

Alignment of Secular Bible “stories” from Daniel with true Biblical Lessons**Bible Story of each chapter**

1. Captives of _____

2. Dream of the _____

3. Shadrach, Meshack, and _____

4. Nebuchadnezzar’s _____ dream

5. Writing _____

6. Daniel in the _____

7. The Vision of the _____

Bible Lesson of each chapter

1. Resist world-view _____

2. God is in _____
of history3. God will sustain His people
_____4. God resists _____ and
gives grace to _____5. Learn the lesson of _____
or be _____

6. Prayer and _____.

7. A view of the _____
and the _____.**Notes: On Daniel Chap 1-6 Reviewed by historic art:** _____

Figurative versus **literal** speech in Scripture:**Figurative language** is often used in prophetic (_____
_____) and apocalyptic (_____
_____)writing which captures messages delivered by dreams
(_____) and/or visions
(_____). Visions can often follow
dreams once the person awakens.

We have already seen some examples of _____ language in _____, and are about to see a lot more of it from Daniel _____ and forward as he records the _____ he witnessed about _____ events and end times events.

We have to be _____ and _____ to recognize when something is literal (_____) and when it is figurative or symbolic (_____), like God's Word is a "double edged sword"). This is _____.

A verse can have both a literal message and a figurative meaning. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were physically _____ because they disobeyed the King's orders, and Daniel was _____ as well. That _____ happened. But they are _____, they are _____. _____ language requires the Bible student _____

to _____ to shew thyself approved unto God, a
that needeth not to be _____,
rightly dividing the _____.
God requires that we study His Word _____:
See **Prov 2:1-6:** _____

See **2 Tim 2:15: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** What does this verse command us to do?

See **Acts 17:11: in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.** What does this verse command us to do?

What is “Figurative language” and what does it accomplish?

What does Bible prophecy utilize in its presentation? Why?

What does 1 Thes 5:4-6 instruct us to do? _____

Fitting it all Together! Daniel Two, Seven and Eight

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World Empires of Daniel 2 & 7:

Here is a pictorial summary of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the statue (Daniel 2), Daniel's dream of the four beasts (Daniel 7), and Daniel's vision of a two-horned ram and a goat (Daniel 8)



Approximate Timeline for Chapters of Daniel

605 BC	Dan 1: Jerusalem taken by <u>Nebuchadnezzar</u> . Daniel and his three friends are placed into the Babylonian assimilation program (age 15-16).
602 BC	Dan 2: Daniel and his friends complete their three years of training. Nebuchadnezzar has his statue dream and Daniel explains it.
586 BC	Dan 3: Jerusalem/temple destroyed by the Babylonians. (Possible time of the fiery furnace.)
566 BC	Dan 4: Likely time of Nebuchadnezzar’s “seven times” of madness” dream .
562 BC	Nebuchadnezzar dies “from a worm” . <u>That can happen when you eat grass!</u>
554 BC	
548 BC	
539 BC	Dan 5: Belshazzar’s feast . Cyrus, king of <u>Persia</u> , conquers <u>Babylon</u> . Darius the <u>Mede</u> assumes power in Babylon (likely appointed by <u>Cyrus</u>).
539 BC	
538 BC	Dan 6: Daniel in the Lion’s den . Darius rules. Then Cyrus decrees that the Jews can return to <u>Judea</u> and rebuild the <u>temple</u> .
537 BC	
536 BC	

Daniel Seven Timing and Background

Daniel 7 Begins the second half of the book in which _____ records _____ that he personally received from God, and that an _____ interprets.

Daniel 7:1. The Introduction.

Timing: In the _____ co-regent of Babylon:

This vision came to Daniel after the reign of _____, but before the Babylonian Empire was conquered by _____ of the Medo-Persian _____.

Daniel Chapters 1 through 6 describe the _____ of Daniel.

Daniel Chapters 7 through 12 describe the _____.

In order of events, the vision described in Daniel 7 took place during the time between Daniel Chapters 4 and 5 the _____ of Belshazzar and _____.

This first vision of Daniel is the first of _____ described between Daniel 7 to 12. The three that follow go into greater detail within the general framework of this first vision. The first vision ties extensively with the _____ of Nebuchadnezzar in Chapter 2 that Daniel _____. Daniel is the _____ from Chap 7 on.

Overview of the Beasts in Daniel Seven

In this passage **Daniel** beholds the _____ stirring up the _____ which resulted in _____ emerging from _____, each _____ from the other. This is the _____ Sea with each beast (**global empire**) having a geographical connection to the sea, and being

distinct from one another. It is also common for “the sea” to represent the _____ nations ([Ps 74:13](#), [Ps 89:9](#))

Daniel 7: 4-6: A description of the first 3 beasts from the sea.

1. First Beast: The first was like a _____, a symbol which typically represents a “king” in their realm. But this lion was _____ in that its wings had been _____ and a _____ was given to it.

In [Daniel 7:17](#) we learn that this first beast or kingdom is the _____, represented by the lion with eagle’s wings. _____ used the lion and the eagle as representative of _____ ([Jeremiah 49:19-22](#)), and Babylon’s great _____ are common in _____ from that time period.

2. Second Beast: A **bear** is slower, stronger, and more crushing than a lion, and this bear had a voracious appetite for conquest (_____). The _____ represented the _____, succeeding the Babylonian Empire. In this alliance between the Medes, Persians, and _____ mercenaries of Gubaru, the _____ dominated the relationship. Most scholars think the _____ represent their three great military conquests: Babylon, Egypt and Lydia. (I think they represent _____ which were consumed by Persia led by _____).

3. Third Beast: The _____ was known for its sudden, unexpected attacks. This one was especially swift (with _____), and clever (having _____).

The _____ represented the _____. The Macedonian, _____ the Great quickly conquered the civilized world by age 28. After Alexander's death his empire was split into four parts (_____): Casander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy. They took over and _____ Alexander's domain after his death.

Key Thoughts and First Impressions of the Chapter:

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. ² Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

What are your key thoughts and impressions?

³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵ And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. ⁶ After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

What are your key thoughts and impressions?

⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸ I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

What are your key thoughts and impressions?

⁹ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

What are your key thoughts and impressions?

¹¹ I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. ¹² As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. ¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

What are your key thoughts and impressions?

Look at Mark 9:48 _____

Look at Daniel 2:44 _____