The King of the Beasts (Pt. 1)

Daniel 7

Outlines of Daniel

Emphasis

I. Historical narrative (1-6)
II. Prophecy (7-12)

Thought Development

I. Introduction to the Book (1)
II. Events in the lives of Daniel and his Hebrew friends in relation to the rulers of Babylon (2-6)
III. Daniel's visions of the great world empires (7-12)

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Languages

I. The 1st Hebrew section: Introduction (1:1—2:4a)
II. The Aramaic section: YHWH's message to and plan for pagan nations (2:4b—7:28)
III. The 2nd Hebrew section: YHWH's message to and plan for Israel (8-12)

General Observations:
Ch. 1-6 vs. Ch. 7-12

1. The 1st 6 chapters are historical narratives, and the final 6 are all prophetic visions.
2. The narratives about Daniel provide the platform for us to receive the prophecies from Daniel.
3. The historical narratives of 1-6 are written in the 3rd person, but the prophecies of 7-12 are written in the 1st person (except for 7:1 and 10:1).

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4. The 1st 6 chapters are in chronological order, and the final 6 are also.
   - 7 – the 1st year of Belshazzar
   - 8 – the 3rd year of Belshazzar
   - 9 – the 1st year of Darius the Mede
   - 10-12 – the 3rd year of Cyrus
5. Chapters 1-6 provide evidence that God's people will endure; ch. 7-12 provide God's prophetic promise they will endure.

Image (2) vs. Beasts (7)

Chapter 2

- Vision of Pagan King
- Noble image w/ expensive metals
- History from Man's point of view
- Statue destroyed for no obvious reason
- God's Power Seen as an Inanimate Stone

Chapter 7

- Vision of a Godly Prophet
- Beasts without a conscience
- History from God's point of view
- Nations destroyed for rebellion against God
- God's Power Revealed in The Son of Man

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B. The Four Beasts (2-8)

Image (2) vs. Beasts (7)

Image	Metal	Empire	Beast
Head	Gold	Neo-Babylonian	Lion
Chest/arms	Silver	Medo-Persian	Bear
Belly/thighs	Bronze	Greek	Leopard
Legs/feet	Iron	Roman	4th
Toes	Iron/clay	Revived Roman	10 Horns

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The Four Divisions of the Greek Empire

1. Antipater (later Cassander): Greece & Macedonia
2. Lysimachus: Thrace & much of Asia Minor
3. Seleucus: Syria, Babylon, & much of Middle East
4. Ptolemy I: Egypt & Palestine

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