



Winds, Waves, and Beasts from the Sea

Lesson 21

1. In Daniel's vision, four winds strove upon what?

Daniel 7:2 _____

2. In symbolic prophecy, what do bodies of water represent?

Revelation 17:15 _____

3. What came up from this "sea"?

Daniel 7:3 _____

4. These great beasts, which are four, are what?

Daniel 7:17 _____

5. What was the first beast like?

Daniel 7:4 _____

6. What nation, as a lion, broke Israel's bones?

Jeremiah 50:17 _____

7. What nation had great eagle's wings?

Ezekiel 17:3, 12 _____

Archaeology has revealed that composite lion-eagle creatures were common symbols in ancient Babylon. Regarding lions as royal beasts, Nebuchadnezzar engraved them on his walls and stamped bricks with them.

8. What was the second beast like?

Daniel 7:5 _____

Historically, Babylon was followed by the combined dominion of the Medes and Persians (Daniel 5:28-31). This kingdom was represented in Daniel 2 by the image's silver breast and arms, and in Chapter 8 by a two-horned ram. Just as one of the ram's horns was higher than the other (8:3), so the bear of Daniel 7:5 raised up itself on one side. At first the Medes were the more dominant of the two. But soon the Persians became the more powerful side, fulfilling the prediction that "the higher came up last" (8:3). Daniel 8:4 says that the Medo-Persian ram would push "westward, and northward, and southward." Between 547 and 525 B.C. they conquered Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt. Perhaps that explains the three ribs between the bear's teeth (7:5).

9. What was the third beast like?

Daniel 7:6 _____

Medo-Persia was followed by Greece. This winged leopard kingdom corresponds to the brass belly and thighs on the image in Chapter 2, and the goat in Chapter 8.

Wings give the connotation of swiftness. As the goat in Chapter 8 came from the west “and touched not the ground,” so Alexander’s conquests were accomplished speedily. Just as the leopard had four wings and four heads (7:6), so the goat grew four horns (8:8) which represented the four divisions of the Greek empire (8:22). It is also interesting to note that Macedonian coins were minted with the likeness of a goat.

10. The fourth beast was dreadful, terrible and what?

Daniel 7:7 _____

11. What did this fourth beast represent?

Daniel 7:23 _____

The fourth and final secular world empire was Rome. The great iron teeth (7:7) of this beast remind us of the iron legs of the image in Chapter 2.

12. How many horns did the fourth beast have?

Daniel 7:7 _____

13. What did the horns of that kingdom represent?

Daniel 7:24 _____

By A.D. 476, western Rome had fully given over its power to ten barbaric nations: Franks (French), Alemanni (Germans), Burgundians (Swiss), Suevi (Portuguese), Vandals (in Northern Africa), Visigoths (Spanish), Anglo-Saxons (English), Ostrogoths, Lombards, and Heruli (each in Italy).

14. What came up among these horns?

Daniel 7:8 _____

15. What happened to three of the first horns?

Daniel 7:8 _____

Verse 24 says, “He shall subdue three kings.” Historically, this horn power was responsible for the fall of the Heruli in the year 493, the Vandals in 534, and the Ostrogoths in 538. The other seven still exist today as nations of Europe.

16. What kind of eyes did this little horn power have?

Daniel 7:8 _____

17. What else did he have?

Daniel 7:8 _____

18. How did he look compared to his fellows?

Daniel 7:20 _____

These characteristics, along with the contextual indications that he acted in a spiritual realm as well as having political authority, account for the statement that “he shall be diverse from the first” (7:24).

19. Daniel beheld until what happened?

Daniel 7:9 _____

20. The judgment was set, and what were opened?

Daniel 7:10 _____

“Cast down” in verse 9 is old English for “set in place.” The passage indicates that this judgment occurs among the heavenly host, while on earth the final activities of the kingdoms of men are nearing their close. This, of course, is the investigative judgment which we studied in lesson 16.

21. How will the outcome of the judgment affect the little horn?

Daniel 7:26 _____

In the Light of God’s Word...

I understand that the ten horns of Daniel 7 represent kingdoms which would come into power after the fall of Rome.

I understand that three of those kingdoms were to be uprooted by the emergence of another power.

Additional comments: _____

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