

"DANIEL CHAPTER 7"

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1. **DANIEL CHAPTER 7**, with its very interesting dream of different beasts, explains what we've already covered in Daniel 2, but with more detail. **IN DANIEL CHAPTER 2, GOD GAVE THE VISION OF MAN'S WORLD GOVERNMENTS TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR**, the great King of one of those governments (Babylon), as a beautiful image of gold and silver. Though the image was deteriorating from gold to clay, it still looked pretty good.

2. **HOWEVER WHEN HE GAVE A VISION OF MAN'S GOVERNMENTS TO HIS OWN PROPHET DANIEL**, who could be trusted with the way God looks at the governments of Man, He pictured them as cruel, ravenous, and horrible beasts!

3. THE VISION DEALS WITH 4 GREAT BEASTS WHICH RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA, the fourth beast having 10 horns. These 4 great beasts, plus the 10 horns, are identically parallel to the 5 great empires envisioned in the image of Daniel chapter 2.

4. **THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THE VISION IS ON ADDITIONAL REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE LAST WORLD EMPIRE**, and gives us a brand new piece of the puzzle of the Endtime by introducing the madman dictator of this last regime of Man, known today as "the Antichrist." (**The vision is covered in verses 1-14, and interpretation in verses 15-28.**) As we did in Daniel 2, we will first give the vision and follow each part immediately with its interpretation and explanation.

FIRST BEAST

5. **THE VISION BEGINS IN DANIEL 7 VERSE 2:** "I (Daniel) saw... four winds of the heaven (which) strove upon the great sea." (**Dan.7:3**) "And four beasts came up from the sea diverse one from another." (**Dan.7:4**) "The first was like a lion, and had eagles wings... the wings were plucked... and a man's heart was given to it."

6. **INTERPRETATION: (Dan.7:17)** "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth," In **verse 23** it says, "The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom". These verses show that a beast here is symbolic of a king and/or kingdom.

7. **THE SEA IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MASSES OR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.** As in **Rev.17:15** -- "The waters which thou sawest... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations and tongues."

8. THE 4 WINDS, as in **Zachariah 6:5**, "ARE THE FOUR SPIRITS OF THE HEAVENS," Spiritual forces that God uses to manipulate the physical world to do His will. "For the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will." --**Dan.4:25**

9. This first beast, or kingdom, to arise in Daniel's vision is a lion. THIS IS THE SAME AS THE HEAD OF GOLD IN THE DANIEL 2 IMAGE AND IT REPRESENTS BABYLON. Its wings being plucked represent Nebuchadnezzar's abasement as a beast for 7 years (**Dan.4:29-33**), and "a man's heart...given to it" represents his subsequent salvation. (**Dan.4:34-3**) As it says in **Ezekiel.36:26** "A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit, ...and I will take away the stony heart and I will give you an heart of flesh."

SECOND BEAST

10. **VISION, Dan.7:5** : "And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it..."

11. **INTERPRETATION:** In this vision, as much as in Daniel 2, the vision finds its fulfillment in world history, which is really all we need for the first 4 beasts. Since we know from history that the kingdom following Babylon was Medo-Persia, we know that the bear represents Medo-Persia. Simple!

BUT, Medo-Persia IS NAMED however, in a later chapter, (the "Meme, Mene, Handwriting-on-the-Wall" vision of **Daniel Chapter 5**,) as being the kingdom that conquered Babylon.

12. NOTICE THAT THE BEAR IS A LITTLE HIGHER ON ONE SIDE THAN THE OTHER

because the Persians were a little more powerful than the Medes. The Medes conquered Babylon, but it was Cyrus, the Persian king, who actually ruled. This symbolism is also borne out in the vision of **Daniel 8** which pictures "a ram which had two horns... but one was higher than the other." (Dan.8:3) It then says, "The ram... having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia." --**Dan.8:20**

13. THE 3 RIBS THE BEAR DEVoured WERE THE 3 NATIONS WHICH WERE CONQUERED BY THE MEDO-PERSIANS, each of which had been World Empires that had also ruled over God's People, Israel. The primary nations were, of course, Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon.

14. VISION, Dan.7:6 : "After this I beheld... another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads..."

15. INTERPRETATION: The leopard with 4 wings represents the kingdom that followed Medo-Persia, --Alexander the Great and the Grecian Empire, which swiftly conquered the civilized world in only 10 years. (*And it is worth noting here that, in ancient times, the name "leopard" was originally given to the cat now called the Cheeta, the world's fastest animal.*) This beast had 4 heads because after Alexander's death his kingdom was divided into 4 parts amongst his 4 generals. These 4 kingdoms were basically Egypt, Assyria, Macedonia (Greece), and Parthia (Turkey). --**Dan.8:21,22**. This division is very important to the understanding of the near future, as you will see later in our studies.

FOURTH BEAST & TEN HORNS

16. VISION, verse 7: "I saw... a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly: and it had great IRON teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, (the whole earth v. 23) and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns."

