

Daniel 7

Dealing with Apocalyptic Scriptures

- Apocalyptic means “_____”
- Apocalypse communicates a sense of impending _____.
- The Biblical Apocalypse is not about doom, but rather about _____, optimism, and joy.
- Apocalyptic literature is often not _____, rather it is full of imagery and metaphor.

1. Vision of the Four Beasts ([Daniel 7:1-8](#))

A. Daniel’s vision took place _____ the fall of the Babylonian empire ([Daniel 7:1](#))

B. Four _____ beasts arose from the sea during a violent storm. ([Daniel 7:2-3](#))

i. A _____ with eagle’s wings ([Daniel 7:4](#))

ii. _____ ([Daniel 7:5](#))

iii. Four-headed _____ with four wings ([Daniel 7:6](#))

iv. _____ fourth beast ([Daniel 7:7](#))

C. A little horn _____ three of the horns. ([Daniel 7:8](#))

2. The Appearance of the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man ([Daniel 7:9-14](#))

A. The Ancient of Days ([Daniel 7:9-10](#))

i. White _____

ii. White _____

iii. Seated on a blazing chariot of _____

iv. A river of _____ flows before him

v. He served by a myriad of heavenly _____

vi. He is in charge of the _____ proceedings.

B. The forces of _____ are destroyed and punished with fire. ([Daniel 7:11-12](#))

C. The Son of Man ([Daniel 7:13-14](#))

i. Enters on the _____

- ii. He was able to _____ before the Ancient of Days
 - iii. He is given _____ dominion.
3. The interpretation of the vision ([Daniel 7:15-28](#))
- A. Daniel is troubled by the vision and asks a bystander in the vision for _____ in interpretation ([Daniel 7:15-16](#))
 - B. The beasts are _____. ([Daniel 7:17](#))
 - C. The kings of earth will _____ and the holy ones of God will rule _____. ([Daniel 7:18](#))
 - D. Daniel desired further _____ about the fourth beast and the horns. ([Daniel 7:19-22](#))
 - E. The _____ of the fourth beast and the horns ([Daniel 7:23-25](#))
 - i. It will be _____ from all kingdoms before it.
 - ii. It will have _____ over the whole earth.
 - iii. ___ kings will rise from the kingdom.
 - iv. 1 king will arise to _____ three kings.
 - v. This final king, the little horn, will arrogantly directly _____ God, _____ his people, and attempt to _____ God's commands and observances.
 - vi. The final king will have _____ for "a time, times, and half a time".
 - F. God will convene a court to judge and _____ this final king ([Daniel 7:26](#))
 - G. God will establish an _____ kingdom, ruled by his people. ([Daniel 7:27](#))
 - F. Although the vision greatly troubled Daniel, he spoke of it ___ more. ([Daniel 7:28](#))

Discussion Questions

1. [Daniel 7](#) marks a transition from narrative to apocalyptic literature. What challenges do you think believers face when interpreting apocalyptic passages, and why is it important to approach them differently than historical narratives?
2. Biblical apocalyptic literature is ultimately a message of hope rather than doom. How does that perspective change the way you read passages about judgment, tribulation, and the end times?

3. The four beasts arise from a chaotic sea during a violent storm. What might the imagery of the sea and the beasts teach us about the nature of earthly kingdoms and human governments?
4. The fourth beast is described as especially terrifying and destructive. Why do you think Daniel was particularly disturbed by this creature compared to the others?
5. The little horn appears to be winning against God's people for a season. How should believers respond when it seems that evil is prevailing in the world?
6. Prophecy is often not fully understood until it is fulfilled. How should that reality affect our confidence and humility when discussing end-times prophecy?
7. Daniel was deeply troubled by what he saw, even though the vision ended with God's victory. Why do you think the vision still disturbed him so much?