

## THE BIG PICTURE

*Living Faithfully in an Unfriendly World, Daniel 7*

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Daniel 7 is one of the great prophetic chapters in the Bible. For six chapters, Daniel has been telling us stories flavored by history and prophecy; now he will tell us about his visions and provide us with an overview of history.

### GENRE SHIFT:

Story-telling gives way to **M**\_\_\_\_\_ - watching.

*“Apokalypsis”* = prophecy that seeks to enlighten and encourage a people despised and cast off by the world with a vision of the God who will come to impose His kingdom on the wreckage and rebellion of human history – and it communicates this message through the use of wild, scary, imaginative, bizarre and head-scratching imagery.

### DISCOVERIES:

- > Timing – the chronological sequence has been **B**\_\_\_\_\_.
- > The book changes from biography to **P**\_\_\_\_\_.
- > The audience is no longer the nations but God’s **P**\_\_\_\_\_.

### OUTLINE:

1. THE **F**\_\_\_\_\_ **FACE OF HISTORY** (vv. 1-8)
2. THE **F**\_\_\_\_\_ **KINGSHIP OF HEAVEN** (vv. 9-14)
3. THE **F**\_\_\_\_\_ **CONFLICT OF SUFFERING** (vv. 15-28)

## THE TRUTH OF DANIEL 7 SHOULD:

- 1) Increase our **C**\_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- 2) Give us **P**\_\_\_\_\_ while we wait.
- 3) Wean us away from our **T**\_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdoms of this world.
- 4) Warn us of the spirit of the **A**\_\_\_\_\_ which is the spirit of this age.
- 5) Call us to **C**\_\_\_\_\_ in the difficult days to come.
- 6) Remind us that those who belong to Christ are on the **W**\_\_\_\_\_ side.

*“All the threads of history lead to the throne room of God.”*