17. INTERPRETATION: This beast with the "great IRON teeth" corresponds to the legs of IRON in the Daniel 2 image and is, of course, Rome. This great and terrible beast of force and power "devoured and brake in pieces" all the known, civilised world of its day. And yet so magnificent was the Roman concept of law, so noble their ideas and ideals, so learned their language and literature, that they were to influence all cultures and civilizations to come. *Even today, the official language of Law, Medicine, and the Sciences is still Latin!* This truly diverse beast literally "stamped the residue" of civilizations with the imprint of its culture!

18. THE 10 HORNS ARE THE FINAL 10 KINGDOMS which evolve out of, or from the breakup of the Roman Empire, and are just the same as the 10 toes of the image in Daniel 2.

ELEVENTH HORN

19. VISION, verse 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." Daniel now begins to question the angelic messenger who brought him this revelation.

20. IN VERSES 19 AND 20, DANIEL QUESTIONS: "I (Daniel) would know the truth of the fourth beast... 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."

21. THE ANGEL REPLIES, in verses 23 to 25: "The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth... and the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise... and another shall rise after them... and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High."

22. We've already seen that the fourth beast was Rome. THESE 10 HORNS THAT COME "OUT OF" THAT BEAST ARE A LITERAL REVIVALS, OR CONTINUATIONS, OF THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE after the passage of some time. Here we are given a little more detail about the final 10 united nations of the Antichrist than was given in the 10 toes of the Daniel 2 image.

23. We are told here (v. 24) that ANOTHER, AN ELEVENTH HORN, RISES UP AMONGST THE 10 AND OVERTHROWS –OR GAINS COMPLETE CONTROLL OVER-- 3 OF THEM, thereby evidently gaining power over all of them.

26. The "eyes like a man" and "a mouth speaking great things" show that THE ULTIMATE FULFILMENT OF THIS LITTLE HORN WILL BE PERSONIFIED IN AN INDIVIDUAL--THE ANTICHRIST or "beast" as he is called in Revelation 13:3-7. "All the world wondered after the beast... And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies." (Rev.13:3,5) *It is also becoming more evident that the "eyes" might symbolize the "Surveillance Society" that has arisen in recent years. CCTV and internet tracking have given Governments, and soon the AntiChrist, the ability to "see" things that throughout history were hidden, or "secret", or private.*

27. IN THIS LAST CENTURY WE HAVE SEEN THE RISE OF AN OFFICIALLY ATHEISTIC WORLD POWER –COMMUNISM, --that does **not believe in anything spiritual** and that believes, according to its own doctrine, in the wiping out of all "superstitious" ideology which is contrary to "scientific" Marxist doctrine--in other words, "speaking great words against the most High." *But SPEAKING means nothing if there is no one LISTENING! And today, the Listeners, his audience, are being prepared and conditioned DAILY by an enormous flood of "great things and blasphemies" poured out now by the Media every minute of the day! The "great things" are the false prophecies and predictions of the wonders and "correctness" that we will find in this new, Advanced World/Society that Man will build for himself (like, The New World Order, etc.) The blasphemies are the same as always,--"There is no God", and then they throw blame and hate-speech at Him and His followers for every bad thing that happens, whatever has happened.*

Editor's note: The extremely vile and vulgar side of blasphemy is also becoming more visible through the Arts and the Media. We will not show examples.

"Great things and Blasphemies." By the time the Antichrist shows up, the majority of the World will be ready to receive his words.--And his mark! (Rev.13)

28. IN VERSES 21 AND 22, DANIEL SAYS: "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days came... and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

29. **IN VERSE 25, THE ANGEL REPLIES:** The little horn "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."

Editor's note: (A time= 1year, and times=2 years, and the dividing of time=1/2 = 3 1/2 years.)

Verse 26: "But judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end."

30. Here we see that THE ANTICHRIST WILL MAKE WAR AND OVERCOME, OR "PREVAIL AGAINST," THE SAINTS--UNTIL THE ANCIENT OF DAYS COMES. This shows us that the Coming of Christ is **after** the Antichrist reign.

31. **As it says in 2Thessalonians 2:1-8, --"THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST... SHALL NOT COME EXCEPT THERE COME A GREAT FALLING AWAY FIRST** (from Christianity), and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition ("perdition" here in the Greek means "devil"--the son of the Devil--the Antichrist)... Whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His Coming."

32. **AND WHEN HE COMES "EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM"** (Rev.1:7), and "all the tribes of the earth... shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Mat.24:30) **WHEN?** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days" (Mat.24:30)--those days of anti-Christ GREAT TRIBULATION. (Mat.24:21) *It is worth stressing the fact that these words were not spoken by a Prophet but by Jesus Himself, and is the definitive statement that refutes the modern false doctrine of "The Pre-Tribulation Rapture", that says that the Church will be taken up to Heaven BEFORE the Great Tribulation. And therefore there is no urgency to prepare.*

33. **THIS "LITTLE HORN" WILL TRY TO CHANGE EVERYTHING AND MAKE IT ROUGH ON GOD'S TRUE CHURCH!** For "a time, times and dividing of time. We know that this is 3 1/2 years, from the frequent references in the Bible where it is given as months: "42 months" (Rev.11:2; 13:5); days: "1260 days" (Rev.11:3; 12:6); and "time, times, and half a time" (Rev.12:14, also Dan.12:7).

