *peoples and nations*.

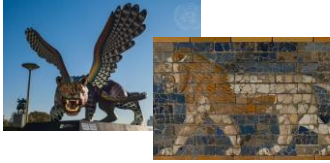
**Numbers 34:6**  
*...ye shall even have THE GREAT SEA for a border: this shall be your west border.*

**THESE GREAT BEASTS, WHICH ARE FOUR, ARE FOUR KINGS**

- ✓ The BEASTS align with Nebuchadnezzar’s dream only from God’s PERSPECTIVE.

Daniel 7 – Daniel’s Vision	Daniel 2 – Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Beast:</b> like a <b>LION</b> and had eagle’s wings	<b>Head of Gold:</b> Babylonian Empire
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Beast:</b> like to a <b>BEAR</b> , one side raised	<b>Breast/Arms of Silver:</b> Medo-Persian Empire
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Beast:</b> like a <b>LEOPARD</b> , 4 wings, 4 heads	<b>Belly/Thighs of Brass:</b> Grecian Empire
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Beast:</b> Dreadful and terrible, iron teeth	<b>Legs of Iron:</b> Roman Empire... <i>divided East/West</i>
<b>10 Horns:</b> last stage – end times rulers	<b>10 Toes:</b> Last stage of Roman Empire ( <b>Dan 2:43!</b> )
<b>The Ancient of Days:</b> Like the Son of man	<b>The Stone Kingdom:</b> Kingdom of Jesus Christ!

<p><b>Revelation 13:2</b></p> <p><i>And THE BEAST which I saw was like unto a LEOPARD, and his feet were as the feet of a BEAR, and his mouth as the mouth of a LION: and THE DRAGON gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.</i></p>	<p><b>Revelation 17:12</b></p> <p><i>And the TEN HORNS which thou sawest are TEN KINGS, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with THE BEAST.</i></p>
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Xerxes had 2,500,000 soldiers!

Alexander defeated the Persians with 35,000 men and took the world in 10 years!

- In 7:4, the **FIRST BEAST** was *humbled*, lifted up, stood as man, man’s heart.
  - ❖ It is clear this is *Nebuchadnezzar’s humiliation* – **Babylonian Kingdom**
- In 7:5, the **SECOND BEAST** was raised up on ONE SIDE with 3 RIBS in teeth.
  - ❖ **Medo-Persians** (1 more powerful); victories: 1-Babylon, 2-Egypt, 3-Lydia.
- In 7:6, the **THIRD BEAST** was strong, swift, and fierce – Alexander the Great!
  - ❖ Alexander died age 33; his 4 generals divided **Grecian Kingdom** – 4 heads!
- In 7:7-8, the **FOURTH BEAST** was dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly!
  - ❖ This beast was like no other; the **LITTLE HORN** revives the **Roman Kingdom**.

## #2. The Ancient of Days – God the Father gives God the Son His KINGDOM!

### AND THE ANCIENT OF DAYS DID SIT... HIS THRONE WAS LIKE A FIERY FLAME

John 10:30  
I and my Father are ONE.

Revelation 11:15  
The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of HIS CHRIST; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

- ✓ His garment was *white as snow* and *hair of his head like pure wool!* **Rev 1:13-18**
  - In 7:9, the **Ancient of Days** SITS ON HIS THRONE – *The Everlasting FATHER!* **Isa 9:6**
  - In 7:10, a stream from throne, thousand thousands, judgment, BOOKS opened!
  - In 7:11, the little horn (ANTICHRIST) thrown to *burning flame!* **Rev 19:20; 20:10**
  - In 7:13-14, Jesus Christ is given glory, a kingdom, peoples, everlasting dominion!
    - 1) This is... PSALM 2 – YET HAVE I SET MY **KING** UPON MY HOLY HILL! **Amen.**
    - 2) This is... MT 4:17 – THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN – *all hail King Jesus!* **Amen.**
    - 3) This is... LUKE 11:2 – THY KINGDOM COME... THY WILL BE DONE! **Amen.**
    - 4) This is... REV 1:7 – BEHOLD HE COMETH WITH **CLOUDS** – *every eye!* **Amen.**

## #3. The Little Horn – the son of perdition will return again from his own PLACE!

### HISTORICAL APPLICATION

- ✓ In 7:15-28, Daniel was grieved in his spirit and asked of the **TRUTH** of all this.

### PROPHETIC APPLICATION

- ✓ The **FOURTH BEAST** shall be the **FOURTH KINGDOM** upon earth – even till **NOW!**
  - The **TEN HORNS** out of this kingdom **are TEN KINGS that shall arise.**
  - And **ANOTHER SHALL RISE** after them... **DIVERSE... he shall subdue THREE KINGS.**
  - He shall **SPEAK GREAT WORDS against the most High...**
  - He shall **WEAR OUT THE SAINTS** of the most High... think to **CHANGE TIMES and LAWS.**
  - They shall be given **INTO HIS HAND until a time (1) ... times (+2) ...**  
... and the **dividing of time (+ ½) = 3 ½ years!**

Revelation 13:5  
... forty and two months.

- ✓ Comparing THE LITTLE HORN to his other names in the Bible.
  - **OLD TESTAMENT:** the **Assyrian** (Isa 10:5-6), the **Wicked** (Isa 11:4), **king of Babylon** (Isa 14:4), **Lucifer** (Isa 14:12), **king of Tyrus** (Ezk 28:11-19), a **king of fierce countenance** (Dan 8:23), the **prince that shall come** (Dan 9:26), the **king who does according to his will** (Dan 11:36-37).
  - **NEW TESTAMENT:** **that man of sin** (2Ths 2:3-8), **THE SON OF PERDITION** (2Ths 2:3-8), **that Wicked** (2Ths 2:3-8), **antichrist** (1 John 2:18), **the beast** (Revelation 13:1-8).

Daniel 7:8  
...there came up among them another LITTLE HORN... in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 11:37  
Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Revelation 9:11  
And they had a king over them, which is THE ANGEL of THE BOTTOMLESS PIT...

John 6:70  
Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and ONE OF YOU IS A DEVIL?

Acts 1:25  
That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might GO TO HIS OWN PLACE.

Revelation 17:8  
The BEAST that thou sawest WAS, and IS NOT; and SHALL ASCEND OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, and GO INTO PERDITION...