

The Vision Of The Four Beasts – Daniel 7:1-28

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Introduction

1. The first half of Daniel has been about God's providence in history and God's purpose in history. Starting in chapter seven the second half is about the four visions seen by Daniel in which God reveals many things about His purpose and plan in history, regarding the nation of Israel and the everlasting kingdom to come...

I. The Vision Described (v1-14)

- a. Date Of The Vision
- b. Details Of The Vision
 - i. Part One: The Four Beasts From The Sea (v2-8)
 - ii. Part Two: An Awesome Judgment (v9-12)
 - iii. Part Three: The Coronation Of The Son Of Man (v13-14)

II. The Vision Interpreted (v15-28)

- a. Effect On Daniel (v15)
- b. Explanation To Daniel
 - i. An Overall Summary Of The Vision (v16-18)
 - ii. Daniel's Desire To Know More (v19-20)
 - iii. What Daniel Then Saw (v21-22)
 - iv. What Daniel Then Heard (v23-27)
 1. Concerning the fourth beast
 - a. It shall be the fourth kingdom of the earth
 - b. It shall devour the whole earth
 2. Concerning the ten horns
 - a. They are the ten kings that will arise from the fourth kingdom
 3. Concerning the little horn
 - a. He shall be different from the first kings
 - b. He shall subdue three kings
 - c. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High
 - d. He shall persecute the saints of the Most High
 - e. He shall intend to change times and law
 - f. For a while the saints shall be given to his hands
 4. Concerning judgment
- c. Epilogue By Daniel (v28)

III. Conclusion

- a. The vision of the four beasts is certainly interesting and challenging. It expands the vision seen by Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 and it introduces the conflict described in the vision seen by John in Revelation chapters 13-20.
- b. The main idea is the ultimate victory of the church over the Roman Empire as foretold by both Daniel and John. May this fulfillment encourage us to remain faithful until the time Jesus delivers the kingdom to God the Father! – 1 Corinthians 15:23-26