

## Daniel (Part 27)

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#### A. Vision of the Four Beasts (7:1-28)

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##### 2. The Vision Explained (vs. 15-28)

###### a. Daniel's Initial Inquiry (vs. 15, 16)

###### b. The Attendant's Initial Explanation (vs. 17, 18)

-Lion: Babylon; Bear: Medo-Persia; Leopard: Greece; Fourth Beast: Rome and its subsequent breakup into several political powers (v. 17)

-The only people who will ever experience an eternal kingdom are the people of God (v. 18).

###### b. Daniel's Further Inquiry (vs. 19-22)

###### c. The Attendant's Expanded Explanation (vs. 23-27)

-The overall concern of the vision to focus our attention upon the age-long conflict between the kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world.

- The final outcome isn't uncertain.

-Daniel's vision is a picture of the entire history of the Christian church.

-The Roman Empire will break up into multiple kingdoms. They will eventually be succeeded by a king who opposes God and His people in a heightened way. God will destroy him. History will culminate with the triumph of the Lord and His people.

###### d. The Conclusion of the Vision (v. 28)

### Practical Lessons

1) Think often about the final triumph of the kingdom of God.

2) Do whatever you need to do to be saved from your sins.