

Stand Back – Daniel 7

Introduction

- (1) The Four Beasts and the Son of Man - chapter 7,
- (2) The Ram and Goat – chapter 8
- (3) The Seventy weeks of God’s calendar – chapter 9
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“Where is God in all this?”

“What has become of all His great covenant promises to us? ”

The Four Kingdoms

CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 7
Head of gold	The winged lion
Breast & arms of silver	The devouring bear
Belly & thighs of bronze	The winged leopard
Legs & feet of iron & clay	The indescribable beast

Similarities

A four-part statue	Four beasts
Statue represents kingdoms	Beasts represent kingdoms
Deterioration: Gold to iron mixed with clay	Deterioration: Nearly human to blaspheming beast
Statue destroyed	Beasts destroyed
Eternal Kingdom is established	Eternal kingdom is established

Contrasts

Nebuchadnezzar’s Vision	Daniel’s Vision
Daniel’s interpretation	Angel’s interpretation
Glorious statue	Horrible beasts
Human statue in four parts	Four (inhumane) beasts
Destroyed mysteriously by a stone	Destroyed in judgment by God

1. God's Unfolding **Plan**

2. Man's Unfolding **Persecution**

"After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns."

"While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully."

The little horn clearly represents a very powerful person who will arise in the end times.

"As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them" (vs. 21)

"He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time." (v.25)

Compare to description of the Antichrist in Revelation 13.

⁴ People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷ It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. (Revelation 13:4-7)

3. God's Kingdom Will **Prevail**

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. ¹¹ "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. (vv.9-11)

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” (vv.13,14)

Who is this Son of Man?

“Kingdoms may rise and fall, but the Kingdom of God will endure forever!”