34. **WE BELIEVE THE REASON FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR THE ANTICHRIST REIGN OF TERROR BEING MADE SO EXACTLY CLEAR IS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GOD'S CHILDREN** who will be there. We will know that it's got a very definite, set, limited time, which will be quite a help, because his reign is going to be a time of great persecution, of "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (**Mt.24:21**)

35. **IT'S ONLY GOING TO LAST SO LONG AND THEN IT WILL BE OVER** and we won't have anything to worry about after that. Praise God! You have something wonderful to look forward to, even if some of us have to die as martyrs, when you think about what's to follow. For after this little horn and the united nations of this little horn, we have the throne scene and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, covered in **verses 9-14,21-22,26-27.**

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

36. **In the VISION in verses 9 & 10:** "I beheld till the thrones were cast down and the Ancient of Days did sit... thousand thousands ministered unto Him... the judgment was set and the books were opened." **Verse 11:** "I beheld even till the beast was slain and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame."

37. **INTERPRETATION:** Here we have all the thrones (kingdoms) of man cast down and God sitting in judgment until the beast which bears the little horn is destroyed and given to the burning flame. (See also **2Thess.2:8.**)

38. **2Thess.1:7,8** For "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven... in flaming fire taking vengeance upon them that know not God." "For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." **Isa.66:16**

39. **Back to the VISION, in verse 12:** "Concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time."

40. **INTERPRETATION:** These men's powers were taken away, but their lives prolonged in order for us to have someone to rule over when we rule with Christ for a thousand years on earth (**Rev.5:10 and 20:4**). Their lives prolonged for a "season and a time" may be the "time at the end of the thousand years when Satan, who has been bound for this period, will be loosed for a "little season" to again deceive the same ungodly people, who will then be destroyed by God. (See **Rev.20:7-15.**) *Mankind will have had a thousand years of the righteous, direct, VISIBLE rule of Christ, yet when the Devil is loosed for a little season, Man will have one last chance to show where their allegiance lies. Some, perhaps many, will choose "the camp of the Saints" (**Rev.20**); but the majority will again choose to follow Satan. Their judgement will be deserved and final.*

41. **In the VISION, verse 13:** "I saw... 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."

42. **INTERPRETATION:** This is an interesting point for the Jews. **We have Two distinct individual personalities:** the Son of man, who could only be Jesus Christ and the **Ancient of Days, God the Father**.

43. **VISION, in verse 14 it says:** "And there was given Him (the Son of man, Jesus) a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him: and His kingdom... shall not be destroyed."

44. **INTERPRETATION:** The Antichrist is going to persecute God's children and prevail against them until it looks like he's won, but "the judgment shall sit and they (God's children) shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it unto the end. 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." (**Dan.7:26, 27**)

45. THE PEOPLE OF THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH ARE A SPECIAL, ELITE CLASS OF OVERCOMERS, the total conquerors. Not all the saints are going to get credit for it, because some failed to do the job. The vast majority of the body of believers have never entered in fully--have never possessed the Kingdom, but have often run away in fear of embarrassment, or have sat down in slothfulness, and have almost died spiritually in the dry and desolate spiritual wilderness!
But this is not talking about our Salvation, which is eternal and sure, but about our Rewards, which are directly dependent on our works. If we don't do the works, we don't get the rewards. None of us will get rewards for something we should have done but didn't do. We see and hear of people whom receive salvation and become new creatures abounding in love and good works, some even dying as martyrs. And we also see people who receive Salvation but continue to live a self-centered life. When we get to Heaven, we will ALL have the same Salvation, but the rewards will be given very specifically to each individual according to their deeds of love and sacrifice, and service. (So start sending those good works up now! Every loving deed is noted in The Book!)

46. "But we (who overcome) shall rule and reign with Him, with a rod of iron! (**Rev.2:26,27**) On such the second death (spiritual death) hath no power! But we shall be as priests of God and of Christ (**Rev.5:10**) and shall reign with Him a thousand years!" (**Rev.20:4**)

47. ARE YOU READY FOR THESE GREAT DAYS AHEAD? Are you one of God's *Overcomers* who will be helped to be His true witness during these times of great trouble? God help us today, to start living our lives each day in loving service to others, until THE DAY that Jesus returns for us! And may our loving works for Him and others find us worthy to be one of those who shall rule the Earth and reign with Jesus in His Kingdom!

48. THE CHOICES ARE UP TO EACH ONE OF US! --HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!