

# DANIEL

“Keeping the faith when the heat is on”

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## CHAPTER 7: DANIEL'S VISION OF THE FOUR BEASTS



### I. INTRODUCTION

Daniel Chapter 7 marks a significant shift in the book of Daniel, moving from historical accounts to prophetic visions. This chapter is pivotal because it introduces apocalyptic imagery that speaks of future kingdoms and God's ultimate victory over evil. The vision Daniel receives is similar to Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2 but presents the same themes in greater detail, with a focus on the coming of God's eternal kingdom and the Messiah.

IMAGE CHAPTER 2	BEASTS CHAPTER 7	KINGDOMS REPRESENTED
Head of fine gold	Like a lion with eagle's wings	
Chest and arms of silver	Like a bear	
Belly and Thighs of Brass	Like a leopard with four wings and four heads	
Legs of Iron, feet of iron and clay	Incomparable beast with ten horns and little horn	
Stone that becomes a great mountain	Messiah and saints receive the kingdom	

Table 1: Futurist View of Daniel Chapter 7

## **II. CHAPTER 7 OUTLINE**

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- A. Introduction: Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts (7:1-3)
- B. The Four Beasts (7:4-8)
- C. The Vision of the Ancient of Days (7:9-10)
- D. The Judgment and Destruction of the Fourth Beast (7:11-12)
- E. The Coming of the Son of Man (7:13-14)
- F. Interpretation of the Vision (7:15-28)

## **III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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- A. Why do you suppose this chapter is in the Bible?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Why is prophecy (apocalyptic literature) like Daniel Chapter 7, so often cryptic, resulting in different views?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. How would you respond to someone who said the Bible is based on myths?

## **IV. APPLICATION FOR CHRISTIANS TODAY**

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- ✓ R\_\_\_\_\_ , as a believer your life has purpose and direction.
- ✓ R\_\_\_\_\_ on the fact that like the Jews in Babylon, this life is merely a sojourn.
- ✓ R\_\_\_\_\_ in knowing that you are part of God's Kingdom.