

DANIEL

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THERE CAME ONE

LIKE A SON OF MAN

DANIEL 7:1-28



“The genre of Scripture that is characterized by mysterious symbols, bizarre dreams, and exotic visions (often given by angels) of blessing and judgment awaiting future fulfillment.

Common apocalyptic themes include the sequence of forthcoming events, divine sovereignty in the midst of chaos,

God’s providence to keep his faithful people, the intensification of the battle between good and evil, and the ultimate defeat of evil and the triumph of the kingdom of God.”

BIBLICAL APOCALYPTIC DEFINITION



DANIEL 7:9-18

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand...



DANIEL 7:9-18 (CONT)

...stood before him; the court sat in judgment, I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season...



DANIEL 7:9-18 (CONT)

...and a time. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting...



DANIEL 7:9-18 (CONT)

...dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.



DANIEL 7:9-18 (CONT)

“These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.”





A BRIEF EXPOSITION OF DANIEL 7



vv. 1-8: Daniel's visions of the four beasts

vv. 9-14: his vision of the throne room of the Most High God

vv. 15-28: the interpretation of the visions





DANIEL 7:13-14

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DANIEL 7:13–14 (CONT)

...which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.





IMPLICATIONS OF DANIEL 7



DANIEL 7:28

Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart.





IMPLICATION # 1

The people of God must never be naïve about the reality of evil.



IMPLICATION #2

The people of God must learn that the kingdom of God, currently inaugurated, but not fully consummated, is a kingdom that involves suffering.



IMPLICATION #3

The gaze of the people of God must be focused beyond the terrible events of history to gaze upon the throne of God.



IMPLICATION #4

That the great hope for the people of God does not lie in the centers of worldly power.



APPLICATION OF

DANIEL 7



REVELATION 20:10

...the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.



“The challenge of Daniel 7 for us is therefore not to work out the specific identity of the different beasts, in case ours should be the final hour. Rather, in the midst of this beastly world, our challenge is to live our lives with our eyes firmly fixed on the heavenly throne room. Instead of being terrified of the beast, we must daily live remembering the one who will deliver the final and decisive judgment.”

IAIN DUGUID





“On the contrary, Jesus felt the full measure of the fiery agonies of hell, distilled into six hours of exquisite agony. The debt for every sin that I ever committed or will commit was laid upon his shoulders, and he bore it all. The result of his sacrifice is that whatever now faces me in this life—whether death or life, angels or monsters, dictators or demons—nothing in all creation can separate me from the love of God in Jesus Christ. If God is my judge and the Son of Man is my savior, then let the world do its worst. The day is coming when the beasts will be all gone and only the saints remain.”

IAIN DUGUID



REVELATION 4:8

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”



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