



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
February 20, 2022*

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

WMU Focus Sunday

“Relentless”

Hebrews 10:39

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

“Pass It On”

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Here I Am to Worship”

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

“You Are My All In All”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Special Music

G.A.'s

“Holy Water”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

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Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor*



Daniel's First Vision

(Daniel 7:1-28)

Intro: Two Sunday's ago, we began a journey of examining this chapter which is all about Daniel's first vision. We have already looked at some earlier visions in the Book but they were not Daniel's own visions. They were King Nebuchadnezzar's visions and Daniel interpreted them for him. However, in this chapter, Daniel himself receives the vision and the interpretation of the vision. In this message I hope to do a better job of explaining about the vision that Daniel had, particularly in understanding who the four beasts are that he sees in his vision.

I. First, let us take a look at who the four beasts are.

Now, there are a few ways given to us to find out who the beast are and we are going to look at those ways.

A. The first way we can understand who the four beasts are is by their interpretation. (vs.15-17). *From these four verses we are told that each of the four great beasts represent a particular kingdom. For God plainly said to Daniel, "The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth." (vs 17). So, all we've got to do is th read on down and find our who God said they were. Well, we have got one problem with that, God didn't specifically in this chapter, come right out and say who they are. But, we know that God's intentions were not to leave Daniel nor us in the dark. So we will move on to the next way to understand who they are.*

B. The second way we can understand who the four beasts are is by their connections. *Now, of course, the next question would be what connections am I exactly referring to? Well, to answer that question, what we need to remember is that Daniel's vision is given to us in the context of the entire Book of Daniel and for all that matters with the entire Bible. So my point is that when we don't get the specific answer we are looking for is the set of verses you are examining then look elsewhere in the same Book you are reading and you will usually find the answer in another chapter or set of verses in the chapter you are in.*

Now, it appears to me that Daniel already must have known at least who the first three beasts were because in the next set of verses he didn't ask about any of the beasts except for the fourth one. So, this tells me that he must have at least known who the first three were, and the question from where?

So, we answer that question with the connections of this vision to the one found in chapter two where King Nebuchadnezzar had a vision of a large statue of a man and each body part of the statue was made from different kinds of metal. There were four particular metals mentions. They were gold, silver, bronze and iron mixed with clay.

God told Daniel what each of those metal body parts represent and what they each represented were four different kingdoms. In this case, God told Daniel who they were so he could tell the king who they were. He began with the one which

was made of gold and God told Daniel that the gold head represented King Nebuchadnezzar and the kingdom of Babylon which he ruled.

Now, the next three were not specifically mentioned by name but are told who they were because God told Daniel to tell the king that the other metals represented the next three kingdoms that followed his kingdom, and those next three kingdoms were the Medes and Persians then the Greeks and finally Rome.

Now, God is not going to give the king one set of kingdoms and Daniel a different set. So with this connection, we can readily say that King Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom gives us the answer to who the kingdoms were that Daniel saw.

C. The third way we can understand who the four beasts are is by the descriptions. (vs. 2-7). Now, I mentioned these descriptions in last week's message but let me go ahead and mention them one more time so that we can further be clear as to who these beasts are. The first beast was a lion with wings like that of an eagle. The Babylonian Empire had at the entrance to their city gates with statues of lions with wings like that of an eagle. Thus helping to further assure us that the first beast was the Babylonian Empire.

The second beast represents the Medes and the Persians. The bear laying on one side seems to indicate that of the two nations working together, one of them became prominent and that was the Persians. The three ribs in its' mouth indicate three prominent places they conquered. Either the three cities of Babylon or the three countries of Lydia, Egypt and Babylon or both. This beast devoured much because of the sheer size of the military they would use. It was said when it went up against Greece, they had a military force of 2,500,000 fighting men.

The third beast was described as a leopard with four wings and four heads. This beast describes the Greek Empire under the control of Alexander the Great and his four major generals. This empire is described as a leopard because of the swiftness of their conquest. By the time Alexander the Great had turned 332 years old, he had already conquered what was most of the known world. He also died at this age and his kingdom was divided up to his four generals who represent the four wings and heads that were on the beast.

Now the fourth beast is described unlike the other three because there is no animal mentioned along with this beast. We are only told that it was a very horrifying beast that had teeth made of iron with which it could crush and devour all that it conquered.

