

# Beasts That Go Kaput

What's an animal that frightens you?

Read Daniel 7:1-28.

1. What makes Daniel's dream recorded here different from the previous ones?
  - A. The dream came to Daniel first.
  - B. Beasts are different from an idol, a tree, or handwriting on the wall.
  - C. Daniel felt overwhelmed.
  - D. The message was for him rather than for a king.
  - E. The beasts came from a tumultuous sea (chaos/Hades/Hell).
  - F. There was no sign of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
  - G. The interpretation is given with the dream.
  - H. God's people end up ruling over everyone and everything.
  - I. Other.
  
2. What did you notice about the first three beasts in the vision?
  - A. They seem somewhat friendly.
  - B. Each of them would scare me.
  - C. I wonder if God was trying to scare Daniel.
  - D. They remind me of the first three metals in the idol from Daniel 2.
  - E. They resemble fierce animals, but they are distorted like monsters.
  - F. They seem to be quite powerful, but they don't last.
  - G. Daniel is able to tame them.
  - H. They seem less impressive than the fourth beast.
  - I. Other.
  
3. What captures your attention about the fourth beast?
  - A. It's the "baddest" of them all.
  - B. It destroys everything that gets in its way.
  - C. No particular animal likeness, but it has iron teeth and 10 horns.
  - D. This could be some type of dinosaur.
  - E. A small horn appears, grows, and seems to take control of this beast.
  - F. It reminds me of some bullies I know.
  - G. It has eyes and a mouth and speaks arrogantly.
  - H. It gets destroyed by fire.
  - I. Other.

4. Who do you think is the “Ancient of Days” (vs. 9, 13, 22)?
  - A. A very old person.
  - B. God the Father.
  - C. Jesus.
  - D. The Holy Spirit.
  - E. The Trinity.
  - F. Satan.
  - G. King Belshazzar.
  - H. The political leader of my country.
  - I. Other.
  
5. Who or what is the Ancient of Days judging?
  - A. The saints.
  - B. The sinners.
  - C. The four beasts.
  - D. The arrogant little horn that grew.
  - E. This world’s history.
  - F. Satan.
  - G. Daniel.
  - H. You.
  - I. Other.
  
6. Who/What is the fourth beast and the little horn that became big?
  - A. A person or institution that I really don’t like.
  - B. All ego-maniacs.
  - C. All-powerful countries that crush others.
  - D. The United States and its president.
  - E. The Catholic Church and its pope.
  - F. Islam and its imams.
  - G. Other.
  
7. Who’s in control of this world—God or beasts? How do you know?
  
  
8. Did Daniel’s dream already play out, or is it continuing to play out (see Daniel 12:4)?