**Sermon Notes December 12, 2021**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: Daniel – The Four Wild Beasts

**Scripture**: Daniel 7:1-8, 17, 19-26, Revelation 17:15, Isaiah 17:12

**Summary**: Daniel’s vision of the four wild beasts.

**Read**: Read Daniel 7:1-26

This is the second vision concerning the Time of the Gentiles revealed to Daniel.

1. **The Winds and the Sea**
   1. Daniel 7:1-3.
   2. The Four Winds of Heaven.
      1. Aramaic – *ruha*
         1. Wind, mind, spirit
      2. Hebrew – *ruah*
         1. Spirit of man, Holy Spirit, Breath of God, spirits such as angels or demons.
   3. The Great Sea
      1. The Mediterranean Sea
         1. Gives us a geological frame of reference where this event is occurring.
      2. Nations or people.
         1. Revelation 17:12, Isaiah 17:12
            1. Sea can also represent nations of people

Today all eyes are on the Middle East, we can only expect the turmoil to grow as the time of the Antichrist grows nearer.

1. **Repeat of the Colossus**
   1. Daniel 7:17
   2. Why did God repeat his revelation of the nations of the Time of the Gentiles?
      1. God and man see the world differently
         1. Man sees the empires connected to wealth, majesty, and power.
         2. God sees the empires as ravenous beasts devouring one another.
         3. God sees them maintaining supremacy by brute force.
            1. Lion devours
            2. Bear crushes
            3. Leopard springs upon its victims
            4. Fourth beast is so hideous, there is nothing in nature to compare.
      2. In each successive vision God reveals more detail.
2. **The Four Wild Beasts**
   1. The Lion
      1. Daniel 7:4
   2. The Bear
      1. Daniel 7:5
   3. The Leopard
      1. Daniel 7:6
   4. The Frightening and Terrifying Beast
      1. Daniel 7:7-8, 11, 19-21, 23-26
      2. The Ten Horns
         1. Ten Kings that shall arise
      3. The Little Horn
         1. The Antichrist, the final Gentile ruler

**Application / Next Steps**

Every time we read prophecy, we should consider that God has laid out a plan and purpose for our understanding.

We are to look forward to the Second Coming of Christ, but we should not forget that Jesus has called us to live in the here and now. We are to be effective tools for the Kingdom. Are we living out our lives in a manner worthy of being called Children of God?

Let’s be reminded that The Book of Revelation is a book of hope for believers… justice and salvation prevail. It’s also a book of warning, that justice (God’s justice) and salvation (God’s salvation through Jesus) prevails.

Are we prepared for His return? Meaning are we watching for his return?

Are we ready to go? Is there anything that would make us ashamed or embarrassed if Christ came back this moment?

Are we becoming more like Jesus every day? Are we living Godly, Holy lives?

We should anxiously await His return. There is an urgency to our need for preparation.

Have you called upon the Lord… confessing Him as Lord and Savior…repented of your sin… and taking hold of the free gift of salvation?