

THE 4 BEASTS OF DANIEL 7 & 8

This prophecy was given in the 6th Century BC, before the events mentioned came to be.

1st beast was a lion with two wings which represented Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon. The roots of Babylon's power goes back to Genesis 10 where Nimrod was building Babylon, which was the site for the tower of Babel. This spirit of defiance and rebellion against God had been transferred on to the Babylon of Daniel's day. This power is transferred from one beast to another until it reaches the "little horn" of the 4th beast which is the Anti-Christ in Revelation 12/13.

2nd beast, the lopsided bear (Ram with two unequal horns in Dan. 8) represents the Medo-Persian Empire where Persia was more powerful than the Medes.

3rd beast, the leopard with two sets of wings (the goat in Dan. 8) represents Greece. Alexander the great is the little horn between the eyes. Four horns that arose represent Alexander's four Generals who split up his empire after his death because he did not have an heir. The little horn that appeared from these 4 horns is believed to be Antiochus IV Epiphanes who terrorised the Jews from 174-165 BC.

4th beast is the most terrifying of all. Revelation 12 and 13 sees it as a combination of all previous beasts. Ten horns arose from this beast, and out of the ten horns a "little horn" appears that blasphemes God's name and wars with the saints. This 4th beast represents the Roman Empire, and the ten provinces/kings that the empire had.

John in Revelation picks up this vision and projects it to the future. The Anti-Christ (also "ante" in Greek, which means both "against" or a "substitute" for Christ) will receive its power from the ten horns to rule and war against the saints. This situation where ten kings/governments will come together to empower one person to control a one-world economy, politics and religion is yet to happen in world history.

Some takeaway points:

- (1) God controls history. Events in history do not happen randomly. The Bible teaches that there are spiritual forces propelling the events in one particular direction.
- (2) The animal nature in us. The 1st century readers were not waiting for actual animals to show up and rule them. But they know what it is like to live under a government that behaves like a cruel animal. And we can expect more of this animal nature in governments to increase in the Last Days. But whereas the worldly Empires are represented by predatory animals, God reveals Himself as a helpless Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.
- (3) The concept of time. All the days of the worldly empires are numbered (2300 days, times-times and a half). But God's kingdom is forever and ever. If we look at Christianity or the church from the perspective of Babylon's glory, it looks weak and dying. But to use a Chesterton analogy of the Dark-ages, the ship that sank turned into a submarine and re-emerged a mighty ship.
- (4) Worship of a man. Revelation says 666 is the number of a man, whom the world will one day worship. This is possible, as we know how easy it is to slide from admiration to worship of an important man; or even slide from hate to worship of a powerful man.
- (5) The copy-cat criminal. All that the Devil can do is to imitate God. And he will lead many astray. The only way to be safe from this powerful deception is to be firmly rooted in the Bible.
- (6) Horn of salvation. Daniel 8 announces the horn of destruction. Luke 1 announces the coming of the "Horn of Salvation", that is Jesus Christ.

- **Pastor Kedo Peseyie**



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

Sunday Service

- Leader : Maa Imsong
 Speaker : Rev. H. Moba Konyak
 Ushers : Imsu Jamir & Megokiekho Yalie
 Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
 Flower : Narola Tsuren

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 146

Mass Prayer

- Announcement
 Offertory
 Hymn **No.113** : My Saviour's Love
 Special Song : Angam Konyak
 Message
 Hymn **No.247** : When We All Get to Heaven
 Benediction



INFORMATION

- Next Thursday Women will have colony wise fellowship at 5pm.
- Enroute today at 3pm. Come and be blessed!
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study fellowship, 5:00 - 6:30

VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God's great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God's call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

PSALM 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

PRAYER:

- Pray for church leaders in our land including their loved ones for God's blessing and leading so that they would be able to lead the church in the right direction, bringing spiritual transformation in our land for greater glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Pray for our Government and the people in authority. Pray that they would rule the state in the fear of the Lord, bringing justice and prosperity to our land for benefit of the people of our state.

Ongoing Church Building Work



1. Basement 3 roof was completed on 12th July. We thank God for granting us favorable weather in answer to our prayers.
2. The immediate goal is to complete the Main Church floor within two (2) months. To meet this work schedule, an amount of ₹ 10.00 (Ten) lakhs only is required.
We appeal to our worshippers and members for your continued prayer support and financial contribution.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sunday, July 8th, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 1,27,420 Offering: ₹ 12,840 Thanksgiving: ₹ 8,000

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