

Daniel - Lesson 7

“ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God” Daniel 7

Day 1 – Read Daniel 7

Pray: All of God's Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that His Word brings us life.

Read Again: Daniel 7:1-8

“Daniel 7 marks a significant transition in the book. This and the subsequent chapters describe Daniel's visions of the future. Far from being mere apocalyptic speculation, however, these visions are intended to encourage God's people in exile. The overarching message of these chapters is that God is triumphantly in control of the unfolding of history, and thus has good purposes in store for his beleaguered and persecuted people. In this chapter, we are presented with Daniel's vision of four beasts (or kingdoms) and God's plan to vindicate his people and establish his everlasting kingdom (vv. 13-14).”

- 1) When did Daniel 7 take place, during whose reign?

- 2) What happens to Daniel?

- 3) Where does this vision of Daniel fit on the timeline of the narrative in Daniel 1-6?

- 4) What setting is created by night (darkness), winds, and a stirred-up sea?

¹(Todd Wilson, *Knowing the Bible: Daniel, a 12-week Study*, p. 59)

5) What came up out of the sea in Daniel's vision?

6) Fill out the chart below summarizing the dream.

Beast	Animal	Description
First		
Second		
Third		
Fourth		

What statement is made about the fourth beast in the last sentence of Daniel 7:7?

7) Describe what happens with the horns in Daniel 7:8?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 7:9-12

- 8) The setting abruptly shifts in Daniel 7:9. Where does Daniel find himself in this vision?

Who does Daniel see and what does he do?

Describe him and his throne.

What happens as recorded in Daniel 7:10?

- 9) What does the title, Ancient of Days, mean?

Why is this significant for us as His creatures?

10) **Application:** What do we learn about the character and purposes of God in Daniel 7:9-12?

11) What happened to the fourth beast?

What happened to the other three beasts?

Day 3 – Read Daniel 7:13-14

12) According to Daniel 7:13, what does Daniel see in his vision?

13) What is significant about coming with the clouds? Consider the following verses:

Psalms 104:1-3 –

Isaiah 19:1 –

14) How does Philippians 2:5-11 help us understand “like a son of man?”

15) “Son of Man” was Jesus’ most frequently used self-designation. What is He highlighting or communicating in the following verses?

Matthew 8:20	
Matthew 9:6	
Mark 10:45	
Mark 14:62	
John 3:13-14	

16) What does the Ancient of Days give to the Son of Man?

Application: What is different about His kingdom from all other kingdoms?

17) **Application:** The Son of Man, your Savior, is reigning at the right hand of the Father in heaven right now. In what area of your life do you most need to remember this truth?

Application: How will believing this truth transform your perspective, feelings, and/or actions?

Day 4 – Read Daniel 7:15-25

18) What was Daniel's response to his dream?

19) Who reveals to Daniel the interpretation of his dream?

20) According to Daniel 7:17, who are the four beasts?

21) What is the “but” in Daniel 7:18? This is recorded again in Daniel 7:27.

Read Luke 12:22-34. What are some of the implications of this truth?

Write Luke 12:32 below. Commit this verse to memory.

22) According to Daniel 7:21, what does the little horn do?

For how long?

How is this expounded upon in Daniel 7:25?

23) What do you learn about the fourth beast in Daniel 7:23-24?

Day 5 – Read Daniel 7:26-28

24) **Application:** What is our hope given in Daniel 7:26-27?

25) **Application:** When do you find it easiest to forget that the “court will one day sit in judgment?”

Application: How are you encouraged by this truth?

26) How did Daniel respond in the end?

Application: Why do you think he kept the matter in his heart?

27) How would this vision be painful yet helpful for God’s people?

28) Summarize this chapter in one sentence.

29) **Application:** In what ways does knowing that God will triumph give us courage to live by faith in exile?