

FUTURISTIC DREAMS

Daniel 7



Four Wild Animals; Four Coming Kingdoms

The dream that Daniel got corresponded to the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had years before

Nebuchadnezzar saw a huge, beautiful statue

Daniel saw four wild beasts

Nebuchadnezzar saw it from a worldly perspective

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Daniel saw it from God's perspective

God sees from the heavenly perspective; He is not impressed with outward appearances

Sons of Jesse

God looks at the heart (see 1 Samuel 16:7)

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A creature like a lion

Symbol of Babylon—winged lion

Wings plucked—indicates loss of power—
humbled by God

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Beast like a bear

Medo-Persian empire

Bear is slower than a lion

Bear has brute force

Hard to stop a bear

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King Xerxes of Persia assembled 2,500,000 troops—moved slowly but with great power

Lopsided bear—Persians more powerful than the Medes

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Beast like a leopard

Incredibly fast

Kingdom of Greece

Alexander the Great took over the world

Known for speed of victory and the speed of the breakup of his kingdom

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Iron-toothed beast

Iron rule of Rome

Corresponds to the iron legs

This corresponds to Revelation 13 where John sees "a beast coming out of the sea"

(Revelation 13:1)

The Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:9-10

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.

The Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:9-10

His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.

The Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:9-10

Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before
him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened

The Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:11-14

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.

¹² (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

The Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:13

¹³ “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.

The Ancient of Days

Daniel 7:14

¹⁴ 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.

The Saints of the Most High

Daniel 7:15-16

¹⁵ “As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

The Saints of the Most High

Daniel 7:17-18

¹⁷ ‘These great beasts, which are four *in number*, are four kings *who* will arise from the earth.

¹⁸ But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’

Three Absolute Principles

1. God does not change
2. God's Word does not change

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness

Three Absolute Principles

3. Human nature doesn't change-
until God Himself changes it

Points to Ponder

Keep trusting and believing.

Keep serving and obeying. Keep telling your
story

in your relational world. Stand firm in your
faith and put your trust in the One
who holds the future in His hands

Points to Ponder

Through prophecy, God authenticates Himself
and the validity of His Word