BEASTS, THRONES AND SAINTS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DANIEL 7:1-18

1	What is your usual posture toward the apocalyptic sections of the Bible? Do you embrace them, endure them or avoid them? Why is that?		
	How has this chapter given you greater confidence and expectation as you read the second half of Daniel?		
2	In Daniel's vision, nations are described as beasts. Think about the nations that are in our headlines today. What kinds of beasts do they most remind you of?		
	What kinds of things do you notice in our world that remind you that the kingdom of Satan is still alive and well?		
	What traits of our current world climate might enable a global leader like the Antichrist to take power and have worldwide influence? [1]		
	To what extent does the picture of earthly political states in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 match your own experience or understanding of things today? [2]		
3	How are you moved by meditating on the image of the Ancient of Days sitting on the throne in Dan. $7:9-10?$		
	The Son of Man is the Savior reigning in heaven right now. In what area of your life do you most need to remember this truth?		
	How will that truth change your perspective, feelings and/or actions?[3]		

	Look back at Daniel 2. What about his vision reminds you of Nebuchadnezzar's vision?	
	When you think of a kingdom, what kind of images come to mind?[4]	
5	Daniel 7 introduces us to "the Son of Man." How does Jesus use the "Son of Man" title for himself in the Rev. 1:7).	Gospels (hint: Mark 14:61-62; 13:24-27;
	Summarize the importance of Daniel 7:9-14 to theology (doctrine of God), Christology (doctrine of Chrisend times)?[5]	st), and eschatology (Doctrine of the
6	Are you committed to making the Son of Man's name known to the ends of the earth?	
	Take time to remember how all the peoples, nations, and languages will "serve him" (Dan. 7:14), even if they don't hear about him? How will they hear without someone sharing the good news?	PRAYER REQUESTS
	Why is it uncomfortable to know difficult truths (perhaps about God's future judgment, or the suffering of believers)?[6]	
	♥ How can a commitment to share the name of the Son of Man shape your next week?	
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4 Daniel's vision from chapter 7 happens when Daniel is in his 60s during the time of Belshazzar.