

# “Lions & Leopards & Bears, Oh My!”

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Sunday, July 10, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
*Daniel 7:1-28*

**BIG IDEA:** God’s perspective on human governments is quite different than our own.

*“These huge beasts, four in number,  
are four kings who will rise from the earth.  
But the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingdom  
and possess it forever, yes, forever and ever.”  
Daniel 7:12, 13 (CSB)*

☞ **The HISTORICAL SETTING of Daniel’s VISION.** (v 1)

☞ **Daniel’s BAD DREAM.** (v 2-14, 21-22)

☞ **A NEW INTERPRETER of DREAMS.** (v 15-16)

☞ **The Stunning INTERPRETATION of Daniel’s DREAM.** (v 17-20, 23-27)

☞ **Daniel’s RESPONSE to the VISION.** (v 28)

☞ **LESSONS (So, what am I going to do about it?):**

- God knows the FUTURE and CONTROLS the RISE and FALL of NATIONS and LEADERS.
- These prophecies are intended to GENERATE CONCERN for our FELLOW MAN and the DESTINY of human HISTORY.
- KEEP your EYES on the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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**Read:** Daniel 7:1-28

**Think:** Contemplate the significance of Daniel’s dream and then ask yourself the following questions: *How does Daniel’s dream of the coming Gentile empires differ from Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the statute? How does Daniel’s dream expand upon the information presented in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream? What encouragement can you draw from Daniel’s dream experience? How does his dream trouble you, if at all?*

**Do:** Think through your knowledge of future events, no matter how limited or comprehensive. Try to describe the emotions you feel as you think of the cataclysmic judgment Jesus Christ will meet out on human governmental institutions.