

Daniel 7 –24 July 2025

“‘Wile’ The World Waits”

Introduction

*Book’s Outline: 2 halves (historical chronology chap 1-6 & more detailed prophetic visions in chap 7-12)

*1st half foreshadows the overall End Times Timeline & the 2nd half digs deeper into the specifics

*Dan 7 is similar to Nebu statue dream from chap 2 although this time it’s all seen in a dream by Daniel

*It intends to view all the world’s kingdoms culminating in the return of Christ & His kingdom

*Chap 7 gives much more detail about this final kingdom’s leader, the Anti-Christ, than chap 2 gave

Today, we’ll get a proper understanding of the world, the wait (for the return of Christ) & the wiles (or tricks of the devil)

#1 – The World: Is this world getting better or worse? (Vs 1-8)

Read Vs 1

1. These events happen between chapters 4 & 5

Read Vs 2-3

1. Four *great* beasts in the sense of really large
2. Vs 17 says these beasts are kings & kingdoms
 - a. Nebuchadrezzar dreamed these world-ruling empires were a wonderful statue
 - b. But now Daniel has a dream of the same thing, but he sees them as hideous beasts
 - c. The Godly always sees the world different than the ungodly see it (Read II Cor 4:3-4)
3. ‘*4 winds of heaven stirred up the Great Sea*’
 - a. Great Sea is the Mediterranean but it’s symbolic of all the nations of the world
 - b. We see Anti-Christ coming from the nations, symbolically coming out of the sea (Rev 13:1)

- c. Interpretation is in (Read) Rev 17:15
- 4. 4 winds always represent power & judgement
 - a. May be divine power from God
 - b. May be demonic power to judge that God allows

Read Vs 4

- 1. Just as Dan 2 said, “Nebu, you are the head of gold”, this lion is an obvious symbol of Babylon
- 2. The pride of the wings yet Nebu was humbled to the proper level of a man

Read Vs 5

- 1. Medo-Persian kingdom seen as a massive but slow bear
 - a. Alexander the Greek later is smart enough to lure them into narrow mt pass to defeat them
- 2. Raised on one side b/c the Persian were more & greater than the Medes
- 3. Three ribs are a mystery but probably represents their three great conquests of Lydia (east), Babylon (central) and finally Egypt (west)

Read Vs 6

1. Leopard w/ wings is Greek Kingdom
 - a. Certainly represents swiftness, but also watchfulness & smarts (ie Jer 5:6 & Hos 13:7)
2. Greeks had 4 “heads” or kings that ruled
 - a. Alexander conquered world w/ his father’s, King Philip of Macedon’s, power & riches
 - b. He died at 33 & left it to his 4 generals
3. Much more of Alexander & Greeks in Dan 8

Read Vs 7-8

1. 4th beast is Rome w/ 10 horns coming from it
2. 11th little horn comes up & destroys 3 horns (kings)
3. (Read) Rev 13:2 describes Anti-Christ w/ all the characteristics of the previous kingdoms
4. (Read) Rev 13:6 shows this same blasphemous mouth
5. We’ll get the full interpretation in vss 19-26
6. Full view of A/C would be Matt 24, II Thes 2, Rev 13, 17 & 19, Dan 7-12 & Zec 11

#2 – The Wait: Why does God delay judgement? B/c He doesn't care or He's awaiting maturity? (Vs 9-14)

Read Vs 9-10

1. Daniel saw the image of God's throne room
 - a. The Ancient One surrounded by worship
 - b. Ezekiel (Chap 1) & Isaiah (Chap 6) also saw
 - c. But this is also seen as Jesus in Rev 1
2. After all the world kingdoms, God sits to judge
 - a. Read Rev 20:11-12 – All deeds are in God's books

Read Vs 11-12

1. The people of the previous kingdoms lived thru to the next kingdom
 - a. But this Revived Roman Empire, led by the little horn man, is destroyed into Lake of Fire

Read Vs 13-14

1. The detailed version of this glorious seen is in Rev 5 in which Jesus as a Lamb that was slain, & received the title deed to the Universe

2. The dominion of earth is transferred from human rulers to the *Son of Man*

a. Son of Man was a favorite title for Jesus to call Himself using it more than 80 times

But why do God wait until the very end to judge?

1. Turn to Matt 13:24-30 – no damaged wheat

#3 – The Wiles: How does the enemy attack? Is it primarily with lust or lies? (Vs 15-28)

Read Vs 15-18

1. 4 Beasts are for kings but also 4 kingdoms

Read Vs 19-22

1. The horn or the Anti-Christ arises from the Revived Roman Kingdom

a. He has much oversight of the world (eyes)

b. He speaks great proud words & is more prominent than all the other kings

2. Anti-Christ overcomes the saints

- a. But Jesus said (Matt 16:18) that the gates of hell won't prevail against the church
- b. This must be after the Church Age & during the 7-year Tribulation
3. This period is instantly followed by God's Kingdom

Read Vs 23-26

1. These 10 horns or kings will give their power to the Anti-Christ (Read Rev 17:12-13)
2. A/C will *wear out or wear down* the saints
 - a. This can only be in mental sense
3. We will be mentally attacked
 - a. Read II Cor 4:4, I Tim 4:1, & Heb 12:3
 - b. II Pet 2 talks of deceivers that beguile, & entice unstable souls into lusts (ie Jam 1:14)
4. What's the solution to mental attack – renew our mind
 - a. Read Lam 3:19-22, Rom 7:25 & 12:2, Eph 4:22-24

Read Vs 27-28

1. What an amazing combination of reign
 - a. It's God's Kingdom, yet the Kingdom is given to the saints, wow, what grace!

Conclusion

As we're learning of these things, remember "the best commentary to interpret the Bible is other parts of the Bible" – Use Scripture to understand Scripture

1. **Regarding the World; what is our position?**
Is it getting better or worse?
 - a. I John 2:17, 'The world is passing away & it's lusts, but he that does God's will abide forever'
2. **Regarding our Wait (for the Lord's return)? Is it b/c He doesn't care or He's awaiting maturity?**
 - a. He cares so much for us, He gives a full chance
3. **Regarding the Wiles (of the Anti-Christ)? Does he attack primarily w/ lust or lies?**
 - a. Spirit of A/C is already in the world wanting to attack your mind, be in the Word