About 555 B.C., Daniel and other of the saints were living in exile in Babylon. God gave Daniel visions in a dream.

We're going to look into those visions, and end up being encouraged by what it tells us about the vision John tells us about in Revelation chapter 1.

The Four Beasts - Daniel 7:1-7

7:4 - a lion

7:5 - a bear

7:6 - a leopard

7:7 - a dreadful and terrible beast

The Four Beasts Explained As Four Kings - Daniel 7:16-17

- 7:4 the lion King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire
 - -commanded the army beginning 690 B.C.
 - -reigned 604-561 B.C.
- 7:5 the bear King Cyrus the Great and the Medo-Persian Empre
 - -defeated Babylon 538 B.C.
 - -Sir Isaac Newton: the three ribs in the mouth were the countries of

Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt, which the Medo-Persian Empire devoured

- 7:6 the leopard King Alexander the Great and the Greek Empire
 - -became king of Macedonia 336 B.C.
 - -began conquering the Persian empire 334 B.C.
 - -four wings = amazing speed
 - -four heads = four generals who ruled after Alexander
- 7:7 the dreadful beast the Roman Republic and Empire
 - -too terrible to be likened to any one beast
 - -fought a series of wars with Macedonia
 - -began defeating neighbors in 343 B.C.
 - -defeated Macedonia and Greece by 146 B.C.

The Fourth Empire Destroyed in Judgment - Daniel 7:9-12

The Everlasting Kingdom Given to One Like the Son of Man - Daniel 7:13-14

John 16:28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and <u>a cloud</u> received him out of their sight.

Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, <u>one like the Son of man</u> came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Acts 7:55-56 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Revelation 1:13-16 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks <u>one like unto the Son of man</u>, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

- -the Son of Man has the hair white like wool
- -the Son of Man has the fire