

# “Should I Worry About the End Times?” Study Guide

## Lesson 8: The Book of Daniel

### Outline

1. The Battle Of Gods
  - a. Daniel 2:3
  - b. Daniel 2:10-11
  - c. Daniel 2:20-23
2. The Telling Of Dreams
  - a. Apocalyptic Literature
    - i. Symbolic images of “hidden world”
    - ii. Connect the present with future
    - iii. Hope for the oppressed
    - iv. Judgment for the powerful
    - v. Encourages resistance
  - b. Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream, Dan. 2:31-35
    - i. A great image
    - ii. Head of fine gold
    - iii. Chest of silver
    - iv. Thighs of bronze
    - v. Legs of iron / feet of iron & clay
    - vi. Stone strikes image at feet
    - vii. Stone fills the earth
  - c. Daniel’s Dream, Daniel 7
    - i. LION: eagles’ wings, an unclean mixture of animal and bird, but given a human mind
    - ii. BEAR: hump-backed and deformed, ribs of victims in its mouth, but still hungry
    - iii. LEOPARD: four wings to go swiftly wherever it wills, four heads to see and know all
    - iv. NAMELESS BEAST: iron teeth, ten horns, reminded us of a science fiction monster, grows a sentient horn!
    - v. Duguid: “Such creatures are therefore not merely PG-13, like the dinosaurs out of ... Jurassic Park; they are R rated, like the vampires and evil zombies of the most chilling and disturbing horror movie.”
3. Interpretation
  - a. Daniel 7:17-18
  - b. Kingdoms of Daniel
    - i. Head of Gold is Babylon
      1. Daniel 2:37-38
      2. Isaiah 14:4 calls Babylon “the golden city.”
      3. Jeremiah 51:7 says “Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD’s hand.”
    - ii. Chest of Silver
      1. Daniel 5:28
      2. Daniel 5:30-31
    - iii. Thighs of Bronze

1. Daniel 8:20
    2. Daniel 10:20
    3. Daniel 11:2
    4. Daniel 2:39 = Alexander the Great
  - iv. Legs of Iron & Clay
    1. Luke 2:1-3
    2. Matthew 4:17
  - v. Ten Toes/Horns?
    1. Daniel 7:24
    2. The feet are not separate from the legs anymore than the horns are separate from the terrible beast.
4. What Is the Point?
  - a. Daniel 2:31-45
    - i. God gives every kingdom its power (v. 37).
    - ii. Every kingdom has an "after this" (v. 39-40).
    - iii. Human kingdoms lust for power (v. 39-40).
    - iv. Human History = glory giving way to shame.
    - v. God's kingdom is the opposite (v. 41-45).
  - b. Daniel 7:19-20-28

### Discussion Questions

1. What are the major points made in Daniel's prophecies?
2. How did knowing the future help to give Daniel and his people confidence in their present circumstance?