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Journey
Through
The Book
of Daniel

Week 15

Daniel 7: 1(NASB)

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it.

Daniel records a total of four visions that he had. The first two visions he received during the time of Belshazzar, who was ruling Babylon in chapter 5, and the second two visions he received just after the Medo-Persian period began at the end of chapter 6.

Daniel 7: 1(NASB)

Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

Question

What is the “*four winds of heaven*” referencing?

Daniel is describing a violent turbulent wind coming from all directions, similar to a tornado.

Question

What is “*the great sea*”
referring to?

Let's unlock this using
the book of Revelation!

Note: Every chapter in Daniel is either quoted or alluded to in Revelation and only two chapters in Revelation do not contain some background in Daniel.

Revelation 17: 15 (NASB)

And he said to me, “The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.”

Daniel is telling us that
all of humanity, or the
sea of humanity, will be
in a terrible turmoil as
if in the middle of a
violent tornado!

Daniel 7: 3(NASB)

*"And four great beasts
were coming up from the
sea, different from one
another.*

Question

If we know the sea is referring to humanity or human kind, what does it tell us about the four beasts coming out of the sea of humanity?

These beasts will be flesh and blood people!

Question

Out of the sea of humanity will rise four kings of four world dominating empires. Who else had a dream about four world dominating empires?

Question

Nebuchadnezzar saw the world empires as gold, silver, bronze and iron; do you remember who these world empires are?

Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

Question

Why do you think Nebuchadnezzar saw these empires as a gold-headed piece of art, but when Daniel sees them he sees wild, ugly beast and not a shiny, beautifully crafted artwork?

Question

I believe Daniel sees them through the eyes of a godly man, and not through the eyes of a pagan king.

Mankind sees their creations as something beautiful and colossal, but God sees man's creations as something ugly and monstrous.

Daniel 7: 4(NASB)

The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

Lions with wings were
symbolic of the
Babylonian Empire
during
Nebuchadnezzar's day so
the lion, as king of all
the beasts, represents
the Babylonian empire.

Archeologists have discovered lions with wings, which has been identified as the Babylonians' own symbol for their kingdom and their government.





Also, the eagle is the king of birds, and the eagle's wings reflect the swiftness of Nebuchadnezzar's conquering of the world. After the battle of Carchemish in 605 BC, he just swept across the known world to become ruler of the world.

Question

What do you think the phrase “*its wings were plucked*” is referring to?

I believe this is referring to
Nebuchadnezzar's
humiliation when his mind
was taken from him and he
had to eat grass like an ox,
and his fingernails became
like bird's claws, and hair
covered his body, and he was
a beast. And he had the mind
of an animal.

Also, remember he was
lifted up again from
walking on all four feet to
walking on just two feet
plus his human mind was
given back to him.

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Daniel 7: 5(NASB)

"And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'

Question

What do you think the phrase “*it was raised up on one side*” is referring to?



This represents a kingdom that is on attack or as some scholars believe it speaks of the fact that the Persians dominated the Medes in the Medo-Persian empire and the raised paw represents their dominance.

Also the ribs are thought to represent the Babylonian Empire, Egypt, and the nation of Lydia, all of which were conquered as the Medo-Persian Empire devoured land and “*much flesh*” well beyond the boundaries of Babylon.

Daniel 7: 6(NASB)

"After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

Question

How many wings did the lion have?

How many wings did the bear have?

How many wings does this leopard have?

Question

What do you think this
signifies?

The leopard is known for speed and for having a thirst for blood. Alexander the Great, swiftly and violently conquered the world, like a leopard with wings, and at 33 years old he ruled everything from Europe to India, his swift conquest has been unmatched in history.

Also, history tells us that when Alexander died the kingdom of Greece was divided among four of his generals. Cassander ruled Greece and Macedonia, Lysimachus was ruler over Thrace and Asia Minor, Seleucus was given Syria and the Middle East, and Ptolemy ruled Egypt.

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Daniel 7: 7(NASB)

"After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth.

Daniel 7: 7(NASB)

It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Question

What animal does this fourth beast look like?

What does this tell us?

Question

What metal represented
the Roman empire in
Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

Feet and legs of iron!

The Roman Empire dominated the world for nearly 1500 years, then they went into hibernation. The Romans were dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong. They crushed, crucified and chewed their opposition as if they had iron teeth and trampled those remaining.

Here is another interesting
observation:

What does the following look
like?



Iron teeth was used by the
Roman Empire to nail our
Savior to the cross!!!

Question

What do horns mean?

Horns mean kings, Daniel
unlocks this for us in
verse 24!

Question

How many toes did
Nebuchadnezzar's statue
have?

Ten!

Both the Book of Revelation and Daniel tells us that at some point the Roman Empire will come out of hibernation and will rule the entire world as a ten-kingdom monarchy.

Out of this revived world
dominating 10-Kingdom
Roman Empire will rise
the Antichrist, which we
find described next.

Daniel 7: 8(NASB)

"While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

A king is going to rise up
out of the ten. He will
subdue three others
kings and he will take
over the rule of the
entire revived Roman
Empire. This is the
antichrist.

1 John 2: 18 (NASB)

*Children, it is the last
hour; and just as you
heard that antichrist is
coming*

Where do you think they
heard about the antichrist
coming?

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4 (NASB)

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4 (NASB)

who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

In the original text, it describes a gradual replacement as the new pulls out the old, more like an adult tooth pushing out a baby tooth by the roots.

I believe this individual gains complete political power over the world without any type of war or violent government overthrow, he quietly and subtly moves himself up the political ladder to leader of the world.

Revelation 6: 1-2

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

Who do you think the rider of this horse is? Hint: his crown is not a diadem.

This is the Anti-Christ being released on the earth. This is the beginning of the 7 year tribulation described in Daniel Chapter 7.

Do you know the
significance of a rider
having a bow but no
arrows?

The antichrist will come
promising peace and
prosperity and will gain
rule of the world without
the use of weapons or force,
just like Daniel is
describing.

How can a person
conquer without using
deadly force, when this
has been the exclusive
method of choice for
conquerors throughout
history?

The Antichrist will be a great diplomat who will use diplomacy to peacefully bring a willing world into an era of global government. Revelation 13:7 tells us that "he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation."

Question

What do you think the following statement means?

this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man

This indicates the
intellectual
shrewdness, and keen
observation of the
antichrist.

Question

What do you think the following statement means?

and a mouth uttering great boasts

He will be a great speaker, extremely charismatic and full of pride and will be bragging on himself. He will eventually designate himself as god!

Revelation 13: 5

*There was given to him a
mouth speaking arrogant
words and blasphemies*

Daniel 7: 9(NASB)

*I kept looking Until thrones
were set up, And the Ancient
of Days took His seat; His
vesture was like white snow
And the hair of His head like
pure wool. His throne was
ablaze with flames, Its wheels
were a burning fire.*

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Revelation 1: 14-15

The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

Question

What do you think the following statement means?

His vesture (or garment) was like white snow

This demonstrates the
purity and holiness of this
individual.

Question

What do you think the following statement means?

His head like pure wool

This demonstrates the
great wisdom of this
individual.

Question

What do you think the following statement means?

His throne was ablaze with flames

This demonstrates the
great authority to
unleash judgement,
also the power and
might of this
individual.

Question

What do you think Daniel is trying to describe with the following words?

*Its wheels were a
burning fire*

I picture the throne of
God with fiery
judgement being
thrown off of it as fire
spins around the
throne.