## Lesson 10 – Daniel 7:1-28 "The Four Beasts and the Little Horn"

## 1. v1-3: The Introduction to the Vision

	a.	. Daniel received this vision between chapters 4 and 5. The vision probably came in					
B.C., years before the fall of Babylon.							
	b.	The great sea represents the or "the whole heathen world" (Hofmann), i.e. that out of which the beasts arise.					
	c.	The four winds represent the of Gentile history to come.					
2.	v4	-28: The Vision and the Interpretation of Future Events					
	a.	$v4 \rightarrow v17$ : The First Beast: The Empire:					
		1) Lions represent power. The lion is the of beast and the eagle is the of the air.					
		2) Winged lions guarded the gates of the of the Babylonians.					
		3) v4: " and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it."					
		As Leupold states, "This is undoubtedly an allusion to the experience of Nebuchadnezzar which is related in detail in chapter four. The incident signifies that as nearly as it is possible for a beast to become like a man, so nearly did Babylon lose its beastlike nature" (Walvoord, p154).					
	b.	$v5 \rightarrow v17$ : The Second Beast: The Empire:					
		1) A bear speaks of; therefore, "the second empire will be powerful like a bear but less majestic, less swift, and less glorious" (Walvoord, p155).					
		2) v5: " and it raised up itself on one side"					
		This may represent the "one-sided union of the Persian and Median Empires. Persia at this time was by far the greater and more powerful and had absorbed the Medes" (Walvoord, p156).					
		3) v5: "and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it:"					
		"Probably the best is that it refers to Media, Persia, and Babylon as representing the major components of the Medo-Babylonian Empire" (Walvoord, p156).					

c.	v6	$\rightarrow$ v17: T	The Third Beast: Tl	he	Empire:				
	1)	-	pard is less grand an increased by the pre	•		The			
2) "With the swiftness of a leopard, A world The lightning character of world" (Walvoord, p157).				racter of his conqu	-				
	3)		r heads = Alexander' isions (chiefdoms) up			ivided his empire into			
d.	<b>v</b> 7	→ v23-24	4a: The Fourth Bea	ast: The	Empire:				
1) Roman Empire began in B.C. with the occupation of Sicily, then Sp followed by Carthage, North Africa in 202 B.C. The Roman general Pomp through Jerusalem in B.C. It grew gradually until it reached its heigh It declined slowly beginning in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> century until A.D the last Roman ruler was killed in battle. The Roman Empire was clearly the of all empires of history.									
2) "By contrast, the Roman empire was ruthless in its dest peoples, killing captives by the thousands and selling the hundreds of thousands" (Walvoord, p161).									
	3)		horns represent the _ of t			which will consist of a ng			
e.	v8: The Little Horn:								
1) Dan 7:8, 11, 20-22, 24-26 – "the little horn"									
		or clo	→ <b>v24:</b> The Antichris osely satisfies the rise to power by sub-	prophecy requ	irements concern	ing the Messiah) who			
		b) <b>v8</b> ->	→ <b>v25:</b> He will		God.				
c) v8 → v25: He will try in some way to change times and laws (to religious and religious order to promote his anti-Christian program.					vs (to change times of) in				
			→ <b>v25:</b> He will		God's saints duri	ng the			
		utterl	→ <b>v26:</b> At the	and the Anti	christ will be cast	t alive into the			

	a) <b>v27:</b> The Antichrist will enter into a year covenant or pact with Jewish people at the of the tribulation period.								
	b)	<b>v27:</b> He will break the covenant or pact at the of the tribulation and force all blood and non-blood sacrifices to							
	c)	v27: After the covenant or pact is broken, he will the temple by turning it into an temple.							
	d)	v27: The temple will remain throughout the half of the tribulation period.							
3)	Rev 13:1-10 – "the beast"								
	۵)	v2. The Antichrist will have the							
	a)	v2: The Antichrist will have the and of a hour and the							
		the and of a bear, and the							
		of a leopard, but a leopard also has, which							
		represents							
	b)	v2: He is a possessed man who receives his power directly from							
	c)	v3: As the world leader of these ten kingdoms, he will be and then raised from the dead by							
	d)	v4: Because of this false and counterfeit resurrection in imitation of Christ's resurrection, the world will worship Satan (the dragon) and the Antichrist (the beast) during the 3½ years of the tribulation.							
	e)	<b>v5-6:</b> At the of the tribulation, he will be							
	-,	as the Antichrist and begins to against God and all that is holy → Dan 9:27.							
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	f)	v7: During the 3½ years of the tribulation, he will							
		wage against the saints throughout the entire globe and will overcome them.							
	a)	v8: During the 3½ years of the tribulation, he will all							
	8)	peoples to him culminating in a world government empowered							
		by Satan with the sole purpose of advancing this world religion which will have as its focal point the worship of Satan and his human representative.							
<b>4</b> )	2 7	Thes 2:3-12 – "man of sin"							
	a)	v3: He will be preceded by an aggressive and climatic against							
		God.							

2) Dan 9:26-27 – "the prince"

	b)	<b>v4:</b> At the of the	ne tribulation, ne will	
		the rebuilt Jewish temple in Jerusale	m by placing	_ there to be
		worshipped.		
	c)	v7-8: He is currently being held bac	k by God's	of His
		church by the	This restraint will be rem	noved at the
		of the church.		
	d)	<b>v9:</b> He will do the work of	and will have the power a	nd ability to
		work and	people.	
	e)	v10-12: As part of their punishment	for rejecting the truth, God wi	ill assist in
		helping the Antichrist	those people who had hea	rd the gospel
		but refused to receive it	_ to the rapture and by doing so	o their eternal
		damnation will be		
f	v13-14	$4 \rightarrow v18, 27$ : The Fifth and Final Ki	ingdom: The	
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