



## WEEK 7

Daniel 7

# THE FOUR BEASTS

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**MAIN TEXT:** Daniel 7

**OBSERVATION:** *What is this text saying?*

1. Discuss the context we are set with in verse 1. Who is speaking and when are they speaking?
2. What is different in this new section of Daniel? Note the genre change.

**INTERPRETATION:** *What does this text mean?*

1. The four beasts in verses 2-8 refer to four kingdoms (v.17). What does this picture teach us about earthly political states?
2. Verses 9-14 contrast with the aforementioned four kingdoms. What does this teach us about God?
3. How can verses 16-17 be seen as encouragement? Especially in light of the exile.

**APPLICATION:** *How should we now live?*

1. You know the Son of Man is your Savior, reigning in heaven right now. In what area of your life do you most need to remember this truth? How will that change your perspective, feelings, and/or actions?
2. When do you find it easiest to forget that one day "the court shall sit in judgment" (v.26)? How might you help yourself to remember this truth?

