

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 28, 1993

“Better Days Ahead”
Daniel 7
Part 1

It is usually easier to live with difficult circumstances if we know things are going to get better.

The Bible says that things are going to get worse in this world in the last days. After that will come to earth the most glorious period of peace and joy the world has every seen. All true believers will be here to enjoy it.

1. The course of this present age

A. The sea and the four beasts (Dan. 7:1-3)

Sea = Earth

Four Beasts = Four Kings

B. The lion with eagle's wings: Babylon (Dan. 7:4)

The wings are plucked – the humbling of Nebuchadnezzar

C. The bear with ribs in the mouth: Medo-Persian (Dan. 7:5)

Less majestic than a lion.

Raised up on one side = Cyrus the dominant leader (Persia)

Three ribs in its mouth = Persia, Media, and Babylon, the three kingdoms already secure

Go devour much flesh = the expanding empire

E. The dreadful beast with iron teeth: Rome (Dan. 7:7, cf. v. 23)

Roman empire was the most dreadful, terrifying and strong ruler. When Rome conquered it, it was designed to be forever. The Roman Empire expanded for four centuries. Building in a way to keep its empire forever.

Romans 11:15-25, the church age when the gentiles are grafted in and during this time the plan for Israel is suspended.