Now, very clearly this describes the Roman Empire because iron was everything to the Romans. For Rome made their military equipment out of iron. It was said of Rome that they had an iron fist; and iron legion; and ruled with an iron rule. Thus they crushed and broke all others.

So, as we see the description of these beasts correlate together with the statue of chapter two leaving us no doubt as to who these kingdoms are. However, we need to point out that the fourth beast reveals more than just the Roman Empire of old, and is our next point we will address. We will find out just what the more to it is.

II. Second, let us take a look at who the fourth beast is?

So, we might say I thought that we already answered that and my response is yes and no. We know from our study that the fourth beast represents the Roman Empire. However, it appears that there are two differing aspects to the fourth beast.

In King Nebuchadnezzar's vision of the statue the fourth kingdom was legs of iron and the feet and toes were a mixture of iron and clay. The iron legs represent the old Roman Empire. However, the feet and the ten toes of mixed iron and clay in no way represent the Roman Empire of the past. There was not anything significant with the number 10 for the old Roman Empire. Yet in both King Nebuchadnezzar's vision and Daniel's vision the last kingdom had ten toes and ten horns.

Now, Daniel receives an interpretation as to whom the ten horns are. They are ten kings who are a part of the final kingdom that will make up the revised Roman Empire. But three of the ten will be conquered by a whole different king who then will become the primary ruler over all ten. Daniel is told that this primary ruler called the little horn will lead his confederated group of nations to oppress the nation of Israel and all persons who will come to faith in Christ during that time. He will bring this oppression against them for a period of three and one-half years. So the question to be asked is when is this going to take place? Well, the answer is in the last days and to show this to be the case, we will need to turn to the prophetic Book of Revelation which speaks about what is going to happen in the last days in a period called the tribulation period. For everything we find here in Daniel's vision is also found in the Book of Revelation. So let us take a look at some of those Scripture texts in Revelation that reveal the same things found in Daniel's visions.

"The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. They will make war against the Lamb but the Lamb will overcome them because He is the Lord of lords and King of kings and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers." (Rev. 17:12-14).

"And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seems to have a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshipped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshipped the beast and asked, who is like the beast? Who can make war against him? The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months (3 1/2 years). He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander His name and His dwelling place and those who live in heaven. He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world." (Rev. 13:1-8)

Now there are just a few of the verses in Revelation that match up together with Daniel's vision. So this tells us that Daniel's fourth beast points to that future revised Roman Empire ruled by the Antichrist who will urge war against God's people for a period of three and one-half years.

Concl. However, let us see that this future revised kingdom will not succeed in totally overcoming the people of God because Jesus will return to put a stop to the fourth beast's desire to overcome even Him and then set up His glorious kingdom here on earth.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Pat Azzarelli</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>24th</i>	<i>Christopher Waïtt</i>



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Ron & Lucille Degler</i>
		<i>Ronnie & Ann Nettles</i>



January & February

We are starting to collect for the shoeboxes.

This month is hygiene items.

Soap

Wash Cloths

Toothbrushes

Combs (Boys & Girls)

Brushes

Pony Tail Holders

Head Bands

Hair Barrettes

Monetary Donations Welcome

Kevin
Sorbo

Kristy
Swanson

Debby
Ryan

and John
Ratzenberger

What if...

What if God
gave you
a second chance?




Awarded Dove Foundation's Family
Seal of Approval with 5 out of 5 Doves.
All Ages

“★★★★! Extremely well made,
funny, heartwarming...”
—Movieguide

Movie Night

TONIGHT, February 20th

Concessions: 5:30 pm Movie: 6:00 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided

Please Bring finger foods to share

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
*Family of
Jim Moore*

Unspoken

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Charlee Carter
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Denita Linton
David Linton*

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Kenneth & Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Redden & Gloria Tuten</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	<i>Shelby Green</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Petaluma, California*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,082.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 803.67
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 96.80		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$ 200.00	*****	\$ 250.00
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 115.00	*****	-\$ 193.35
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 200.00	*****	-\$ 11.45



*A gift of \$ 200.00 has been given to the Cemetery Fund
in Memory of Grace Boyles
By George & Stelva Webb*



Business Conference
Wednesday , March 9th



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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