

Daniel 7

Study Guide

Read Daniel chapter 5 in its entirety, and then reread it answering the following questions.

Remember to incorporate the 3 C's & 5 W's

(Content, Context, Cross-reference)

Who, What, Where, When, Why)

Additionally, as you read, note where God's influence is evident.

Read verses 1-14

When does chapter 7 take place?

The book of Daniel is divided into 2 sections. The first six are primarily narrative based. The last six deal with prophecy and visions. Up until chapter six, Daniel was called in to interpret and explain the dream. In chapter seven, Daniel receives the dreams and visions directly and needs an interpreter. What scenes take place during this passage?

In chapter 2, God gives Nebuchadnezzar a vision related to 4 coming kingdoms. In chapter 7, God gives Daniel a vision of 4 different beasts. Who have we attribute these 4 beasts to?

In verses 9-10 the scene shifts dramatically with a new set of characters and objects. What are these new objects? Do you think there is any significance to them, and if so how?

Who are the new characters that Daniel inserts in this part of the chapter? How does Daniel describe them? Do each of the various descriptions have any special meaning?

Verse 14 alludes to a 5th kingdom. What does it mean and is there any hope I can take from its meaning?

Read verses 15-18

What is Daniel's response to the vision? What is Daniel's takeaway from the dream? Does Daniel have a healthy perspective, or is he distracted by the beasts? Does God share the same perspective? How can verse 18 help us understand the perspective God is trying to share with Daniel? How can we apply it to ourselves today?

Read verse 19-25

What does Daniel then choose to focus on? What is the underlying question that he really wants to ask?

Read verses 26-28

What is the God's viewpoint from these verses? How is God's character revealed? What hope do you take from these verses that you can apply to your life now?

Food for thought

1. Are there any "beasts" in my life that are distracting and cause me to lose faith in God?
2. How can I keep my eyes lifted on Jesus and have the calm assurance that He has overcome the world?
3. What new lesson or perspective have you gained today that you didn't know before?