

Daniel 7 – Sermon Notes

So far in Daniel, we've seen stories. But now, we start to see visions. And these visions are very graphic images of good and evil, and the clash that comes between them.

Read Daniel 7:1 –During the reign of King Belshazzar

Daniel 7:2-8 – This Is Evil

The Lion – wings, unstoppable, no wings, heart of a man

The Bear – no wings, another hunter, 3 ribs, eat flesh

The Leopard – four wings, really fast!, four heads

The Fourth Beast – terrifying, frightening, very powerful, iron teeth, ten horns, Tramples everything

Another Horn – eyes (awful image), talks (boasts)

Read Daniel 7:9-12 – This Is Good

The Ancient of Days – white (purity, goodness, holiness), fire (judgment followed by either refinement or destruction), wheels (movement)

Contrast: *The beasts are eating uncontrollably and the Ancient will destroy them with fire. As it stands, this is a bloody mess.*

Read Daniel 7:13-14 – The Son of Man

The Son of Man

-This is the image of a man. We haven't seen any men so far.

-Here is a son of man among the Ancient, angels, and beasts.

-Yet he is more than a man, arriving with the clouds of heaven.

The Son of Man Approaches the Throne of the Ancient One

-And he is given authority... glory... sovereign power... and is to be worshipped by every one. (Again, more than a man.)

-His kingdom will last forever, replacing kingdoms of the beasts.

Someone to Bridge the Conflict

The beasts are not human. The Ancient of Days is not human. And yet the humans are stuck in the conflict and are not innocent of participating with the beasts.

And into this mix comes a God/Man, who will become the King over the once and for all Kingdom. This God/Man is Jesus Christ who will defeat the beasts and be a savior for humanity.

Read Daniel 7:15-18 – Interpretation of the Four Beasts

1. The lion is King Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom.
2. The bear is King Cyrus' kingdom.
3. The leopard is Alexander the Great's kingdom. No one conquered the world as fast as Alexander. It took him less than 10 years.
4. The final beast is the Roman Empire, which dominated more of the world than any other.

And during the Roman Empire, Jesus Christ, the Son of God/the Son of Man, was born into our world. And with Him comes His Kingdom. And with Him comes Salvation.

Read Daniel 7:19-25 – The Little Horn

The Roman Empire is destroyed but one horn remains.
-not as strong, has eyes and a mouth, intelligence

The Little Horn will confuse. The Little Horn will change the situation to take people out of worshipping the One True God.
-Daniel 3 (furnace) & 6 (lion's den).

We live in the time of the Little Horn.

Read Daniel 7:26-27 – The Future Kingdom

We are all part of the beast in some way, but you can join this One, the Son of God/the Son of Man. It is Kingdom that is coming. Live your life for God and God alone. Don't be deceived.