

Vision of the Four Beasts

Daniel 7
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Daniel 7 is prophetic in nature and goes hand in hand with Revelation.

Daniel (6-12) was intended for the Jews (Israelites,) but is vital and clear prophecy for the things to come.

Daniel helps us understand that the end times will be trying, difficult and a test.

Daniel also helps us understand that God will see all things to the end and He will ultimately reign.

Daniel 7 teaches us:

1) All earthly kingdoms rise and fall.

But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Daniel 7:27-28

THE FIRST WAS LIKE A LION WITH WINGS LIKE AN EAGLE—BABYLON AND KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

THE SECOND BEAST WAS LIKE A BEAR-- MEDO-PERSIA

THE THIRD WAS LIKE A LEOPARD WITH FOUR WINGS OF BIRDS ON ITS BACK—GREECE AND ALEXANDER THE GREAT

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 2:44

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

Revelation 21:6

All kingdoms, but God's, will one day fall. To whose kingdom or kingship do you belong? Your own, someone else's or God's? One day only God's will stand.

2) In this "earthly kingdom" we will face difficulties.

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Those difficulties ultimately are because of sin, but with God, sin has been overcome.

We need not be surprised of difficulties we face in this world. The Bible reminds us of such struggles, even for Christ followers.

Daniel was in captivity for 70 years and faced many different "opportunities" during his time:

- Death (lions den, Daniel 6).
- Had to decide to follow the king's orders or God's (Daniel 1).
- Was placed in a leadership position for part of God's plan.

- Many others, including Job and Paul to name a few, faced difficulties. Again, some of the difficulties we face are because of our own sin, and others are to accomplish God's greater purpose.

3) On our own we can't win against the enemy.

"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. **Daniel 7:21-22**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. **1 Corinthians 10:13**

If you are fighting for victories and success against the enemy on your own, you are fighting a losing battle. Only through Jesus can you and I have victory.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

4) God always gets the final word; good ultimately wins.

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Romans 2:14-16

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And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." **Revelation 21:4-8**

5) Therefore, to whom do you belong to, this world or God?

If God, how are you growing with Him? Are you obeying Him? Are you walking in His ways or yours? The end times are closer than they were yesterday and as times continue to become more ungodly, we will need to cling to God and the things of God more dearly.

We have two choices to follow, God and His way or try to figure it out on our own!