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Son of Man in Enoch and Daniel

In Daniel 7 the four kingdoms are reintroduced. This includes the Babylonians, the Medes, Persians, and Greeks. There are scholars who believe Daniel 7 comes from the Canaanite myth of Baals battle with Yamm. They claim there are many parallels with the myth. Daniel has dreams which he writes them down. His dream is of four great beasts and describes them as different and even from the sea. He goes on to describe each of them, the first like a lion, the second a bear, the third a leopard and the fourth a ten horned beast with sharp teeth. He describes the fourth beast as terrifying, frightening, and powerful.

When these dreams occurred, they troubled Daniel in spirit the visions disturbed him. Daniel asked what the meaning of these beasts and dream was. He was told the four beasts are kings that will rise from the earth, but the holy people of God will receive the kingdom of heaven forever. Daniel kept this information to himself though it did seem heavy to carry.

In Enoch 50, it starts out speaking about Sheol which is darkness or death. Sheol is mentioned to give back all the things it stole and owes to Gods people. The days of the Elect will arise, and God will choose the righteous and holy. His people will be saved from damnation. The Lord will pour out his secrets of wisdom and counsel upon his children. The mountains are mentioned to leap like rams, and the hills will skip like lambs satisfied with milk. This is a joy

that will come over Gods people for his love will endure. The angels are mentioned to light up with joy and the earth to rejoice. The sinners and lawlessness will be destroyed by God and banished off the earth.

There are some similarities in Daniel 7 and Enoch 51, they both go into detail but in different ways. Daniel describes the beasts and Enoch describes the angels and their actions in that time. They are both sharing a warning of what is to come in spirit and flesh upon the world. One thing they both have in common is God's wrath coming upon those who are sinners and who do evil. Also, how He will have a place in eternity for his beloved children.

I enjoyed comparing the two readings this week. I however believe I need to re-read them again to have a better understanding of what the beasts were meaning the angels as well in Enoch. The Son of man is Jesus our Lord and savior, and this is a description of what is to come when he returns at the end of days. Every knee shall bow even the wicked ones. People will be divided based on heaven and hell. It is a warning and a chance for people to repent and obey God before this time comes. I believe it's a message from the Son of Man.