

I. Three Beasts (Dan 7:1-6)

1. Daniel had a dream (**verse 1**)
 - A. At 1:17 we found that Daniel could interpret dreams
 - B. At Daniel 2 he revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream
 - C. Again at Daniel 4 he interpreted another of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams
2. Daniel wrote down the dream
3. In my vision looked (**verse 2**)
 - A. Four winds of heaven
 - B. A churned up sea
 - C. Four beasts rise from the sea (**verse 3**)
 - 1) a lion (**verse 4**)
 - with wings like an eagle
 - its wings were torn off
 - 2) a bear (**verse 5**)
 - he chewed on three ribs
 - get up and eat our fill
 - 3) a leopard (**verse 6**)
 - four wings and four heads
 - given authority to rule
 - 4) a ten-horned beast (**verse 7**)
4. Most see these four as the four heads of the Greek empire - led by Alexander the Great
 - these leaders ruled at God's discretion

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Like the "four" corners of the earth
 - at least their earth
2. Animals to relate to leaders
3. The dream is related to make the point that leadership rises and falls at the word of God

II. The Fourth Beast and the Horn (Dan. 7:7-8)

1. Trampled the other beasts (**verse 7**)
 - ten horns
2. Some see this as the Roman empire
3. Another horn springs up (**verse 8**)
 - A. A little horn
 - B. Uproots three of the four horns before him
 - C. Had eyes like a man's and a mouth that spoke boastfully
4. Some see this "little horn" as the antichrist

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. At any given time leaders have warred - big and little leaders
2. Sometimes the "little" leaders/ nations are the most powerful in the long run
3. Powers are "ordained" of God - Romans 13:1ff
4. God works within the chaos of our "leader" world
 - with Putin?

- with the leader of North Korea?
- with Trump?

III. The Judgment - Dan. 7:9-14

1. Thrones are set in place (**verse 9**)
2. The Ancient of Days appears and took his seat
 - A. Clothing white as snow
 - B. Hair like wool
 - C. A flaming throne
 - D. Wheels ablaze
 - E. A river of fire (**verse 10**) - flows outward
 - F. Thousands upon thousands attend him
 - G. The court is seated and books opened
3. Some see this as the end of time - when books are opened
4. Interrupting this scene - boastful words are spoken (**verse 11**)
 - from the "horn"
 - the beast was slain
5. The other beasts (**verse 12**)
 - slain and cast into the fire
 - stripped of their authority
 - allowed for a period of time
6. The son of man comes (**verse 13**)
 - coming with the clouds
 - led into the presence of the Ancient of Days
 - A. He is given authority and power (**verse 14**)
 - B. He is before the throne
 - C. The nations worship Him
 - a dominion that will not pass away

Rea Ideas and Questions:

1. Yes, there are leadership and rulers but there is a greater Ruler
2. This is how it ends - with God in all authority
3. Daniel lived in a time with many and warring rulers - there is one ruler who is over all
4. World-wide Ruler - all nations and peoples
5. When we think of world rulers of all time - the ruler of Babylon seems small - as do the rulers of 2022
6. He sees the future - and its predictable - God wins!

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