



A DAY WITH THE KING



Strange Beasts from the Sea

Daily Devotional 60



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 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

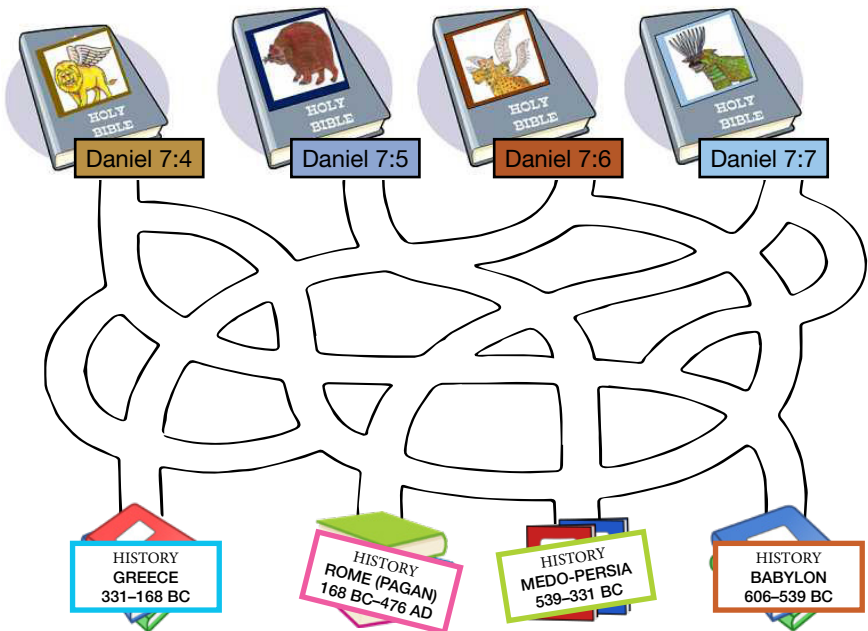
We must always allow the Bible to explain and interpret itself. We use history to confirm what we have already learned from the Bible.

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

When all the corrupt earthly powers are finally destroyed, Jesus will set up His eternal kingdom. It will never pass away. Jesus will come in the clouds of heaven to take His faithful followers to be with Him forever. First we will be in heaven for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:4, 6). Then, we will return to a new, glorious earth to live with God forever. (Revelation 21:1-2, 22-23).

Only things that are good and enjoyable will be there. Everything evil, including death, will have been destroyed. The Bible says that there will be no more sin – ever!

Do you know what the new earth will be like? Read Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:17-25 and Revelation 21 to find out. Along with no more death, there will be no tears, pain, or suffering; we will live in houses with lovely gardens; all animals will be friendly and eat grass; lots to do; plus so much more! I want to be in that place with Jesus. Will you be there with me and Jesus too?

WHAT WILL BE, WILL BE

The words below need to be unscrambled to spell things that are not on earth but which we will have in God's eternal kingdom. The letters in the boxes spell something else that we will be able to enjoy forever. Write it in the space at the bottom.

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Mystery word: _ _ _ _ _





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.

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.

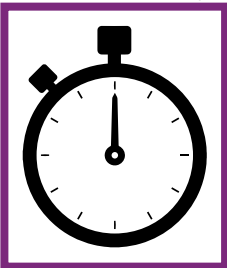
Change Times And Laws:

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 day 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

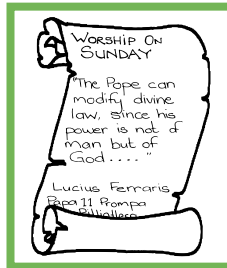
Place a tick (✓) next to the correct law and time that God commanded His followers to keep.



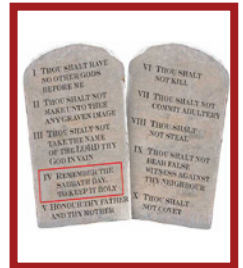
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SUNSET
TO SUNSET



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

Papal Rome will be judged according to her deeds and will be found guilty. Ecclesiastes 12:13–14 says, “ ... fear God and keep His commandments, For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” God even knows about our secret sins! Nothing is hidden from God.

What does “fear God” mean? Proverbs 3:7 and 8:13 tell us that to fear God involves departing from, or hating, evil. That means, if we love God we will not want to sin anymore because it hurts God and us. We will not want to misrepresent Him in any way. We will honour Him by how we treat each other, how we talk, what we eat, read, or watch, where we go, etc. If we realise we did something wrong we will repent, asking Him to forgive us. It's good to fear God because it helps us live better, kinder lives. If we obey Him He has promised that we will live with Him forever. Let's choose to fear God right now!

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 _____
_____’ _____
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

After seeing all these very strange beasts and amazing things, Daniel awoke from his dream. He knew it was a vision from God and was troubled by what he had seen. It was very hard to take it all in. Have you ever woken up and felt a little troubled by your dreams, even though you could not quite remember what had taken place? The difference for Daniel was that he could remember everything in great detail.

Daniel was a prophet of God and that is why he had these amazing dreams and visits from heavenly angels. Our memory text in Amos 3:7 tells us that God will not do anything without first revealing it to His prophets. God revealed the future of this world to Daniel. He wrote down his dreams and vision so we, too, can know what is going to happen in the future. When we see how these things have actually happened in the past it helps us to know that the rest will happen too, just as God has shown. Prophecy helps strengthen our trust in God.

INTO THE VISION

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

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A DAY WITH THE
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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