

DANIEL, VOLUME 2: GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

A PROPHETIC COLLAGE

DANIEL 7



The Heart of the Matter

When we turn the page from chapter 6 to chapter 7 in the book of Daniel, we leave the relatively easy narrative and biographical sections of the book to enter the more difficult and mysterious sections of prophecy. Daniel 7, though seemingly random and disjointed, offers an overview of God's grand design for humanity—all of which was future to Daniel, some but not all of which is history to us. In this collage of prophecy, we'll see the sovereignty of God once again—sovereignty we can trust in.



Discovering the Way

1. Overview of Daniel 7 (Daniel 7:1)

Chronologically, Daniel 7 fits between chapters 4 and 5. Structurally, the chapter is divided by the phrase, "I kept looking." Comparatively, the chapter is similar to chapter 2.

2. The Vision Revealed (Daniel 7:2–27)

Part one of the prophecy is of elements and animals (7:2–8). Part two is of thrones and judgment (7:9–12). And part three provides some intervention and interpretation (7:13–27).



Starting Your Journey

Prophecy of strange beasts, one-world domination, and judgment can be frightening (Daniel 7:28), but we can have peace in knowing that historically *the first three kingdoms have been as God predicted and so will the fourth* and that *nations are established by God, dwelling under His sovereign control*. Personally, we can rest assured because *the God who has mapped out our future certainly is able to handle our present and while life may appear to be a collage, it is, in reality, the unfolding of God's perfect plan*.



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Comparison of Daniel 2 and Daniel 7

Chapter 2		Chapter 7	
Metals	Kingdoms	Beasts	Meaning
Gold	→ Babylon	→ _____	→ _____
Silver	→ Medo-Persia	→ _____	→ _____
Bronze	→ Greece	→ _____	→ _____
Iron	→ Western Nations (Rome)	→ _____	→ _____

