

October 2, 2022
Daniel 7:1-28 "The Four Beasts"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This vision was revealed 14 years before the account of Daniel being thrown into the lion's den. Belshazzar was still in charge then, it was in 553 BC. At this time Daniel was about 63 years old. This revelation was a dream given through visions. This chapter will finish up the text in Daniel that is written in Aramaic.

The book of Daniel is not in chronological order.

The four beasts represent 4 kingdoms: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Rome.

Symbolism is used in the book of Daniel, the meaning of figures and such are usually explained in the text itself. When this does not occur, their significance is often found in other Scriptures.

"A valid principle for interpreting prophecy is to accept the plain sense of the text unless there is good reason to adopt some other meaning." *Stephen R. Miller*

The ten toes and the ten horns are the same thing, just different visions.

This little horn's description in **verse 8** is in line with a leader more so than that of a kingdom. See, **II Thessalonians 2:3-8**, this guy is referred to as "the man of lawlessness."

"The final outcome of human history will be a return of Adam's race under the rule of the divine Son of Man to loving obedience and subjection to the sovereignty of God, never again to fall away from him." *Gleason L. Archer*

The little horn in Daniel **vv 8, 11, 20-22** is also known by the names: man of lawlessness (**II Thessalonians 2:3**), the Antichrist (**I John 2:18**), and the beast (**Revelation 13:-18**). These names all refer to the same person.

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(1) This king will oppose God's authority. He will speak against the Most High.

(2) He will oppress His saints, i.e., Israel.

(3) He will abandon all laws and institute his own system.

He will appear as Israel's friend but then they will be handed over to him.

He will occupy Jerusalem, as the capital of his empire for 3.5 years.

Application:

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love
Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood
(Precious blood)
Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless days
Oh, to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart
Oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

“He said to him, **‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’** This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.” [Matthew 22:37-40](#) CSB