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FIRST DAY

Read Lesson 5 Notes

SECOND DAY:

Read Daniel 7:1-14

Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts

[7:1] In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

[2] Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. [3] Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

[4] "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it.

[5] "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

[6] "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

[7] "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

[8] "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

[9] "As I looked,

"thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

[10] A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

[11] "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. [12] (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

[13] "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. [14] He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Question 3a

Four Winds:

Genesis 1:2; [2] Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Isaiah 11:12; [2] The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—

Revelation 7:1; 144,000 Sealed

[7:1] After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of

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the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

Great Sea:

Psalm 18:4; [4] The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

Isaiah 17:12; [12] Oh, the raging of many nations—they rage like the raging sea!

Oh, the uproar of the peoples—
they roar like the roaring of great waters!

Luke 21:25; [25] “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

Lion, Eagle:

Deuteronomy 28:49-50; [49] The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, [50] a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young.

Judges 14:18; [8] Some time later, when he went back to marry her, he turned aside to look at the lion's carcass. In it was a swarm of bees and some honey,

Psalm 17:12; [12] They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover.

Isaiah 5:29-30; [29] Their roar is like that of the lion, they roar like young lions; they growl as they seize their prey and carry it off with no one to rescue.

[30] In that day they will roar over it like the roaring of the sea.
And if one looks at the land,
he will see darkness and distress;
even the light will be darkened by the clouds.

Bear:

2 Kings 2:24; [24] He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the LORD. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

Proverbs 28:15; [15] Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked man ruling over a helpless people.

Leopard:

Jeremiah 5:6; [6] Therefore a lion from the forest will attack them, a wolf from the desert will ravage them, a leopard will lie in wait near their towns to tear to pieces any who venture out, for their rebellion is great and their backslidings many.

Iron Teeth:

Numbers 35:16; [16] “If a man strikes someone with an iron object so that he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall be put to death.

Deuteronomy 33:17; [16] “If a man strikes someone with an iron object so that he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall be put to death.

1 Samuel 2:1, 10;

Hannah's Prayer

[2:1] Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.

[10] those who oppose the LORD will be shattered.
He will thunder against them from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. “He will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

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Question 4b

Matthew 13:41; [41] The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

Matthew 26:64-65; [64] “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

[65] Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.”

John 9:35-37; Spiritual Blindness

[35] Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

[36] “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

[37] Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

Revelation 1:7; [7] Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

Question 4c

Matthew 28:18; [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

John 10:25-30; [25] Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father’s name speak for me, [26] but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. [27] My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. [30] I and the Father are one.”

Hebrews 1:2; [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Question 5

John 5:22-27; [22] Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, [23] that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

[24] “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. [25] I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. [26] For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. [27] And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Revelation 5;

The Scroll and the Lamb

[5:1] Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. [2] And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” [3] But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. [4] I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. [5] Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

[6] Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. [7] He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. [8] And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are

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the prayers of the saints. [9] And they sang a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
[10] You have made them to be a kingdom and
priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

[11] Then I looked and heard the voice of many
angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten
thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the
throne and the living creatures and the elders. [12] In
a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

[13] Then I heard every creature in heaven and on
earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that
is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

[14] The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the
elders fell down and worshiped.

saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and
will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.’

[19] “Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the
fourth beast, which was different from all the others
and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze
claws—the beast that crushed and devoured its
victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.
[20] I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its
head and about the other horn that came up, before
which three of them fell—the horn that looked more
imposing than the others and that had eyes and a
mouth that spoke boastfully. [21] As I watched, this
horn was waging war against the saints and defeating
them, [22] until the Ancient of Days came and
pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the
Most High, and the time came when they possessed
the kingdom.

[23] “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast
is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will
be different from all the other kingdoms and will
devour the whole earth, trampling it down and
crushing it. [24] The ten horns are ten kings who will
come from this kingdom. After them another king
will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will
subdue three kings. [25] He will speak against the
Most High and oppress his saints and try to change
the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed
over to him for a time, times and half a time.

[26] “‘But the court will sit, and his power will be
taken away and completely destroyed forever. [27]
Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the
kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed
over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His
kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all
rulers will worship and obey him.’

[28] “This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was
deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned
pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

THIRD Day:

Read Daniel 7:15-28

The Interpretation of the Dream

[15] “I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions
that passed through my mind disturbed me. [16] I
approached one of those standing there and asked
him the true meaning of all this.

“So he told me and gave me the interpretation of
these things: [17] ‘The four great beasts are four
kingdoms that will rise from the earth. [18] But the

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FOURTH DAY:

Read Daniel 8:1-14

Daniel's Vision of a Ram and a Goat

[8:1] In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that had already appeared to me. [2] In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal. [3] I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. [4] I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

[5] As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. [6] He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. [7] I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power. [8] The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.

[9] Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. [10] It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. [11] It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. [12] Because of rebellion, the host [of the saints] and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

[13] Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?"

[14] He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

FIFTH DAY

Read Daniel 8:15-27

The Interpretation of the Vision

[15] While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. [16] And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."

[17] As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."

[18] While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet.

[19] He said: "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end. [20] The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. [21] The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king. [22] The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

[23] "In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise. [24] He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people. [25] He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.

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[26] “The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future.”

[27] I, Daniel, was exhausted and lay ill for several days. Then I got up and went about the king's business. I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding.

SIXTH DAY:

Review Daniel 7 and 8
(See above)

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