

This week we will study about another vision that Daniel had, this time with strange-looking animals from the sea.



Torchlight

"God gave to men the sure word of prophecy... The Word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth."

– The Great Controversy p. 521



Strange Beasts from the Sea



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Lord, please help me to understand the correct interpretation of the prophecies in Daniel.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 7:1–8

KEY TEXT: Daniel 7:3,8

“And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ... I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them,”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

“Daniel 7:17 says “Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.” This reminds us of the 4 different metals in the image in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2). Is this vision about the same kingdoms? Let's see in the activity below.

METALS AND ANIMALS

The first beast was a _____. We know that Babylon was the head of gold (Daniel 2:38). A lion was the animal symbol for Babylon. In that city there were paintings and carvings of winged lions. So, this is describing Babylon, and King Nebuchadnezzar himself.

The second beast was a _____. After Babylon, arose the Medo–Persian kingdom, or the Medes and Persians. The bear was raised on one side because Persia was stronger than the Media. The three ribs represent the three kingdoms they defeated. So, the bear is Medo–Persia who collected their taxes in silver.

The third beast was a _____. A swift animal, it represented how quickly Greece conquered much of the world. Greece was finally divided into four, which is the four heads. The Greek army wore bronze armour.

The fourth beast was d_____ and t_____. It could not be described, it was so strange and different to the other animals, and had iron teeth. From history, we know that the Roman Empire followed Greece. Roman armour was made from iron. It also had ten h_____, just like the toes of the image in Daniel 2. These ten horns were ten tribes which became modern Europe. The fourth beast was iron Rome and the feet of iron and clay.

So, this vision is of the same kingdoms as the i_____ in Nebuchadnezzar's d_____!

The little h_____ of Daniel 7:8 came up among the ten horns and plucked out t_____. We know from history that the Roman Church, also known as Papal Rome, was the continuation of the Roman Empire. Papal Rome destroyed three of the European tribes and took control of all religious and political affairs.





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Loving heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the assurance that Your kingdom will last forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“___ the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 7:9–12

KEY TEXT: Daniel 7:10–11

“A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. ... I watched 'till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

We must always allow the Bible to explain and interpret itself. We use history to confirm what we have already learned from the Bible.

After the four beasts - Lion, Bear, Leopard, dreadful beast with iron teeth, followed by the fifth entity, the little horn with eyes - we notice Daniel's attention shifts to a scene in heaven. And then from heaven a fiery stream comes down and “the beast is slain, and his body destroyed and given to the burning flame” (Daniel 7:11).

In Daniel 2:44-45 we also found that after the five kingdoms – Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and divided Rome - a fiery stone came down from heaven and struck the feet of the metal image and destroyed it. Then in verse 44 we read “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”

As we saw yesterday, the metal image in Daniel 2 represents the same kingdoms as those in Daniel 7. In both instances, the prophecy ends with God destroying the kingdoms and setting up His own everlasting kingdom.

CONNECT HISTORY TO BIBLE PROPHECIES





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Father in heaven, we want to be with Jesus in Your beautiful heavenly kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“_____ the _____ does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 7:13–14

KEY TEXT: Daniel 7:14

“His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Do you want to be a part of a glorious, everlasting kingdom, where Jesus is the King of Kings?

When all the corrupt earthly powers are finally destroyed, then Jesus will set up His eternal kingdom of peace. In Isaiah and Revelation, we can find descriptions of heaven: no one will ever die; there will never be any pain or suffering; we will live in houses and have beautiful gardens; all previously dangerous animals, such as lions, will be tame and not harm us; and many more amazing things to look forward to!

THINGS IN HEAVEN, NOT ON EARTH

The words below need to be unscrambled to spell things that are not on earth but which we will have in Heaven. The letters in the boxes spell something else that we will have in Heaven. Write it in the space at the bottom.

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WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Lord, we are thankful that we can trust the Bible to interpret itself, giving us the correct understanding. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“ _____ the _____
_____, unless He reveals His secret to
His servants the prophets.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Text 25:3–8

KEY TEXT: Daniel 7:19

“Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The prophecies of Daniel are like a jigsaw. We first need to piece together the information so we can see the big picture. With each of Daniel's prophecies we notice that, while the elements, such as body parts and beasts, may differ, there is still a common picture at the end. Each new prophecy adds more detail to the previous one, and the picture keeps getting clearer.

In Daniel 8:20 – 21 we will see that Medo–Persia and Greece are clearly named and in Daniel 10:20, the Bible again confirms that the kingdom of Greece will follow on from Medo–Persia. In Daniel 11 there is even more detail about the various kingdoms, which further helps us with the jigsaw of prophecy.

