

DANIEL 7

BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



Today's Notes



13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

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And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW THUS FAR
ABOUT ALL OF DANIEL'S VISIONS?

...Daniel had understanding in
all visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:17

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2. God advances the narrative of love and justice for His people.

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter

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2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

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Mark 4:1

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.



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37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 And **four great beasts** came up out of the sea, different from one another.

4 **The first was** like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

5 And behold, another beast, **a second one**, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

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6 After this I looked, and behold, **another**, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong.**

It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet.

It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW THUS FAR
ABOUT DANIEL'S DEMEANOR?

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.

28 As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed...

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Even Daniel was unsettled by the vision,

How will you respond when things that
are usually true of you - aren't true of you?

Maturity in Jesus means

we know how to lose

AND

we know how to win

17 'These four great beasts are four kings
who shall arise out of the earth.

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Even Daniel was unsettled by the vision,

9 "As I looked, thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand
times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in
judgment, and the books were opened

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but God is undisturbed on the throne.

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IN THE CHAOS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS SITS,
JUDGES, AND BRINGS ORDER.

GOD ALONE HAS:

wisdom to sort out right from wrong,

purity to persistently choose the right,

power to enforce his judgments.

How will you respond when things that
are usually true of you - aren't true of you?

Remember who is on the throne, and even unsettling
seasons can become deeply fruitful seasons.

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

19 "Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest...

20 and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. 21 As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

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25 He shall speak words against the Most High,
and shall wear out the saints of the Most High,
and shall think to change the times and the law;
and they shall be given into his hand
for a time, times, and half a time.

26 But the court shall sit in judgment,
and his dominion shall be taken away,
to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

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27 And the kingdom and the dominion
and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven
shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High;
his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

28 "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my
thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed,
but I kept the matter in my heart."

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How will you respond when things that
are usually true of you - aren't true of you?

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- +Remember who was on the throne, knowing even unsettling seasons can become deeply fruitful seasons
- +Warn those he loved of an enemy who wants to wear them out
- +Live for and build toward the new kingdom which will be given to us forever.

That's how we keep the matter in our heart

LUKE 17

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."