

Lesson 7a: Ancient of Days Presides over Earth's Failed Empires & His Own Kingdom Heirs (Dan. chap 7a)

I. General Introduction to Chapters 7-12:

- A. From narrative to apocalyptic:
- B. 2 extremes observed:
- C. My aim is to attempt to _____ us around _____ points of _____ while maintaining _____ dialogue and _____ toward one another on matters we don't agree on. 😊

II. Introduction to Chapter 7:

- A. 2 main sections: _____ (1-14), _____ (15-28)
- B. Similarities w/chap. 2:
- C. Extra info beyond chap. 2:

New information in this chapter appears to involve the _____ of key _____ as earth's temporal _____ are completely _____ and replaced with the Kingdom of _____.
D. Looking ahead, chaps. 8-12 appear to _____ upon various aspects of all kingdoms noted in chap. 7 as a means to help the saints _____ and _____ appropriately to the ongoing turmoil of failed earthly authorities' last grabs for power prior to the full coming of _____ kingdom.

III. Summary of the Vision (1-14; see accompanying color diagram for 'rough' depictions of this material)

- A. 4 Beasts out of the sea (vss 1-8)
 - 1. Intro (1-3)
 - 2. Lion-ish (4)
 - 3. Bear-ish (5)
 - 4. Leopard-ish (6)
 - 5. Terrifying (7-8)
- B. Ancient of Days (vss 9-10)
- C. More re. little horn and other beasts (vss 11-12)
- D. Presentation of a son of man (vss 13-14)

IV. Summary of the Vision's Interpretation (15-28)

- A. Daniel asks for help (15-16)
- B. Short version (17-18)
- C. Daniel's focused inquisitiveness (19-20)
- D. Longer Version (21-27)
 1. 'Video' temporarily turned back on (21-22)
 2. 4th Beast and 10 horns (23-24a)
 3. Little horn versus Most High and His saints (24b-25)
 4. Final resolution (26-27)
- E. Aftermath (28)

V. Identification of 'son of man' in verses 13-14:

- A. In OT (Ps 8:4, Ezek 2:1)
- B. NT use of 'Son of Man' and 'cloud' themes from Daniel 7:
 1. Mt 24: 29-31
 2. Mt 26:63-65
 3. Rev 1:7, 13
 4. Acts 1:9-11
- C. Christ appearing before God (Heb 9:24-28)
- D. The nations as Christ's inheritance:
 1. Ps 2:8
 2. Matt 28:18-20
 3. Rev 5:9

VI. Closing Thought:

Please re-read Daniel 7:15-28 for next Sunday. What aspects of the vision is this interpretation specifically shedding light on? Do you see anything perplexing about the associations being made?

