

# Daniel 7:1-14

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. . He gives dominion to whom  
He wills

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## Studies in Daniel

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*Big Idea:* God’s everlasting kingdom will be possessed by the Son and by His saints.

*Outline:*

- I. Daniel’s Vision (7:1-14)
  - A. The Beasts and Horns (7:1-8)
  - B. The Ancient of Days (7:9-12)
  - C. The Son of Man (7:13-14)
- II. The Vision’s Interpretation (7:15-27)
- III. Daniel’s Reaction (7:28)

*Highlights*

*Recap*

- Chapter 1—we pursue holiness
- Chapter 2—He alone is omniscient and can reveal mysteries
- Chapter 3—He alone is able to deliver
- Chapter 4—He humbles the proud
- Chapter 5—He judges the proud
- Chapter 6—He alone is able to deliver the faithful

*Time Frame*

- A. The Beasts and Horns (7:1-8)

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B. The Ancient of Days (7:9-12)

C. The Son of Man (7:13-14)



### Looking Within

*This section contains some questions that might arise from this study to help me personally examine and apply the principles that I have learned from this lesson.*

1. What are some of the similarities and differences you see between chapters 2 & 7?
2. How might you worship the Father and the Son based on verses 9-10 and 13-14?
3. What do you think of when you think of the future? How does that make you feel?
4. How do you reconcile a sovereign God allowing these “beasts” to come into existence, and yet “all things work out for good” (Rom. 8:28)?
5. How could you use this passage to communicate the gospel to someone? What would you be able to say about Jesus Christ?



## **Digging Deeper**

*Need to know more about what you've just learned? Below are some verses to help you explore what scripture has to say about these topics, events and people.*

“Sea” to represent people

- Isaiah 5:26-30; 60:4-7
- Jeremiah 51:34-37
- Revelation 17:15; 20:13

Cosmic war

- Genesis 19:23-29
- Psalm 2
- Isaiah 37:36
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- Revelation 19:11-21

God's dominion

- Job 25:2
- Psalm 103:21-22; 145:13
- 1 Peter 4:7-11
- Jude 1:24-25

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- B. The Vision’s Interpretation (7:15-27)

- 1. Fourth Beast explained (7:19-27)

## *Millennial Kingdom*

Description:

Timing from Daniel 7:

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Role of the Saints:

### Lessons

- ⬆ Looking forward with confidence
- ⬆ Suffering
- ⬆ Perseverance
- ⬆ God's grace

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1. What balance should we have between interpreting daily political events as “end times” indicators and being unconcerned with what is happening around us?
2. How would you lead somebody who seems convinced that current events are those described as the “end times” events of the Bible and is predicting the return of Jesus any moment?

3. How do you draw encouragement for hard times from this passage?
4. Do you have/have you had anyone in your life who is a flagrant enemy of Christ or of God? How have you/should you treat them? What are some specific things you can do for them to show them Christ's love and God's mercy?



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#### Final Antichrist

- Matthew 13:37-39; 24:15
- John 14:30
- 2 Thess. 2:3-9
- Revelation 12:3-9

#### Jesus' dual nature in Old Testament

- Genesis 3:15
- Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7
- Micah 5:2

#### Angels interacting with humans

- Genesis 19
- Exodus 12:13, 23
- Psalm 78:49
- Matthew 2:13-15, 19-21; 28:1-2

#### Israel's future suffering

- Isaiah 4:3-4
- Jeremiah 30:7
- Ezekiel 20:33ff
- Zechariah 12:10-14
- Malachi 2:17-3:5



### **Additional Resources**

*For those desiring more information below are some optional resources that would be beneficial.*

#### 1. Website

“Daniel's Disturbing Dream” by Deffinbaugh, Exposition of the chapter.  
<http://bible.org/seriespage/daniel's-disturbing-dream-daniel-71-28>.

#### 2. Sermons

- “Enter the Son of Man”, sermon by John Stott, [http://s3.amazonaws.com/tgc-audio/stott John/stott-Daniel\\_07\\_Enter\\_the\\_Son\\_of\\_Man.mp3](http://s3.amazonaws.com/tgc-audio/stott%20John/stott-Daniel_07_Enter_the_Son_of_Man.mp3)



## Additional Resources cont'd

### 2. Sermons

- “The Everlasting Kingdom” sermon by Reditt Andrews,  
<http://www.soaringoaks.org/userFiles/Media/2008/2008Sermon021708.mp3>

### 3. Books

*Three Views on the Millennium and Beyond*, by Bock (ed.) offers a good discussion of pre-, post- and a-millennial views from Daniel and Revelation.

### 4. Articles

- “The Four Kingdoms of Daniel” by Walton looks at the different views of that identity of the four kingdoms present in Daniel chapters 2 and 7.
- Article, “The Great Sea of Dan. VII 2”, by Anne Gardner offers a different interpretation of this phrase.
- Article, “The Literary Structure of the Book of Daniel and Its Implications” by Gooding. This is a long article, but is a good read if you need help getting to sleep.