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es ging lediglich darum, die These vom Esragesetz als dem deuteronomischen Gesetz — möglicherweise in erweiterter Form — zur Diskussion zu stellen.

If Ezra is dated earlier than Nehemiah (shortly before 448 B. C.) — a view that the author has maintained in ZAW 80 (1968), 55—87 — the law of Ezra can, according to Ezr 7 12-26, the source of Nehemiah and the Book of Malachi, only have existed in a form of the Deuteronomic Law.

Si l'on date Esdras avant Néhémie (peu avant 448 av. J.-Ch.) — comme l'auteur l'a préconisé dans ZAW 80 (1968), 55—87 — la loi d'Esdras ne peut avoir existé que sous une forme de la loi deutéronomique, conformément à Esd 7 12-26, à la source de Néhémie et au Livre de Malachie.

The Structure and Individual Elements of Daniel 7*

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I.

Daniel 7 is related to the earlier chapters of the book — excluding the introductory first chapter — by similarity of language and by the relationship which seems to exist between the vision of the beasts and that of the statue in the second chapter. In chapter 2, the four metals of the statue represent four kingdoms; in chapter 7, the four beasts represent four kingdoms (and/or kings). There, a stone representing the kingdom of God destroys the statue; here, a heavenly court judges the beasts and assigns punishments. There, the stone which becomes a mountain filling the earth represents the divine kingdom of the future; here, dominion is granted to a mysterious heavenly figure who stands in some relationship to saints of the Most High¹.

The differences between these two chapters are no less striking. In chapter 2, the object of the dream is to establish Daniel's cleverness at interpretation; in chapter 7, Daniel is passive and the object of the vision is to establish God's ultimate justice². There, the four

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¹ H. H. Rowley, *Darius the Mede and the Four World Empires in the Book of Daniel*, 61—62. For "saints of the Most High", see H. L. Ginsberg, *Studies in Daniel*, 71 note 46a.

² Ginsberg *op. cit.* 10.

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