

The Consternation of Daniel

Daniel 7:15-18

- **FROM DANIEL'S TERMINOLOGY IN VS. 15 IT APPEARS THAT THE VISIONS WERE NOW ENDED**

DANIEL WAS SEEKING ENLIGHTENMENT. HE IS STILL IN A DREAM STATE BUT THE TECHNICAL APOCALYPTIC NATURE OF THE SERIES OF VISIONS IS ENDED.

- **WHO IS "ONE OF THOSE WHO WERE STANDING BY"?**

SOME SAY HE IS AN ANGEL. OTHERS SAY THAT HE IS A HUMAN BEING WHO IS PART OF THE VISION. NO INFORMATION IS GIVEN AND SPECULATION IS POINTLESS.

- **WHAT DO THE BEASTS REPRESENT?**

THE BEASTS ARE EXPLICITLY STATED TO BE FOUR KINGS. THESE CORRESPOND TO THE FOUR PARTS OF THE IMAGE OF CHAPTER 2: BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, ROME.

- **WHO ARE THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH?**

THEY ARE NEITHER THE CHURCH NOR ALL BELIEVERS THROUGHOUT THE AGES.

THEY ARE TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH BELIEVING ISRAELITES ALIVE AT THAT TIME. THEY WILL RECEIVE GOD'S KINGDOM AND CONTINUE IN IT FOR ALL TIME TO COME.

THIS FIFTH KINGDOM IS CERTAINLY SEQUENTIAL TO THE OTHER FOUR. IT COMES INTO EXISTENCE AFTER THEIR DESTRUCTION.