

First Vision Interpreted

Daniel 7:15-28

I. REACTION: "visions...alarming me" (vv.15-16)

A. **Anxiety**: "my spirit was distressed within me" (v.15)

B. **Appeal**: "began asking...the exact meaning" (v.16)

II. REPLY: "great beasts...kings..." (vv.17-27)

A. **Contrast**: "beasts/kings...saints/kingdom" (vv.17-18)

1. Man's Rulers: "these great beasts...are four kings" (v.17)

2. God's Rulers: "the saints...will receive the kingdom" (v.18)

B. **Conflict**: "different from all the others" (vv.19, 23)

1. Question: "exact meaning of the fourth beast" (v.19)

2. Answer: "fourth beast... fourth kingdom on the earth" (v.23)

C. **Conquerers**: "ten horns...other horn" (vv.20-22, 24-26)

1. Question: "exact meaning of the ten horns" (vv.20-22)

2. Answer: "ten horns...ten kings/another will arise" (vv.24-26)

D. **Control**: "sovereignty...an everlasting kingdom" (v.27)

1. Powerful: "sovereignty...dominion...greatness" (v.27a)

2. Permanent: "His kingdom...everlasting" (v.27b)

III. RESULTS: "the revelation ended" (v.28)

A. **Physical**: "thoughts...alarming/face grew pale" (v.28a)

B. **Private**: "I kept the matter to myself" (v.28b)

Next Week: "Daniel's Second Vision"

Read: Daniel 8:1-14