

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: [Dn 7:15-27](#)

I, Daniel, found my spirit anguished within its covering of flesh,  
and I was terrified by the visions of my mind.  
I approached one of those present  
and asked him what all this meant in truth;  
in answer, he made known to me the meaning of the things:  
"These four great beasts stand for four kingdoms  
which shall arise on the earth.  
But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingship,  
to possess it forever and ever."

But I wished to make certain about the fourth beast,  
so very terrible and different from the others,  
devouring and crushing with its iron teeth and bronze claws,  
and trampling with its feet what was left;  
about the ten horns on its head, and the other one that sprang up,  
before which three horns fell;  
about the horn with the eyes and the mouth that spoke arrogantly,  
which appeared greater than its fellows.  
For, as I watched, that horn made war against the holy ones  
and was victorious until the Ancient One arrived;  
judgment was pronounced in favor of the holy ones of the Most High,  
and the time came when the holy ones possessed the kingdom.

He answered me thus:

"The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth  
different from all the others;  
It shall devour the whole earth,  
beat it down, and crush it.  
The ten horns shall be ten kings  
rising out of that kingdom;  
another shall rise up after them,  
Different from those before him,  
who shall lay low three kings.  
He shall speak against the Most High  
and oppress the holy ones of the Most High,  
thinking to change the feast days and the law.  
They shall be handed over to him  
for a year, two years, and a half-year.  
But when the court is convened,  
and his power is taken away  
by final and absolute destruction,  
Then the kingship and dominion and majesty  
of all the kingdoms under the heavens  
shall be given to the holy people of the Most High,  
Whose Kingdom shall be everlasting:

all dominions shall serve and obey him."

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## Responsorial Psalm: [Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87](#)

**R/ Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

"You sons of men, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever."

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"O Israel, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever."  
**R/ Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

"Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever."  
**R/ Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

"Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever."  
**R/ Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

"Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever."

R/ Give glory and eternal praise to him.

"Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord;  
praise and exalt him above all forever."

R/ Give glory and eternal praise to him.

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## Gospel Reading: [Lk 21: 34-36](#)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard; let not your hearts be weighed down with a life of pleasure, drunkenness and worldly cares, lest that day catch you suddenly as a trap. For it will come upon all the inhabitants of the whole earth. But watch at all times and pray, that you may be able to escape all that is bound to happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

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