

Daniel Chapter 7

A Vision of Beasts - Daniel 7:1-8

- Daniel 7–12 is _____ and _____
- *“In a sense, the first half of the book gives the credentials of the prophet, the reliability of the messenger. The second half gives his message.”*
// Dan Duncan, “God and Monsters”
- The Four Winds represent the _____ being in turmoil

The First Beast

- The First Beast represents Nebuchadnezzar and the _____
- Jeremiah 4:7 (ESV) *“A lion has gone up from his thicket, a destroyer of nations has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant.”*
- Jeremiah 50:17 (ESV) *“Israel is a hunted sheep driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has gnawed his bones.”*
- Jeremiah 4:13 (ESV) *“Behold, he comes up like clouds; his chariots like the whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles— woe to us, for we are ruined!”*

The Second Beast

- The Second Beast represents Cyrus and the _____
- The three bones/ribs represent the three kingdoms conquered by Cyrus and his son, Cambyses: 1) Lydian Kingdom 2) Babylon 3) Egypt

The Third Beast

- The Third Beast represents Alexander the Great and the _____

- In one short decade, the Macedonian king had established an empire more vast than any that preceded it. The four wings able to fly on the four winds in all four compass directions (north, south, east, west) on an already swift animal predict and symbolize this stunning achievement by Alexander the Great. // Steinmann

The Fourth Beast

- The Fourth Beast represents the _____ and its _____
- Daniel notes one major difference between this fourth animal and the others: it has horns. A natural horned animal would have only two. The “ten horns” (7:7) mark this beast as exceedingly powerful // Steinmann
- The imagery of Rome being a beast with crowns and horns is repeated in _____.
 - Revelation 13:1 *“And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.”*

A Vision of the Son of Man - Daniel 7:9-14

- Only Daniel calls God the _____
- The Ancient of Days is God the Father on His eternal throne
- The Title “Son of Man” is used 81 times in the Gospels
- Genesis 1:26 (ESV) *“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*

Explanation of the Vision - Daniel 7:15-28

- Therefore, the three and a half times in Daniel’s vision represent the period from the first coming of the Messiah to the final judgment of the fourth beast’s little horn immediately after the Messiah’s second coming. It is during this period of time that the little horn, the Antichrist, is attacking God and his people. // Steinmann

- Advent is about our _____ and _____ hope
 - Jesus is the _____
 - Jesus is born during the reign of _____
 - Jesus ushers His kingdom in while _____ rules the world
- Hebrews 12:28 *"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken"*