

Daniel's Vision Of The 4 Beasts: Part 2

Daniel 7:15-28

Intro: This morning we take up the interpretation of Daniel's vision of the four beasts in chapter 7. 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 Gentile empires pictured in chapter 2 and 7. Daniel's prophetic vision here in chapter 7 adds many more details than were revealed in chapter 2.

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

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

- 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)

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are needed to see this picture.

B. The Ancient of Days and the Son of Man (7:9-14)

II. The Divine Interpretation Of Daniel's Vision (7:15-28)

A. Daniel's response to the vision was one of distress and alarm (v. 15)

B. Angelic interpretation of Daniel's vision (vv. 16-28)

1. Daniel's request for insight (v. 16a)
2. The four beasts explained (vv. 16b-18)
3. God's promise to Israel fulfilled (v. 18)
4. The exact meaning of the fourth beast (vv. 19-28)
 - a. Daniel's request for greater insight (vv. 19-22)
 - b. The angle's reply (vv. 23-27)

C. Daniel's ongoing turmoil (v. 28)

