

Daniel's Vision Of The 4 Beasts: Part 1

Daniel 7:1-14

Intro: This morning we move from King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of four successive Gentile world powers in chapter 2 to consider Daniel's vision of four beasts in chapter 7. Daniel's dream here in chapter 7 corresponds exactly with Nebuchadnezzar's dream in chapter 2, but in a significantly different form—ferocious animals instead of polished metals. According to chapter 7 verse 17: "These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth." Virtually all commentators agree that you have the same sequence of empires pictured in chapter 2 and 7.

Similarities between the dreams: Chapter 2 Chapter 7

Differences between the dreams: Chapter 2 Chapter 7

I. The Revelation Of The Dream (Dan. 7:1-14)

A. The vision of the four beasts (7:1-8)

Historical background (vv. 1-3)

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First, Winged lion = Babylon (v. 4)

Second, Bloody Bear = Medo-Persia (v. 5)

Third, Winged Leopard = Greece (v. 6)

Fourth, Non-descript Beast = Rome (v. 7)

B. The Ancient of Days (7:9-12)

C. The Son of Man (7:13-14)

A Comparison of Daniel Chapters 2 and 7

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