

# Daniel 32 – History: Raging Seas of Sin

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Daniel 7:1-3



## Ouroboros Metaphor: Sin Devours Sinners

- All turn on each other until none are left: like lions of Daniel's pit
- Ancient symbol of encircling dragon/snake swallowing its tail
- Outer Dragon is Satan-Demons
- Inner Snake is sinner: All sinners
- Satan-Man traded Tree of Life for tree of Knowing: Be as gods
- Hopelessness: Devoured by sin unless Saved by Christ's death on the stauros – True Knowledge

*As Satan, Demons, Devour Sinners, and himself, Satan's instrument, Government, Devour Citizens Consuming Awebera quest for Knowledge does not forestal Death, it trades Life for Death, Hope for hopelessness*

Daniel 2



Babylon

Medo-

Persia

Greece

Rome

Daniel 7



## Elements of Daniel's Vision – First Year of Belshazzar

- God gives Daniel a vision coinciding with Nebuchadnezzar's first vision
- This vision given in prophetic language; i.e., biblical metaphors
- Meaning of each element must be taken from Scripture; then history
- This lesson looks at the background: Raging Sea – Source of governments

## Raging Sea: Source of World Power(s) – Begin at the Beginning and Ending

- Seas run throughout the breadth of Scripture both in fact and in metaphor but specifically mentioned that they do not exist in new Earth (Isa 24:1, 22:5)
- Waters are the first elements of creation with darkness present; God separates the waters: Twice (Reinforces differences of Waters) (Job 1:9-12)
  - First Separation: Waters above from waters below by an expanse: Spiritual from Physical; Outer Space; and Atmosphere (Waters at God's Throne) (Job 4:18, 22:1-2)
  - Second Separation: Dry land separated waters above and below the crust (Earth flooded not by rain but fountains of the Deep; Below the crust) (Job 7:11, 14:8, 17:4)
  - Hebrew word for Seas in Creation ( יָם; yam) image of roaring, restless (Job 1:9-12)
  - Darkness (Satan) and the raging seas with atmospheric storms repelled by Light, Christ (Creation mirrors spiritual: Waters above – below ) (Job 4:22-25, 21:17-18, 9:11, 21:20-22, 22:8)

## Metaphor for Spiritual Forces Necessary to Understand Imagery

- There are three imageries of spiritual forces; both God's and Satan's
  - Fire – Pentecost when Spirit comes denoted by fire and wind (Act 2:1-4)
  - Water – Christ applies this metaphor to Holy Spirit from Isaiah (Isa 44:1-4, 48:17-18, 57:26, 63:10)
  - Air – Word for spirit in Hebrew and Greek is same as air or wind (Job 37:1-14, 26:8-9)
- When these elements apply to God's Spirit, and angels, they are calm; if to Satan and his demons these elements are out of control: Violent (Job 1:22, 24)
  - Christ calms the storm (wind, rain, lightning) by rebuking its physical and spiritual elements (Matt 1:23-12, 14, 16:17, 26:65, 28:18, 28:20)
  - Christ's return preceded by roaring seas; spiritual and physical violence (Isa 21:25-26)
  - Waters also denote the gospel, message, of God (One) or Satan (Many-One) (Isaiah – Isa 50:17, 42:10-20; Col 3:8, 9; 17:1) (John – 1:1-14)

## Leviathan Patrols the Seas – Satan Ouroboros: Image of Hopelessness

- Satan, the Great Dragon, depicted as Leviathan or serpent in the seas
  - Dragon is the metaphor for Satan; worm or little snake for man (Job 9:18, 26, 12:4)
  - Isaiah depicts Leviathan, fleeing serpent, destroyed by God (Isa 27:1, 28, 29:1)
  - When God questioned Job about controlling Leviathan, He was not meaning just the beast but Satan; i.e., one's sinful flesh which is impossible for man to control (Job 41:1-11, 33:6-9)
  - Satan now is in great wrath because he knows his end is assured: Raging (Job 12:14)
  - And his governments continue to rage against God's gospel and people (Isa 2:14)
  - God, Christ-Agent of creation, sets boundaries of raging seas (Satan & physical) (Job 42:7-17, 38:38-41, 41:1-12)
  - Raging seas and storms seek to control themselves but are out of control; God restrains them for YOUR salvation and all who are called (Isa 10:22-27, 44:24-28; 1p 1:3-14)

## Multiple Metaphors Reinforce Meaning Satan Above and Below the Waters

- Christ depicted simultaneously via multiple metaphors: Seated on Throne and present before the throne as Lion and Lamb showing both comings of Christ: First; Humble Lamb: Second; Lion of God – Completeness (3's) (Mt 21:7-9)
- Satan, the Dragon, standing on the seashore calls to himself, Leviathan, in the seas to send forth Antichrist reinforces the sinfulness of both Satan and his slave; he is visibly and invisibly at work (2's) (Mt 12:17-18)
  - These beasts rising out of the raging seas are called by Satan to advance his agenda to thwart God's gospel and prove God is evil, unfit to judge (Theodicy)
  - Satan is laying the groundwork for his coming slave of power: Antichrist (Mt 10:2)
  - Restraining force, Spirit, has been reducing His restraining to give Satan and sinners their desire, world without God, which reveals their sinfulness: Violence (Dt 32:15-18; Rm 1:18-20; 2Th 2:12; Rm 7:5)

## Beasts Represents Governments: Nebuchadnezzar's Image

- Nebuchadnezzar's vision given from man's perspective depicting man's governments as empty shells of increasing degradation and violence (Dn 2:34)
  - The fight is not against people but the sinful forces behind the people: i.e., Satan and his demons controlling sinful people with their consent: subbia (Lk 3:11; Rm 4:10-12)
- Daniel's vision of these same governments, God's revelation of their true nature: Sin degrades thus man's governments depicted as animals (Dn 7:10)
  - Satan always viewed as an animal, degraded from his original reflection of God's glory and filled with **violence - Rage** (Is 14:12; Dn 3:12-16)
  - His instruments, governments, reflect his nature since they are his creation since Cain killed Abel and erected the first government: all sinners are his children (Jm 4)
  - Government's violent rebellion continued after Cataclysm of Babel via Nimrod (Jm 10:8-12; 11:1-9)

## Christ's Gospel is Gentle: Christians are to Reflect His Gentleness

- In stark contrast to Satan's increasingly governmental and individual violence, Christ, displays meekness, humbleness, not cowardice (Mt 11:28-30)
  - Clad in armor of grace we are commanded to **stand**, hypomene (3's) (2Pt 1:13-16)
  - Gospel is not spread by violence (Peter), that is Satan's methodology (Mt 23:16)
  - Gospel not spread by governments; Christ uses individuals to preach gospel to individuals: Government methodology is force; thus, the governments of Daniel's vision are carnivorous: Most national emblems
  - Christians who claim to believe the Bible's Gospel, but align with governments, which are not of the gospel, this reveals their folly (Mt 7:21-23; Gt 1:8-10; Rm 2:13-15; 2Pt 2:12-22)
  - Do not be like children of Balaam, so easily led astray during adversity, but rest in the Lord who controls the world and your soul (Jm 10:27-30; Rm 10:34-35)