

Table 1
Overview of Daniel 7

		Sequence 1	Sequence 2	Sequence 3	Sequence 4	Sequence 5
A	Four beasts	1-6		15-17		
B	Fourth beast	7-8			19-21	23-25
C	Judgment	9-10	13		22a	26a
B'	Fourth beast	11*				26b
A'	Four beasts	12				
	Son of Man/Saints		14	18	22b	27

On pp. 2-4 below I list the entire text of Dan 7 (ESV) in standard column/row format, with recurring terms bolded. On p. 5 I list only the recurring terms, with column numbers on the left and verse numbers in parentheses on the right. Concluding observations appear on p. 6. Verse 11b contains a prolepsis looking forward out of sequence to the end of the little horn. I do not treat this as a separate column because it is still part of one exposition section down through vs. 12. Columns 2-5 are all explanation.

Table 2
Text of Daniel 7

Sequence 1	Sequence 2	Sequence 3	Sequence 4	Sequence 5
Row A: Four Beasts				
<p>Dan. 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. 2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. 4 The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. 5 And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' 6 After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.</p>		<p>Dan. 7:15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. 16 I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. 17 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.</p>		

Row B: Fourth Beast

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast**, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them **another horn, a little one**, before which **three** of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking **great things**.

Dan. 7:19 “Then I desired to know the truth about **the fourth beast**, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, 20 and about the ten horns that were on its head, and **the other horn** that came up and before which **three** of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke **great things**, and that seemed greater than its companions. 21 As I looked, this horn made war with the **saints** and prevailed over them,

Dan. 7:23 “Thus he said: ‘As for **the fourth beast**, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. 24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and **another** shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down **three** kings. 25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the **saints** of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

Row C: Judgment

Dan. 7:9 “As I looked, thrones were placed, and **the Ancient of Days** took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; **the court** sat in **judgment**, and the books were opened.

Dan. 7:13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to **the Ancient of Days** and was presented before him.

22 until **the Ancient of Days** came, and **judgment** was given for the saints of the Most High,

26 But **the court** shall sit in **judgment**,

Row B': Fourth Beast				
Dan. 7:11 "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.				and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.
Row A': Four Beasts				
12 As for the rest of the beasts , their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.				
Final Row: Kingdom of God				
	14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.	18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'	and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom .	27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High ; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him .'

NOTE: The material in table 2 is quoted from *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016).

1. "Thrones were placed and the Ancient of Days took his seat" (vs. 9); "there came one like a son of man" (vs. 13). From where? It would have to be from the first apartment if He got to the second.

<p>Row A (1 3)</p> <p>1 Four great beasts (vs. 3)</p> <p>3 Four great beasts (vs. 17)</p> <p>Row B (1 4 5)</p> <p>1 A fourth beast (vs. 7)</p> <p>4 The fourth beast (vs. 19)</p> <p>5 The fourth beast (vs. 23)</p> <p>1 Another horn, a little one (vs. 8)</p> <p>4 The other horn (vs. 20)</p> <p>5 Another (vs. 24)</p> <p>1 Three of the first horns (vs. 8)</p> <p>4 Three of them (vs. 20)</p> <p>5 Three kings (vs. 24)</p> <p>1 Great things (vs. 8)</p> <p>4 Great things (vs. 20)</p> <p>4 The saints (vs. 21)</p> <p>5 The saints of the Most High (vs. 25)</p> <p>Row C (1 2 4 5)</p> <p>2 Came (vs. 13)</p> <p>4 Came (vs. 22)</p> <p>1 The Ancient of Days (vs. 9)</p> <p>2 The Ancient of Days (vs. 13)</p> <p>4 The Ancient of Days (vs. 22a)</p> <p>1 The court (vs. 10)</p> <p>5 The court (vs. 26a)</p> <p>1 Sat (vs. 10)</p> <p>5 Shall sit (vs. 26)</p> <p>1 Judgment (vs. 10)</p> <p>5 Judgment (vs. 26a)</p> <p>Row B' (1 5)</p> <p>1 Destroyed (vs. 11)</p> <p>5 Destroyed (vs. 26b)</p> <p>Row A' (1)</p> <p>1 The rest of the beasts (vs. 12)</p>	<p>Final Row</p> <p>2 To him (vs. 14)</p> <p>5 Him (vs. 27)</p> <p>2 His kingdom (vs. 14)</p> <p>3 The kingdom (vs. 18)</p> <p>4 The kingdom (vs. 22b)</p> <p>5 His kingdom (vs. 27)</p> <p>3 The saints of the Most High (vs. 18)</p> <p>4 The saints of the Most High (vs. 22b)</p> <p>5 The saints of the Most High (vs. 27)</p>
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Concluding observations: For whatever reason, Row A has 2 columns, row B has 3, row C has 4 columns, row B' has 2 columns, and row A' has 1 column, matching not a column but row 1. The pattern involving columns is chiasitic (2 3 4 2 1). I regard the final row as extrametrical in the sense that structurally it doesn't correspond to anything else on the page.