



Daniel 7

Daniel's Dreams and Visions

Daniel 7:8-12

- ◆ 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.
- ◆ 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Daniel 7:8-12

- ◆ 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
- ◆ 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.
- ◆ 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

- ◆ Daniel saw in his vision something that wasn't revealed to Nebuchadnezzar
- ◆ the last human kingdom on earth would be a frightful kingdom, unlike any of the previous kingdoms, and it would declare war on God
- ◆ this is the kingdom of the antichrist that we read about in Revelation 13-19 — an evil kingdom that will be destroyed when Christ returns to earth
- ◆ it appears that out of these ten nations (represented by the 10 horns) that the Antichrist will come and the final world kingdom will be organized and actively oppose God and His people

- ◆ Revelation 13:1 — And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

- ◆ Revelation — 17:3, 7, 12, 16 — (3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (7) And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (12) And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. (16) And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

- ◆ the “little” horn (11th horn)
- ◆ big mouth; hypnotic eyes
- ◆ description of antichrist — “anti” = against; instead of
 - ◆ this final ruler will be a counterfeit Christ and an enemy who is against Christ
- ◆ he will be a boaster and a blasphemer against God
 - ◆ he will be destroyed

- ◆ Daniel 7:9-10 — let's revisit these verses
- ◆ 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
- ◆ 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened
 - ◆ this is the judgment of the nations by God Himself

- ◆ And the Ancient of Days was seated: The Ancient of Days is obviously God
- ◆ His throne was a fiery flame: This was a brilliant manifestation of God's splendor and the fierce heat of His judgment. There seems to be something lava-like in the stream of fire pouring from the throne; it was like a river of vast destructive power.
- ◆ Isaiah 66:15-16 describes the judgment of God in terms of fire: For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

- ◆ Its wheels a burning fire: Many commentators say that in the ancient eastern world royal thrones were often on wheels. Yet it is just as likely that they represent the endless activity of God.
- ◆ A thousand thousands ministered to Him: This describes the innumerable company of angels surrounding the throne of God
- ◆ Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: This describes humanity standing before God in judgment

- ◆ Court was seated, and the books were opened: The Bible describes several books before God, and any of these or combination of these could be meant.
 - ◆ The book of the living (Psalm 69:28).
 - ◆ The book of remembrance (Malachi 3:16).
 - ◆ The Book of Life (Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27 and 22:19).

Daniel 7:13-14

- ◆ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
- ◆ 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

- ◆ When Jesus sets up His kingdom, the empire of the Antichrist will be completely crushed, yet some nations will continue into the Millennium.
- ◆ One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven: The title Son of Man was a favorite self-designation of Jesus, used more than 80 times in the four Gospels. He receives all dominion previously held by the beasts and His reign will be permanent.
- ◆ His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away

Daniel 7:15-16

- ◆ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
- ◆ 16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

Daniel 7:17-19

- ◆ 17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.
- ◆ 18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.
- ◆ 19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

- ◆ Daniel wanted more information about the fourth beast
- ◆ he doesn't ask questions about the first three, he understood what the vision meant regarding them; but not the fourth
- ◆ the angel, probably Gabriel, begins to give him the interpretation in more detail of this last and final beast

Daniel 7:20

- ◆ And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows
- ◆ it came after the 10 horns (kings)
- ◆ it was intelligent (it had the eyes of a man)
- ◆ it was arrogant and boastful (v. 11)

Daniel 7:21

- ◆ I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them
- ◆ new information given about him:
 - ◆ he will prevail against the saints of the Most High; he will conquer them

Daniel 7:22

- ◆ Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom
- ◆ Israel will no longer be under the rule of the little horn
- ◆ we will rule and reign with Christ at this point
 - ◆ he will be judged by God and Israel will enter into her covenanted blessings in the kingdom

Daniel 7:23-24

- ◆ 23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
- ◆ 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
- ◆ some sort of world government?

Daniel 7:25

- ◆ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
- ◆ “laws” - singular - Torah?
- ◆ he will oppose God's authority; he will speak against the most High, he will oppress the saints, he will institute his own government

Daniel 7:26-27

- ◆ 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.
- ◆ 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him

- ◆ when God convenes the court, when He judges the little horn, his power will be removed and he will be destroyed
- ◆ we know this from Revelation 20:1
 - ◆ this will occur at the Second Advent of Christ, at the beginning of the Millennium
 - ◆ this kingdom will last forever

Daniel 7:28

- ◆ 28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.
- ◆ cogitations = shock

- ◆ this is the end of Daniel is Aramaic, it will now go back to Hebrew
- ◆ Daniel 2 — man's view
- ◆ Daniel 7 — God's view