

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "The Coming Beast and His Animal Kingdom"

Text: Daniel 7:15-28

"The vision of Daniel provides the most comprehensive and detailed prophecy of future events to be found anywhere in the Old Testament." (Dr. John F. Walvoord)

## THE VISION REVEALED (7:1-14)

### 1. PART ONE (7:1-8)

"Four great beasts . . . came up out of the sea."

### 2. PART TWO (7:9-14)

A. The Heavenly Throne of the Father (vss. 9-12)

B. The Earthly Throne of the Son of Man (vss. 13-14)

## THE VISION \_\_\_\_\_ (7:15-27)

What Daniel had witnessed up to this point disturbed him deeply (15). To get some clarification of the vision, he asked someone next to him — perhaps the angel Gabriel (8:16; 9:21) — to interpret the vision (16a). This individual then explained to Daniel the events he had seen (16b). The angel gave a general interpretation of the entire dream first.

### 1. The Four Beasts (vss. 17, 18)

The four beasts represented four kingdoms which were earthly in origin.

A. The first beast—a lion with eagle's wings—stands for the Babylonian Empire (7:4; cp. 2:37-38).

B. The second beast—one that resembles a bear—represents the Medo-Persian Empire (7:5; cp. 2:39a).

C. The third beast—a winged leopard—symbolizes the Greek Empire (7:6; cp. 2:39b).

D. The fourth beast, a beast with no earthly equivalence, represents the Roman Empire and the nations that would grow out of it & continue to manifest its influence (7:7-8; cp. 2:40-43).

2. The Fourth Beast (vss. 19-27)

A. Daniel requested an interpretation (vss. 19-22)

B. Daniel's request was granted (vss. 23-27)

The Roman Empire would pass through three stages of history until God's judgment and God's Kingdom come:

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage (vs. 23)

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage (vs. 24a)

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ Stage (vs. 24b-25)

4) God's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (26-27)

**THE LITTLE HORN or ANTICHRIST** (vss. 8, 11-12, 20-21, 24b-25)

1. Who is the Antichrist?

2. What do we know about him?

A. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ leader.

B. He is extremely \_\_\_\_\_.

C. He is the master \_\_\_\_\_ of all history.

D. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ leader.

E. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ leader.

3. Into the vacuum of leadership . . .

**THE VISION'S IMPACT** (7:28)

1. On \_\_\_\_\_.

2. On \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Two actions to take in light of the coming of Christ:

A. We're told to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 25:13)

B. We're told to \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:13)