Lesson Seven - DANIEL 7

Readings:
Daniel 7 – The Four World Empires

Key Verse: “Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.” – Daniel 7:17-18

Outline of Daniel Seven

I. The vision of the four beasts (1-8)
   a. The date of the vision – 533 BC (1)
   b. The recipient of the vision (2)
   c. Beasts from the sea (3)
   d. The lion with eagle’s wings (4)
   e. The bear with a raised side (5)
   f. The four-headed leopard (6)
   g. The beast with iron teeth and horns (7-8)

II. The judgment of the fourth beast (9-12)
   a. The thrones and the central throne (9-10)
   b. The opened books (10)
   c. The bragging and burning of the beast (11)
   d. The life of the other three beasts (12)

III. The Messianic king and kingdom (13-14)
   a. The human who rides on the clouds (13)
   b. The “coming to” the Ancient of Days (13)
   c. The reception of the kingdom (14)

IV. Interpretation concerning the fourth beast (15-28)
   a. Assurance given to Daniel (15-18)
   b. Specific questions concerning the fourth beast (19-22)
   c. Specific answers concerning the fourth beast (23-28)

1 Reviewing the text

   a) What do the four beasts represent?

   b) With which beast does Daniel have a special fascination?

   c) What feature(s) of the beast particularly get his attention?

   d) Who, besides the beasts and Daniel, are the major characters in the vision?
2 **Search the Scriptures**

a) Find references to “time, times and half a time” in the Bible:

b) Who in the Bible is referred to as “son of man”?

c) Find descriptions of God’s throne:

3 **Questions for discussion**

a) Did Daniel and the other prophets fully understand the things they prophesied? What is the significance of this?

b) What are the significant similarities and differences between the beasts revealed in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13?