

“The 4 Beasts, The Ancient of Days, and  
The Son of Man”

Daniel 7:1-14

Troy Hamilton

March 1, 2026



### 1. The Four \_\_\_\_\_: Vs. 1-8

**Vs. 1-3:** 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. Daniel declared, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.”

**Psalms 2:1-6:** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Days: Vs. 9-12

**Vs. 9-10:** “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. 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.

**Luke 10:20b:** ... “rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**Vs. 11-12:** “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.”

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man: Vs. 13-14

**Vs. 13-14:** “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. 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.

**Matthew 16:13-16:** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that **the Son of Man** is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

**Mark 10:45:** “For even **the Son of Man** came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Luke 21:27-28:** And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**Revelation 1:7:** Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

#### Discussion Questions:

- How would you define Biblical apocalyptic literature, and what is your approach to it? Wariness? Certainty? Humility?
- What might the fourth beast symbolize beyond the Roman Empire? How does this passage apply to our current context?
- How would you apply vs. 13-14 in a conversation about Jesus with a Mormon or a Muslim?
- How could meditating on Vs. 9-14 reduce the fears and cares of this world?
- As Christians, how much hope should we place in the might of our nation vs. the second coming of Christ?