We can, therefore, confidently come to the Bible interpretation that:

- The fourth beast is the Roman Empire in its pagan phase, which is also called Pagan Rome
- The ten horns represent the ten tribes which divided, but did not conquer, the Roman Empire
- The little horn with eyes who spoke “pompous words” is the religious phase of the Roman Empire, also called Papal Rome. (pompous means self-important, proud pomp or splendour)

PUTTING THE STORY TOGETHER

Write the words below in the correct places to tell the story of Daniel's dream.

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| lion | bear | leopard | dreadful |
| eyes | trampled | beast | Iron teeth |
| devoured | judgment | against the saints | Four kings |
| residue | nails of bronze | horn | pompous words |
| interpretation | troubled | mouth | favor |

Once upon a time Daniel had a dream which t_____ him. An angel came to give him the i_____ so he could understand the dream. There were three beast – a l____, a b____ and a l_____. Then another b_____, which was d_____, appeared. It had i____ t____ and n____ o_ b_____ and ten horns. This beast d_____ and t_____ the r_____ of the other three beasts. Another h____ came up on its head which had e____ and a m____. It pushed out three other horns and made war a_____ t__ s_____ of God and spoke p_____ w____. Then God brought j_____ against the horn in f_____ of His saints. The four beasts are f_____ k_____.



THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Lord, please write Your laws in my heart so that I will love to follow Your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“ _____ the _____
_____, _____ His secret
to His servants the prophets.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 7:23–27

KEY TEXT: Daniel 7:25

“He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Papal Rome is different from all the other previous kingdoms because it is a religious power ruled by a pope, whereas the other kingdoms were political powers ruled by a king.

Pompous Words:

Throughout the ages, we find evidence that this power does indeed “speak pompous words against the most High” when they say that a mere man is equal to God. This is not only pompous, but against God.

Persecute The Saints Of The Most High:

It is a known fact that the Roman Church killed thousands upon thousands of people during a period of history called “the dark ages”. Many were Christians who refused to follow the traditions, or ways, of the Roman Church. Their traditions were not always in harmony with the Bible.

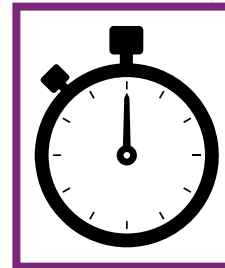
Change Times And Laws:

At creation God blessed the seventh day of the week, which is our Saturday, making it a holy day. Being a holy day, God expects us to stop all other activities on Sabbath (Saturday) to spend time worshipping Him with other Christians and doing kind deeds to other people. At creation God also said that each new day was to begin at sunset.

The Roman Church admits to changing the Sabbath say from the seventh day (Saturday) to the first day of the week (Sunday). Not only was God's Ten Commandments (or Law) regarding the Sabbath changed by them, but the beginning of each new day was also changed to 12 o'clock midnight instead of at sunset as God commanded.

GOD'S TICK OF APPROVAL ON TIME

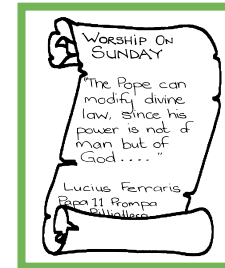
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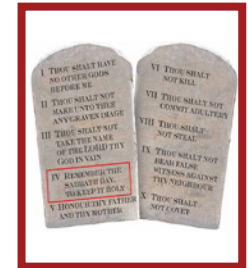
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SUNSET
TO SUNSET



SUNDAY IS A
HOLY DAY



SABBATH IS A
HOLY DAY



FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Father in Heaven, I choose to believe You and allow Jesus to change me and make me new.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“ _____ the _____
_____, _____
to His servants the prophets.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 7:26–27

KEY TEXT: Daniel 7:26

“But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.”

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

We should not be surprised that Papal Rome will be judged according to her deeds and will be found guilty.

Also, Scripture is very clear that, one day, everyone will have to answer for their deeds, whether they were good or evil. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14. That includes you and me. We can choose to let Jesus change us so that He can do good deeds through us. If we do He has promised that we will be with Him in the new, everlasting kingdom of peace. Let's choose to be there with Jesus!

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR GOD'S EVERLASTING KINGDOM

Can you find the word that will not be found in God's Kingdom?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Almighty Father in Heaven, thank You for the lessons I have learned this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7

“ _____ the _____
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 to _____ the _____.”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

[Daniel 7:28](#)

KEY TEXT: [Daniel 7:28](#)

“This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Daniel was greatly troubled because he could see the big picture, and he clearly understood what he was shown. Our memory text in Amos 3:7 tells us that God will not do anything without first revealing it to his prophets.

As we continue to read the books of Daniel and Revelation, the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle come together ever clearer. Eventually, we also see the big picture and understand what God has shown in these prophecies.

INTO THE VISION

Search for the words that describe what Daniel saw in his vision.

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