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A MAN AND A BOOK CALLED

# DANIEL

PART 22:

**DANIEL'S VISION OF FOUR TERRIBLE BEASTS**

*Reading: Daniel 7:1 - 8*

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## **1 What Is Bible Prophecy?**

- Almighty God shows His servants people/events that are still future.
- They record what they have been shown. [Daniel 7:1].
- In God's time the '*prophecy*' is fulfilled.
- Bible prophecy gives us a light of hope in dark times. [2 Peter 1:19].
- The life of Jesus was prophecy fulfilled.
- Prophecy helps us identify nations involved in Armageddon.
- It promises the doom of evil systems and the glorious reign of Christ forever.

## **2 The Vital Link Between Daniel Chapter 2 & Daniel Chapter 7**

### **(i) In Daniel 7 the prophet is shown 4 terrible beasts**

- The 1st beast had the form of a lion. [vs 4].
- The 2nd beast had the form of a bear. [vs 5].
- The 3rd beast had the form of a leopard. [vs 6].
- The 4th beast is just described as '*dreadful & terrible*'.
- How do we understand what they represent?

**(ii) In Daniel [Chapter 2] king Nebuchadnezzar sees a great image in a dream from God.**

- Head of gold.
- Chest/arms of silver.
- Belly/thighs of bronze.
- Legs of iron.
- Feet and toes of iron and clay.
- A stone smashes image and becomes a great mountain eventually filling whole earth.
- [Daniel 2:38] Head of Gold represents Babylonian kingdom.
- [2:39] Chest of silver represents the next kingdom - Media/Persian kingdom.
- [2:39] Belly of bronze represents the 3rd kingdom - Grecian empire/kingdom.
- [2:40] Legs of iron represent 4th kingdom - imperial, pagan Rome.
- The 10 toes represent the 10 kingdoms the Roman empire would fragment into in 476 AD.
- The stone kingdom represents the Kingdom of God. [Luke 1:32/33].

**3 The Kingdoms Seen As Ferocious Beasts**

- The above 4 world empires represented in [Daniel 2] by metals are now represented in [Daniel 7] as beasts.
- The lion [Daniel 7:4] - Babylon.
- The bear [Daniel 7:5] - Media Persian.
- The leopard [Daniel 7:6] - the Grecian empire.
- ***NB. The 4 heads are the four kingdoms it was divided into after Alexander the Great's death.***
- The terrible beast [Daniel 7:7] - the Roman empire. Responsible for the martyrdom of 10 to 12 million Christians.
- The 10 kingdoms the Roman empire fragmented into in 476AD are now represents by the 10 horns on the beast.
- ***NB. The horn that emerged [vs 8] with eyes and a mouth speaking pompous things and making war.***
- ***NB. The Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever he chooses.***

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