

APPLICATION

5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon

1

_____ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

Live like _____ ... NOT like _____!

Daniel 5:22-23 – “And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; ...and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified”

2

Deep Ties to _____

We need each other's fellowship and encouragement!

DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 – Heartfelt Community _____

Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)

3

Courageous Testimony: _____ but _____

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

4

Reliance on _____: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

DANIEL CHALLENGE #2 – Heartfelt Community _____

Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.

→ *When will your prayer time be?*

5

Gardening with an Eye on the _____

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

Look Up! Remember: Jesus _____!

Acts 7:55-56 – “But [Stephen], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.”



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

Part 12: “The Four Beasts”

TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 7:1-19

7:1 – A Vision in _____ Times

- Nebuchadnezzar has been cut down for 7 years, then restored
- Nebuchadnezzar died in 562 BC: then _____!
Amel-Marduk (2 years) → Neriglissar (4 years) → Labashi-Marduk (brief!)
- Belshazzar (*and his father Nabonidus*) came to power in a _____ around 556 BC
- New world power of the Medes & Persians on the rise in the _____

7:2 – The Four _____ of the Heaven (*North, South, East, West*)

“Winds” = *rûaḥ* = spirit, breath, wind

Daniel 4:9 – “I know that the spirit (*rûaḥ*) of the holy gods is in thee”

Genesis 1:2 – “the Spirit (*rûaḥ*) of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

“The Heaven” = *šamayin* = heaven, heavens, sky, above

“Strove” = *gîaḥ* = to break forth, to rush forward, spend great effort

“Great Sea” = *raḥ yām* = to roar, a large noisy body of water

- The winds picture the deeper _____ war all around us
Ephesians 6:12 – “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
- The waters picture the nations of _____
Revelation 17:15 – “And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”
Isaiah 57:20 – “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”

7:3-7 – The Four _____



7:8 – The Ten _____ and the Little Horn

- Starts with 10 horns
- 3 Horns destroyed by a new 'little horn'
- Little horn has eyes and a boasting mouth



7:9-10 – The _____ of Days

Isaiah 43:12-13 – “therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he...” (literally: ‘before days were’!)

Psalms 90:2 – “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”

7:11-12 – The _____ of the Beasts

Revelation 19:19-20 – “And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

7:13-14 – The Son of _____

John 3:13-16 – “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Matthew 16:27 – “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”

Revelation 1:12-15 – “And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man... His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”

7:15-17 – The Vision is _____:

See also: Daniel 2:37-45

★ A _____ with eagle’s wings

= **head of Gold = Babylon**

- Winged Lion the symbol of Babylon
- ‘Heart of a Man’ = Neb’s conversion

★ A _____ with three ribs

= **Chest of Silver = Medo-Persia**

- Bear is less majestic and less glorious.
- ‘On it’s side’ = domination of the Persians in the alliance
- ‘Three ribs’ = Babylon, Lydia, Egypt

★ A _____ with four wings/heads

= **Thighs of Brass/Bronze = Greece**

- Less grand again, but swifter
- When Alexander the Great died, his kingdom divided into 4 principle regions with 4 different leaders (heads)

★ A Dreadful, Terrible, and Strong _____ with Ten Horns

= **Legs of Iron = Rome**

- Great *iron* teeth! Has 10 horns... like the Legs with 10 Toes
- Conquered Jerusalem in 63 B.C. after destroying the Greek Empire
- Divided into 2 (like legs) in 330 AD capital moved to Constantinople
- Rome never truly conquered and replaced... it is a *different* empire that ‘devours the whole earth’ (verse 23) ... like the Western Nations!
- The toes have no parallel in Roman History – they are yet future!

For more? Daniel part #5: ‘An Image of Empires’ (10/19/2025)

7:18 – The End of Human Empires: _____ Wins!

Daniel 2:44 – “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed...”

Hebrews 12:28 – “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.”

7:19 – Preview: The _____ of the Fourth Beast

Next Sunday: “The Beast and the Little Horn”

