

## Daniel 7

1 Like Joseph before him, the interpreter of dreams is sometimes spoken to through dreams. The way this reads could be the repetitive style of Hebrew or it could be he had a dream and while he was lying their thinking on it he had visions in his mind too.

2 Ancients considered there to be four heavenly winds from each direction. Wind is synonymous with spirit (good or bad) or the breath of God. The seas represent people. These prophecies of Daniel run parallel to much of Revelation. The symbolism is often identical. The number four is a number of worldly things.

3 This spiritual stirring of the people caused four beasts to rise up from amongst them. Verse 17 tells us these are kingdoms.

4 Sounds like what happened to Nebuchadnezzar. Jer 4:7

5 The remnants of three nations being devoured. Media, Lydia, Babylon

6 A government with four heads over various regions. The leopard denotes speed.

(**four heads** -- explained in Da 8:8, 22; the four kingdoms of the *Diadochi* or "successors" into which the Macedonian empire was divided at the death of Alexander, namely, Macedon and Greece under Cassander, Thrace and Bithynia under Lysimachus, Egypt under PTOLEMY, and Syria under Seleucus.) JFB

7 Now a ten horned iron teeth beast that is different from all the others crushes all in its way and devours its victims. Note the teeth of iron and the ten horns. (Da 2:41; compare Re 13:1 Re 17:12),

8 And a little horn pulls up three of the horns (Dan 8:9-12) - and has eyes and a boastful mouth (Rev 13:11-13). "The man of sin," "the son of perdition" (2Th 2:3). Antichrist (1Jo 2:18, 22 1Jo 4:3).

9 KJV says thrones were cast down. The more accepted translation today is "set in place". Who is on the other thrones to judge the earth? Rev. 20:4 1 Cor 6:2,3 Like Ezekiel's vision of the throne of God in Ezek. 1:13-21, 28 . God is sitting to judge. His royal court is in session. Rev 1:14

10 As in Ezekiel and John's visions out from under the throne comes a River that brings life where ever it goes. This river is currently of fire for refining. Like a royal court - others are seated while myriad attend Him and even more stand before Him. The Books are opened! What books? Rev. 20:11-13

11 Those mesmerizing words pull your attention. During WW2 people said Hitler's speech was enthralling. Then the beast is killed and thrown into the fire. Dan 8:23-25 Rev 19:20

12 The other beasts were not utterly destroyed in this manner. Some had officials who carried over into the next empire as we see in Daniel's own position. Man's government and rule continued. But after the last beast, the governments of man abruptly end.

13 Is this the ascension? Acts 1:9,11 Rev 1:7, Rev 5 The Head of restored humanity - the seed of the woman who has crushed the head of Satan. The beast ascended from the sea - humanity, the Son of Man from clouds of heaven (glory).

14 The Rock of Daniel 2:44 that becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth. This is the One who inherits the throne of David. Every knee will bow - see Isaiah 9:7. 1Cor 15:24-28

15,16 God will make you uncomfortable about it until you get the answers to the meanings.

17 "Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander, Antiochus, and Antichrist, though *individually* referred to, are representatives of characteristic tendencies" and nations they represent. JFB John 18:36

18 Those that are Christ's receive an eternal Kingdom, not like the temporal ones of this beast. Isa 60:12-14

19 This desire is planted in his heart for those who will read his writing in the end time.

20 The New Testament calls him the Lawless One and the Anti-Christ. His influence and power is in his boastful mouth. He is more imposing than the other horns. He is anointed with the false anointing.

21 The AC makes war with the Redeemed. It doesn't say the organized churches but the saints, the true believers who have had a heart exchanged. Rev 13:7

22 The war will go on until God pronounces our victory. Rev 17:12,14 This shows the Satanic influence on the AC for Satan is the accuser of the saints. Remember the battle over Job. I think the last days will experience many Job like stories as Satan tries to claim they are only worshipping God for the good things they receive. In the end it will be the same as with Job, Satan will be shown to be a liar.

Judgement is in favor of the saints. Then, we are given possession of the Kingdom of God.

23 No kingdom has really taken the whole earth, but this one will with quite a lot of violence. Some think this is Rome. Others think it is one yet to come.

24 It is out of the 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom that the ten horns arise. Notice the parallel to the ten toes on the image of Daniel 2. Some claim this is the European Economic Community but I believe there are 15 nations in it now. If someone comes up and takes over three countries - watch out. People must have been sure it was Hitler when he took the first three countries.

25 He is going to speak against the Most High! Incredible pride, Satanically inspired! He'll oppress the saints. What are set times? Feast Days perhaps. He will change laws distorting justice. For three and a half years we will be in his destructive power. Rev 12:6,14, Mt 24:22 Many commentators say this is Roman Catholicism and the Pope. They give numerous reasons and evidence, but I'm not convinced.

26 Then the court sits and his power is taken from him.

27 And all kingdoms will be given to us who worship AND obey the Most High. Some believe this to be the restored Israel, while others see this as the one new man from both Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.