

Series: Daniel – Life for Eternity

Text: Daniel 7

**Main Idea:** While earthly kings rage, the true King reigns.

Title/Hook: Behind The Scenes

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Purpose: To encourage God's people that although beastly rulers oppose God and oppress His people, King Jesus reigns now and will one day come back to destroy all evil rulers and bring us into His eternal Kingdom.

FCF/COR: Saints oppressed by evil rulers and kings. Why are some saints and some not? What makes the saints worthy of the kingdom?

Christ Trajectory: Who is the son of man? Matthew 26:64, Luke 18:31-33, Rev. 11:15

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): What Daniel saw in his dream and visions.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): There will be kings and rulers who rise up and oppress God's people but they will be judged by the Ancient of Days. Dominion, glory, and a kingdom will be given to one like a son of man, and the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever.

Exegetical Main Idea: Daniel saw in his dream and visions that there will be kings and rulers who rise up and oppress God's people, but they will be judged by the Ancient of Days. Dominion, glory, and a kingdom will be given to one like a son of man, and the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever.

Theological Main Idea: The Ancient of Days will give a son of man dominion, glory, and a kingdom, and the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever.

Homiletical Main Idea: Earthly kings rage for now, but the true King reigns forever.

Outline:

### **3 Things To Remember About Apocalyptic Parts of the Bible:**

- 1. It is revelation of God's ultimate plan for the world**
- 2. It is full of wild and mysterious imagery and symbolism**
- 3. It is meant to encourage and give hope, not to cause speculative panic**

**Quote – Wendy Widder** – “The symbolism in the vision is meaningful, but determining the exact meaning and significance of every element is impossible and even unnecessary. Some of the symbolic meaning has likely been irretrievably lost to us. Further, much of the impact of apocalyptic literature is its overall impression, not comprehensive exegesis of every detail.”

**Read vv. 1-8**

- 1. A vision of beasts and an angel's interpretation (vv. 1-8, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25, 28)**

**Read v. 15.**

**Read vv. 16-17**

**Read vv. 19-21**

**Read vv. 23-25**

**Read v. 28**

*All throughout the history of God's people, including in Daniel's day, our day, and in the future, ungodly kings and kingdoms will rise up, violently oppress and take over other peoples and nations, and arrogantly oppose God and persecute His people.*

**Main Idea:** Earthly kings rage...

**Psalm 2:1-2** – 1 Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed

## **2. A vision of heaven and a son's coronation (vv. 9-14, 18, 22, 26-27)**

**Read vv. 9-12**

**Read vv. 13-14**

**Mark 14:61-64** - Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy.

**Luke 18:31-33** - <sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise."

**Luke 19:10** - <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**Mark 10:45** - <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Hebrews 10:12-13** - <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

**Read vv. 18, 22, 26-27**

**Quote – David Helm** – “The interpretation of the visions boils down to this: while ungodly and arrogant kings will continue to succeed one another on the world’s stage, don’t be anxious and alarmed. God will see to it that his people will receive his everlasting kingdom.”

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**2 Thess. 2:8** - And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

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