Daniel Lesson 7

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INTRODUCTION

- It's also a very misunderstood chapter, very often misused.
- So often the case when you miss one thing or fail to read something properly and it cascades other things.
- First, we're gonna go through and look at verse by verse what this chapter is actually talking about.

1 Four Great Beasts Came Up From the Sea

Daniel 7:1–3; Daniel 7:17

- In the first year of Belshazzar, King of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions of his head while upon his bed.
- One of the things that's going to be important is trying to figure out what's literal, what's symbolic?
- Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth.

2 The Lion, the Bear and the Leopard

Daniel 7:4–6

- First was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off and it was lifted from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man.
- It was raised up on one side and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it, arise, devour much flesh.
- Here you have Babylon first, and now you've got the Medo-Persian Empire, perhaps.
- There was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads.

3 The Fourth Beast, Dreadful and Terrible

Daniel 7:7; Daniel 2:40

- Exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth. It was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet.
- It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.
- All we know is that this is something dreadful and terrible.
- Had iron teeth. Where have we seen iron before recently in this book?

4 The Ten Horns and the Little Horn

Daniel 7:8; Daniel 7:20–21; Daniel 7:25

- Are these ten horns, are they ten separate kingdoms? Or are they what are they?
- They try to construct this as ten new kingdoms coming out of this one when it's ten kings. It's part of this fourth beast, this Roman Empire.

- I was watching the same horn who's making war against the saints and prevailing against them.
- Time is a single year, perhaps. Times would be two years, and half would be half a year. Therefore, we have three and a half years.
- If seven is a complete or perfect number then three and a half is a very incomplete number.

5 The Vision of the Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:9–14; Daniel 7:26–28

- Behold, one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven, came to the ancient of days.
- His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.
- Obviously, we see judgment is executed. the kingdom was this everlasting possession.

6 A Few Conclusions From This Chapter

Daniel 2

- Obviously, this vision expands upon what we saw in Daniel chapter 2.
- It depicts or further explains this establishment of the everlasting kingdom.
- And we know from this that the saints are gonna inherit the kingdom.
- We can't miss the point. We see God's power and his workings in the kingdoms of men.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I hope you will too and that you'll consider these.**

MY NOTES