

# The Book of Daniel: Chapter 7

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**Chapter Overview:** In the first year of Belshazzar's reign, Daniel has a dream that includes a series of visions. The first vision is of four beasts from the sea (1 – 8). The second involves a judgment by the Ancient of Days, followed by a vision of the coronation of the Son of Man (9 – 14). The interpretation describes persecution by a kingdom represented by the fourth beast, with a victory by the Ancient of Days for His saints (15 – 28).

**(1)** How do the events recorded in this chapter fit into the timeline of events previously recorded in the Book of Daniel? Why would the events in Chapter 7 be presented at this point (out of chronological order)?

**(2 – 3)** In general, describe the vision that Daniel had. What key elements were included in his vision?

**(4 – 6)** Describe the first three beasts that Daniel saw in his vision? What unique characteristics did each beast possess? (*Revelation 13: 2*)

**(7 – 8)** Describe the details provided regarding the fourth beast. What were its unique characteristics (as compared to the previous three beasts)?

**(9 – 10)** Who was represented as the "Ancient of Days", and how is He described?

**(11 – 12)** What action did the Ancient of Days take against the beasts?

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**(13 – 14)** Who is described as “One like the Son of Man”? What did the Ancient of Days bestow upon Him?  
(*Matthew 28: 18; Colossians 1: 15 – 18*)

**(15 – 16)** How did the vision affect Daniel? Who did Daniel ask for an interpretation of the vision? (*Zechariah 4: 4 – 5*)

**(17 – 18)** Describe the initial interpretation of Daniel’s vision. How are the four kings in this vision related to the kingdoms represented by the statute in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in Daniel Chapter 2?

**(19 – 22)** What specific request did Daniel make regarding the interpretation of the vision? What additional information did he seek?

**(23)** How was the fourth beast described? What kingdom (or empire) did the fourth beast likely represent?

**(24 – 25)** What did the ten horns represent? What (or who) was represented by the one horn that was described as being different than the others? How was that singular horn described, and what actions did it take against the saints of the Most High? (*Revelation 13: 5 – 7*)

**(26 – 27)** What would be the outcome for the singular horn and the saints? (*Romans 8: 37 – 39; 1 Corinthians 15: 57 – 58*)

**(28)** How did the interpretation of the visions affect Daniel, and how did he respond?