

DANIEL'S DREAM OF COMING KINGDOMS (Daniel 7:1-14)

A. The Setting & Context of Daniel's Dream (7:1-3)

1. Daniel was given a dream of divine revelation about the future in _____ B.C., the first year of the Babylonian king Belshazzar, which means Daniel was given the revelation in chapters 7–8 _____ the historical events of chapters 5–6. (v. 1)

- *Why does Daniel use a chiastic structure for chapters 2–7 instead of a strict chronology?*

2. The “Great Sea” (v. 2) symbolizes the great masses of fallen _____ on the earth, and the “stirring” is most likely the _____ among Gentile world powers. (Isa. 17:12-13; 57:20; 60:5; Jer. 46:7-8; 47:2-3; Rev. 13:1; 17:1)

- *How do the four beasts (v. 3) compare to the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2?*

B. The Four Beastly Kingdoms (7:4-8, 17)

1. BEAST #1 (v. 4): A _____ with _____ wings symbolized King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire which was swift on the battlefield. (Jer. 49:19, 22; 50:17; Lam. 4:19)

2. BEAST #2 (v. 5): A _____ represented the Medo-Persian Empire which wasn't as fleet footed as a lion, but still just as ferocious. (Isa. 13:17-18)

3. BEAST #3 (v. 6): A _____, known for its cunningness and swiftness, aptly represented the Greek Empire.

4. BEAST #4 (v. 7): This beast is unique and not represented by any _____ living animal, but it symbolizes the Roman Empire.

- *What do the “ten horns” (v. 7) represent (Rev. 17:12-13)?*

- *Who does the little horn represent (Rev. 13:1-7)?*

- *How does the biblical view of history differ from that of religion and the world? (Heb. 9:27)*

- *Who will occupy the “thrones” of v. 9? (v. 22; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 20:4)*

C. The Triumph of God & Good Over Evil (7:9-14)

1. The “Ancient of Days” is a description of _____ the _____ seated on the throne. (Dan. 7:9, 13, 22)
 - *What do the three references to fire/fiery in vv. 9-10 convey about God (Ps. 97:3; Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29)?*

2. An innumerable amount of _____ stood before Him (v. 10). (Rev. 5:11-12)

3. The _____ being slain (v. 11) will occur at the _____ of Christ as described in Daniel 2:44-45 where the Stone made without hands crushes all earthly kingdoms. (Ps. 2)
 - *According to verse 11, what happens to the Antichrist? (Rev. 19:19-20)*
 - *What does verse 11 say about the destiny of the lost? (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 14:9-11; 20:10)*

4. The _____ of _____ coming on the clouds of heaven to receive the eternal kingdom is _____. (Mark 14:61-62; Luke 22:67-70)
 - *Why did Jesus refer to Himself this way?*
 - *How is His kingdom described? (v. 14)*
 - *How can you be sure you’ll be in this kingdom? (John 3:3-7, 16-18, 36)*
 - *What can you learn from all this as a believer in Christ?*