A watercolor illustration of three lions. The lion on the right is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The other two lions are looking towards the right. The background is a mix of yellow, orange, and red watercolor washes on a grey, textured surface.

THE BOOK OF
Daniel

Taming The Monsters

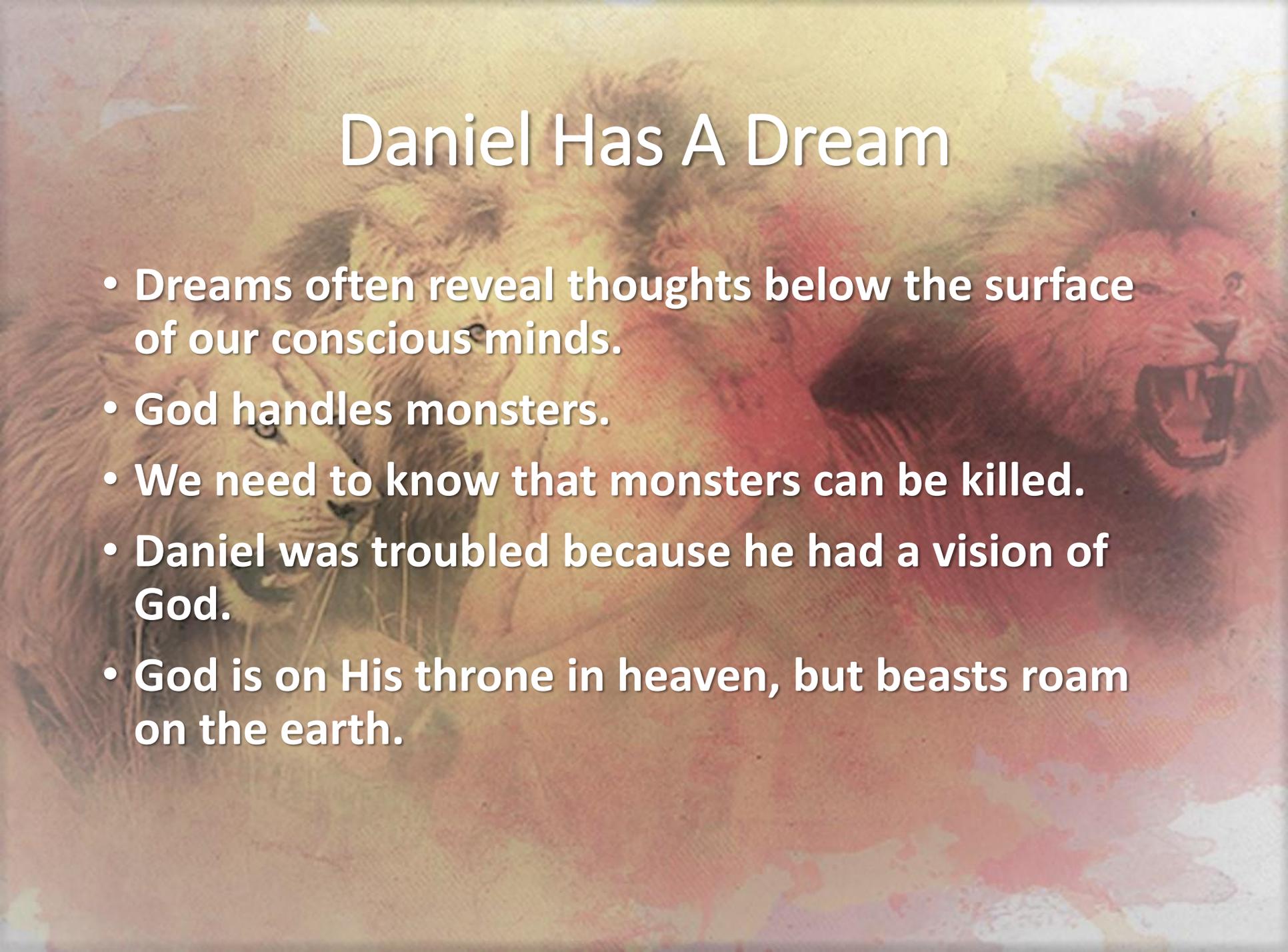
Daniel 7:1-28







Daniel Has A Dream

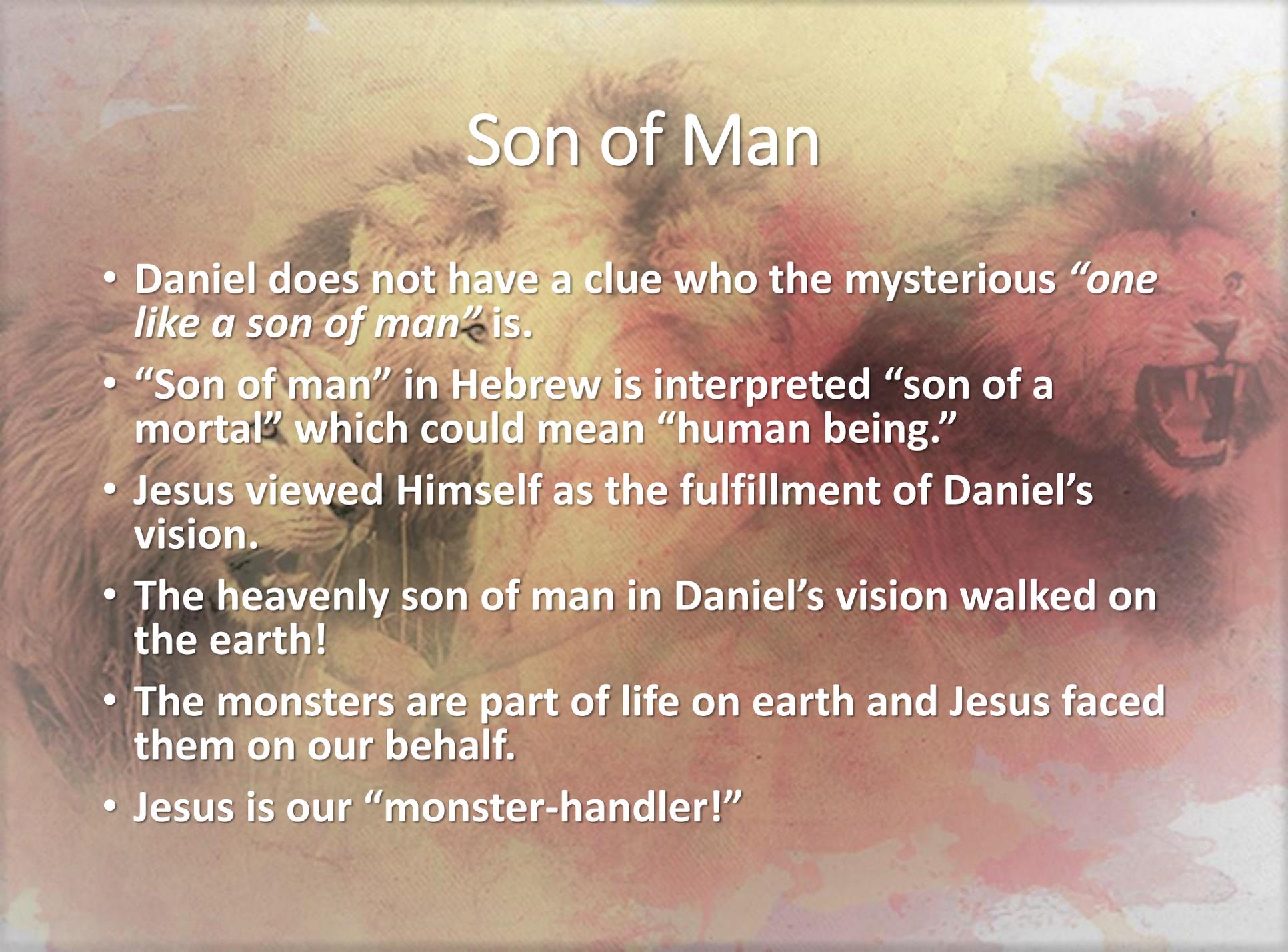
A painting of two lions. The lion on the right is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The lion on the left is resting its head on its paws. The background is a warm, textured wash of yellow, orange, and red colors.

- Dreams often reveal thoughts below the surface of our conscious minds.
- God handles monsters.
- We need to know that monsters can be killed.
- Daniel was troubled because he had a vision of God.
- God is on His throne in heaven, but beasts roam on the earth.

God's Plan for Taming Monsters

- Some scholars identify the 4 kingdoms in Daniel's dream as Babylon, Medea, Persia and Greece.
- With that interpretation, the "little horn" in Daniel's dream is identified with a Greek ruler in Palestine.
- Other scholars identify the 4 kingdoms as Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome.
- These scholars identify "the little horn" as the Antichrist.
- God has a plan, but the saints must suffer, in war and oppression at the hands of the beasts.
- Daniel found strength in his dreams and visions of God on the throne of heaven and glimpses of God's plan in history.

Son of Man



- Daniel does not have a clue who the mysterious “*one like a son of man*” is.
- “Son of man” in Hebrew is interpreted “son of a mortal” which could mean “human being.”
- Jesus viewed Himself as the fulfillment of Daniel’s vision.
- The heavenly son of man in Daniel’s vision walked on the earth!
- The monsters are part of life on earth and Jesus faced them on our behalf.
- Jesus is our “monster-handler!”

Conclusion

- Daniel had the kind of faith that allowed him to face kings and lions with confidence.
- The “*Son of Man*,” our representative, took on the monsters we fear most, even death.
- Through the “*Son of Man*,” Daniel’s ultimate hope was assured.
- We can overcome anything we face, in the power of the “*Son of Man*,” Who lives and reigns forever.