

Summary

As we begin a new semester of Bridge Groups, we return to our series in the book of Daniel.

In Daniel 7:1-8, the narrative flashes back to the first year of Belshazzar's reign over Babylon. While lying in bed, Daniel receives a dream and writes it down.

In the vision, Daniel sees the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea, from which four beasts emerge.

The first is like a lion with wings of an eagle. The second resembles a bear with three ribs in its teeth. The third is like a leopard with four heads and four wings. And the last beast, the fourth, is terrifying, frightening and powerful, with large iron teeth and ten horns.

As this passage ends, Daniel is thinking about the ten horns, and a little horn emerges among them. It has eyes like a human and a mouth that speaks boastfully.

Upcoming Events

- **BRIDGE MEN GATHERING AT TBC GREENWAY**
August 27th // 6:30pm
Text **"MEN"** to 602-600-6711
- **BAPTISM SUNDAY**
September 6th // During Service
Text **"BAPTIZE"** to (623) 624-9162
- **SIT WITH ME SUNDAY**
September 13th // All 3 Services
- **BRIDGE WOMEN KICKOFF NIGHT AT TBC GREENWAY**
September 14th // 6:30pm
Text **"WOMEN"** to 602-600-6711

SCAN TO GIVE DIRECTLY

**Understanding the Text**

1. When does Daniel receive this vision (7:1) and what does this reveal about God's sovereignty over history?
2. How many beasts emerge from the sea, and what makes them different from one another?
3. Looking back at Daniel 2, what kingdoms do the four beasts represent? Why might God have chosen to reveal them to Daniel as beasts instead of something else, and what does this teach us about the human heart apart from God?

How We Live (Evidence of Spiritual Maturity)

God alone rules over history and His kingdom will ultimately overcome every earthly kingdom.

4. Rooted in God's Word: Daniel held fast to his only true hope - God and His Word.
 - What does this vision remind you about the temporary nature of earthly power?
 - What evidence in your life shows that your hope is found in God rather than in the (in)stability of this world?

The Character of Christ (Evidence of Transformation)

Even when Daniel receives a terrifying and unsettling vision, he remains faithful because he knows and trusts God's character.

5. Faithfulness and Endurance
 - Why is remaining faithful when you don't know the outcome an important mark of spiritual maturity?
 - How is God inviting you to trust Him more deeply through your current circumstances?

