

1. **God is large and in charge of history.** The earth will be ruled by vast and powerful kingdoms and rulers. Ultimately, the world will be ruled by one powerful man who is completely anti-god, known as the little horn or the Anti-Christ. He will set himself up as God. He will seek to destroy the followers of Christ. While the world looks like it is spinning out of control, all it takes is a thumbs down from the throne room of God and the reign of the most powerful rulers and anti-god forces on the planet are destroyed.
2. **Expect to suffer. Don't be naive about the reality, durability and power of evil.** Our planet is a terrestrial battleground for a cosmic war. Expect the forces of our culture, our government and our community to oppose Christ and those who love him.
3. **Jesus has the right to rule everything forever from God the Father.** We only wait for Jesus to apply the full power and authority given to him. Daniel 7 is one of the clearest references to Christ's power and authority in the Old Testament.
4. **Fix your eyes on the prize of reigning and ruling forever with Jesus.** Verses 18, 22 and 27 remind us that we will ultimately reign and rule with Christ on this earth in the Millennium and on the New Heavens and Earth forever! Before we get there, it will be a bumpy road filled with opposition. When life is tough and the pleasures of sin look enticing, keep your eyes on the prize. *The extent of the eternal reward we enjoy then will, in some way, correspond to our faithfulness to Christ in the midst of our sufferings now.*

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# GOD IS LARGE AND IN CHARGE

## Daniel

### Daniel 7 Four Beasts and the Throne of God

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Daniel 7

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1. The second half of Daniel is written in the apocalyptic genre.
2. Daniel 7 to 12 are not chronological additions to the book.
3. Daniel 7 parallels Daniel 2

## **Animal Kingdoms**

*In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another." Daniel 7:1–3 (ESV)*

## **The Lion with Eagles Wings -- The Babylonian Empire.**

*The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. Daniel 7:4 (ESV)*

## **The Fourth Beast**

*"Thus he said: 'As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. Daniel 7:23–25 (ESV)*

*Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God." 2 Thessalonians 2:3–4 (ESV)*

*...as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 1 John 2:18 (ESV)*

*But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." Daniel 7:26–27 (ESV)*

## The Bear Raised Up -- The Medo-Persian Empire.

*And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' Daniel 7:5 (ESV)*

## The Four Headed Four Winged Leopard - The Greek Empire

*After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. Daniel 7:6 (ESV)*

## The Terrifying Metal-Mouthed Monster - The Roman Empire

*After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. Daniel 7:7–8 (ESV)*

## The Throne Room of God

*"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:9–10 (ESV)*

*"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. Daniel 7:11–12 (ESV)*

*"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13–14 (ESV)*

*Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. Psalm 2:8 (ESV)*

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Matthew 28:18 (ESV)*

*'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. Daniel 7:17 (ESV)*

*But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.' Daniel 7:18 (ESV)*