

unsatisfied, and he asks for more information about the meaning of the dream. In the course of this request he recapitulates parts of the vision, adding details that the first account had not included. As the structure of the chapter is rather complicated we shall summarize it briefly before discussing it in detail.

Daniel's vision begins with a picture of four great beasts coming out of the sea (vv. 1-7). This is followed by a description of strange events to occur during the latter part of the time of the fourth beast (v. 8). After Daniel has heard the blasphemies of the "little horn," his eyes are directed toward a heavenly scene (vv. 9-10), and he is comforted by seeing a symbolic representation of the great power and majesty of the almighty God. Realizing that the problem raised by the horn's blasphemies must be worked out, his attention reverts to the earthly scene, and he sees the fourth beast utterly destroyed and its body consumed by fire (v. 11). In verses 13-14 he sees the heavenly forces taking over control of the earth as one like a son of man comes with the clouds of heaven and receives an indestructible dominion.

Thus far there is much similarity to the structure of the vision in chapter 2. The four beasts would correspond to the four divisions of the statue. The rise of the little horn would correspond to the changed condition in the second phase of the fourth kingdom. The complete destruction of the fourth beast would correspond to the account of the stone striking the image and utterly demolishing it. Verse 14 describes the establishment of a new universal and indestructible kingdom in language very similar to that of Daniel 2:44.

Next Daniel tells how, while still in the vision, he asked a bystander to explain its meaning (v. 16). Instead of a detailed explanation, like the interpretation that Daniel gave Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2, the bystander merely gave a brief summary of its meaning (vv. 17-18), ending with a statement very similar to those in 7:14 and 2:44.

Not satisfied with this brief summary, Daniel asked for further information about the latter part of the vision. While