



Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World

Passage: Daniel 7

Title: The Four Beasts Prophecy

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Discussion Starter – After looking at all the details of both Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, what do you think the thesis is of Daniel 7 and how should that apply to us today?

Read Daniel 7:1-6; 7:15-18

- 1) Why do you think it is important for Christians to study prophecies in the bible?
- 2) What do the four winds of heaven represent in the vision and how does it apply to what is going on in the world today? (Daniel 7:2)
- 3) What is the prophetic message from this vision of the first beast that had come to pass in Nebuchadnezzar's life?
- 4) What is the significance of the second beast, like a bear being raised up on one side and why are there three ribs in its mouth?
- 5) What kingdom is represented by the third beast mentioned Daniel 7:6 and what do the two sets of wings and four heads signify?

Read Daniel 7:7-8; 19-24 & Revelation 13:1-10

- 6) The four huge beasts represent the four world kingdoms. How do the descriptions of these four world kingdoms compare to the way they are portrayed in Daniel 2? What are the viewpoints of how they are presented and how do they differ from Daniel 2 to Daniel 7?
- 7) What are some of the major differences you see in the description of the fourth beast as compared to the first three? What nation is represented by this beast and what are the geographic areas of its origins?
- 8) What are the parallels you see from the beast described in Revelation 13:1-10 to Daniels description in this chapter 7? What are some of the additional things or attributes of this beast that are revealed in Revelation 13?
- 9) Define each Anti-Christ or Instead of Christ actions or attributes you see described in this passage of Revelation 13?
 - a) Daniel was troubled by this vision because he could see what was going to happen to his nation. How has the message inspired you to think about those who will be left behind? What are some of the things you can do to reach those who are headed to worshipping the beast in Revelation 13?
 - b) We are currently living in a period of grace from the first coming of Christ. As you ponder these prophetic messages of things to come, they do not seem so far away. How might a better understanding of prophecy help you in your walk with Christ?