

Note the timing of the vision/dream **7:1** .. (Belshazzar's reign was brief and the Persians ready to take over) What might be going through the minds of Daniel and the other Jews?

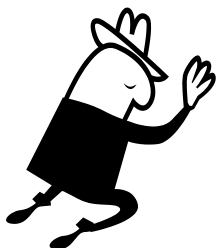
What then do you think the purpose of recording Daniel's dream has for the people of Daniel's day and those who follow?

What is the key verse in the Chapter? Why?

Are there times in your life when you have felt completely overwhelmed by:

- the way the world is going
- the way things are going for you because of the world we live in
- the cost of being a being a disciple of Jesus

How does this passage encourage you as you face these circumstances?



PRAYER POINTS (either in pairs or as group)

- Pray that we will not be overwhelmed by the world around us and it's leaders
- Pray for courage to stand firm when we need to as Christians

STUDY FIVE

KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT



ICE BREAKER

Beauty and the Beasts

DANIEL 7

WHAT MAKES YOU THE MOST ANXIOUS AS YOU
THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE?



STUDY... READ *Daniel 7* Draw the 4 beasts

The Beasts

The beasts obviously represent the rule of various kings or kingdoms in comparison to the rule of God. List the differences between each.

The Beasts	God

What do you think Daniel finds most troubling about his dream?(vv.15 & 28) Why?

What do you see as the difference between the first 3 beasts and the fourth beast?

Beauty !

READ **Daniel 7:9-14** .. How would you summarise the scene that is pictured there?

How would you describe the “son of Man” figure in the **Dan 7:13-14**?

Why might Jesus have used the term “son of Man” to describe Himself? (c.f. **Mk.14:53f** ; **Ps.110:1**)

Read **Acts 7:54-56**. What similarities are there between the vision that Stephen has of Jesus, and Daniel’s dream (**7:13-15**). What does this imply about Jesus?