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

"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
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, ….”

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

INTO THE VISION

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

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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.

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.

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

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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
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!

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7
“___ the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR GOD’S EVERLASTING KINGDOM
Can you find the word that will not be found in God’s Kingdom?

JESUS LAUGHTER CHEERFUL HONESTY LIFE
TRUST IN GOD KINDNESS TRUE WORSHIP JESUS
LOVE HELPING HANDS PATIENCE PRAISE GOD PEACE
HARMONY EXCELLENT SPIRIT FORGIVING OBEDIENT
FRIENDS FRIENDLY BOASTING THANKFUL HAPPY
PURE THOUGHTS PURE WORDS FAITHFUL UNITY

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

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.”

MEMORY VERSE - AMOS 3:7
“_____ the _______ _______ ________
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to His servants the prophets.”
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.”

LETS 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.

- 12 O’CLOCK MIDNIGHT
- SUNSET TO SUNSET
- SUNDAY IS A HOLY DAY
- SABBATH IS A HOLY DAY
LETS THINK ABOUT THIS

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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THERE’S POWER IN THE WORD!

LETS 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.”
“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.”

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)

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______ 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 i_______ against the horn in f_______ of His saints. The four beasts are f______ k_____.