



The story so far

Daniel has a dream

A slide titled "The story so far" with the sub-heading "Daniel has a dream". It features an image of a baby in a white onesie floating in space, surrounded by stars and planets, representing the dream of Daniel.

4 beasts rise out of a turbulent sea

A slide titled "4 beasts rise out of a turbulent sea". It features a painting of four beasts (a lion, a bear, a leopard, and a dragon) rising from a turbulent sea, representing the four kingdoms mentioned in Daniel 7.

The court room

The Ancient of days sits in judgment

A slide titled "The court room" with the sub-heading "The Ancient of days sits in judgment". It features an image of a wooden gavel resting on a wooden block, symbolizing judgment.

Enter the one like a son of man

He comes with the clouds of heaven

Everlasting dominion is given to Him

His indestructible kingdom is established

A slide titled "Enter the one like a son of man" with sub-headings: "He comes with the clouds of heaven", "Everlasting dominion is given to Him", and "His indestructible kingdom is established". It features an image of a sunset or sunrise over a landscape with trees, representing the coming of the Son of Man.

Daniel asks one of the heavenly beings to explain

  
**KEEP  
 CALM  
 AND  
 ASK ME  
 QUESTIONS**

Kingdoms rise and war rages



God will judge



Pronounce death  
and utter destruction  
on the beasts

God's eternal  
Kingdom established

How do we apply what we  
read in Daniel 7 to our lives  
today ?



How should I respond?

Daniel's response

Illness

Anxiety

Alarm

Terror

How should I respond?

Common contemporary responses in our  
culture:

Victory assured. Sit back and relax.

Look at world situation and get depressed.

Apathy. 'whatever'

## Recognise the beast

### Characteristics:

Arrogance

Full of talk against God

Purpose to wear down the 'saints'.

Seeks to establish a new world order

### Romans 3 v 10-18

"None is righteous, no, not one;  
no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,  
not even one."

"Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood;

in their paths are ruin and misery,  
and the way of peace they have not known."

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

## Recognise the beast

The beasts represent human built kingdoms, undoubtedly influenced by Satan but humans choose to build their kingdoms nonetheless.

Opposition and persecution should be expected.

## Know that Jesus is victorious

### Colossians 2 v13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## Know that Jesus will come again

### 1 Thessalonians 4 v 16-17

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

## Take responsibility

### Ephesians 6 v 10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

## Take responsibility

Remain faithful

Remain watchful

Pray

Seek to advance the Kingdom of God

## Epilogue

A message of hope through trial and persecution.

Our God is greater than he who is in the world

You can do all things through He who strengthens you.

