

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Vision in the Old Testament

Read those bible verses and think of how the notion of vision was developed in the Old Testament.

Genesis 15:1, Genesis 46:2,

Numbers 24:2-5, 1 Samuel 3:15, Psalm 89:19,

Isaiah 1:1, Ezekiel 8:4, Daniel 2:19 and 7:2, Amos 1:1, Obadiah 1:1, Micah 1:1, Nahum 1:1.

Micah 3:5-7, Lamentation 2:9

Jeremiah 23:16 and 25

3. Structure of Daniel Ch. 7

Daniel Had a Dream and Visions (vv. 1-3)

The Four Beasts in the Vision (vv. 4-8)

The first like a lion with wings (v. 4)

The second like a bear (v. 5)

The third like a leopard (v.6)

The fourth with iron teeth and ten horns (vv. 7-8)

The Beasts, Ancient One, and One like a Son of Man in the Vision (vv.9-14)

The Ancient One and His surroundings (vv. 9-10)

Judgment upon the beasts (vv. 11-12)

The one like a son of man (vv. 13-14)

Interpretations on the Visions (vv. 15-28)

Daniel Asked for Interpretations (vv. 15-16)

Simple Interpretation (vv. 17-18)

Daniel's Desire to Know More about the Fourth Beast (vv. 19-22)

Detailed Interpretation on the Beast (vv. 23-27)

Daniel Was Terrified. (v. 28)

4. Questions

- a. How shall we understand the four winds of heaven in verses 2 metaphorically? Read Psalm 35:5, 48:7, Jeremiah 49:36, and Revelation 7:1
- b. Nebuchadnezzar and his army were described as a lion and eagles in the bible (Jeremiah 49:19-22). Do you think the first beast indicates Nebuchadnezzar? Then, what about the other beasts?
- c. Who do you think the “Ancient One” is in verse 9?
- d. How shall we understand the “one like a human being/son of man” in verse 13? Can you make comparison with the beasts?
- e. Why do you think the secular kingdoms were seen as beasts in Daniel’s dream/visions?
- f. What is the difference between the secular kingdoms and the kingdom of the Most Holy Ones?
- g. What are the particular features of the Holy Kingdom, according to Daniel 7?

5. Closing Prayer