

Daniel 7:1-28

Belshazzar was made a co-regent with his father, Nabonidus, in 553 B.C. In the first year of his reign, God gave Daniel a vision that was similar to the one that He had given Nebuchadnezzar more than fifty years earlier. Daniel was now about 67 years old and Nebuchadnezzar had been dead about 9 years. The message was different, but the meaning was very similar. Daniel's vision of the four world empires in chapter seven differs from Nebuchadnezzar's vision in chapter two in that Daniel is shown these empires from God's viewpoint, while Nebuchadnezzar saw them from man's viewpoint. To Nebuchadnezzar these empires were presented as a powerful majestic man. To Daniel they were presented as vicious wild beasts. God was depicting to Daniel, and to all those who would read his prophecy, the extent to which man's depravity would fall.

Aim of the Lesson: Submit to God so you can do His work effectively.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

1. What did Daniel see coming up out of the sea in the vision that God gave to him? 7:3

2. Several things are told about these beasts that relate to specific empires. Show the things that relate to each empire by putting the letter of the statement that describes the right empire.

<u>THINGS</u>	<u>EMPIRES</u>
four wings (symbolizing speed)	Babylon
two Horns (symbolizing power)	
sharp teeth ((symbolizing brutal power)	Medo-Persia
two eagle's wings (symbolizing majesty and speed)	
terrible Beast	
the shoulder of the beast is higher than the other	Greece
four heads (symbolizing four generals)	
one	
one horn	Ancient Rome
wings plucked (symbolizing power removed / insanity)	
to be spared	
when a man's heart (symbolizing salvation)	Future Rome

3. Who is the Ancient of Days? 7:9, 13, 22

4. What name is given to Christ that He uses of Himself in reference to His rule of the earth? 7:13-14
5. Who is given the Kingdom? How long will they rule with Christ? 7:18, 27
6. What are you doing now that will enable you to rule more effectively with Christ in His Kingdom?

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7. Show the progression of God's revelation to Daniel in this chart. Daniel 7 is about 50 years after Daniel 2.

A COMPARISON OF THE KINGDOMS: DANIEL 2 DANIEL 7



BABYLON HEAD NEBUCHADNEZZAR was the head of image (Dan 2:38) GOLD – king of metals	BABYLON LION - king of beasts Eagle wings- king of birds Later yrs of Nebuchadnezzar: 2 wings plucked-insanity Stands on feet-recovery Given a man's heart -his Conversion
MEDO-PERSIA 2 ARMS & BREAST 2 arms [Medes & Persians] were united in the breast [one empire]	MEDO-PERSIA BEAR – slow, powerful One shoulder higher than than the other (Persia is greater than the Medes) Three bones in its mouth - conquered nations in west [Lydia & Babylon], south [Egypt] & north [Scythia]
SILVER GREECE BELLY & 2 THIGHS Belly [4 nations in 1 empire] [2 of its nations rule over Israel: Egypt and Syria]	GREECE LEOPARD 4 heads [4 generals divide empire into 4 nations & be- come kings when Alex dies]. Four wings [speedy conquest by Alexander]
BRONZE ANCIENT ROME TWO LEGS 2 legs [Eastern & Western divisions of the empire]	ANCIENT ROME TERRIBLE BEAST Iron teeth (relates to the iron legs of the image)
IRON FUTURE ROME FEET [with 10 toes] Has strength of iron & weakness of pottery	FUTURE ROME TEN HORNS 10 kings LITTLE HORN Antichrist – opposes God (Dan 7:25-28).
IRON & CLAY(pottery) MESSIANIC KINGDOM Set up in the days of 10 kgs Set up by God It will never be destroyed. It is not passed on to others. It shall stand forever. It is cut out of the mountain, which is God's kingdom. It is cut without hands (It is the work of God, not men) Stone pulverizes the image. Stone becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth.	MESSIANIC KINGDOM ANCIENT OF DAYS - God SON OF MAN - Christ God gives His Son the kingdom of David [Stone] It is never destroyed Son of Man is in contrast to beasts of other nations Saints will possess it It lasts forever All nations will serve and obey Christ.
STONE	

8. What part of this prophecy relates to your life?