

little horn and promising that the Son of man, who receives the indestructible kingdom, will share His rule with His sanctified people. This fits with Jesus' promise that His followers will be joined with Him in His rule (Matt. 19:28; Lk. 22:30).

Daniel was not satisfied with this short summary of the meaning of the vision, which did not even mention the parts that had disturbed him. In asking for further information, he summarized these parts, adding a number of details that he remembered seeing, but had not previously mentioned.

### **Daniel's Request for Further Information**

(19) "Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws -- the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot what ever was left. (20) I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell -- the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. (21) As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, (22) until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced\* judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom."

In his earlier account of the fourth beast, Daniel had mentioned its iron teeth. Now he added a reference to its bronze claws (v. 19). This could be taken as merely part of the description of the terrifying nature of the beast. Yet it

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*\*The KJV rendering "judgment was given to the saints" is more literal. The verse does not describe the making of a decision but the enforcement of God's judgment.*