

Daniel 7:10-28
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“Man’s View vs God’s View – Part II”

1. Last week we began looking at the 2nd dream and vision that Daniel had in relation to his first vision in Daniel chapter 2.
 - **And** while both relate to the same prophecy, this one comes with more details.
 - **And**, more importantly, a different view.
2. That is the vision in chapter 2 was “man’s viewpoint” of the future kingdoms...
 - **Whereas** here in chapter 7 we see “God’s viewpoint” of the future kingdoms of the world.
3. And as we noted while man’s viewpoint was beautiful with gold and silver.
 - **From** God’s perspective they take the appearance of “beasts.”
4. Where we left off last week, we had seen the final world kingdom in Daniel’s vision fall and the Ancient of Days take His seat.
 - **And** we begin today with Jesus taking His throne here on earth to begin His 1000-year reign as Lord and King of all the earth.

v.10 1. Notice first it says “a fiery stream issued” forth from the throne.

- **Probably, this is** the fiery stream that will burn away the “wood, hay, and stubble” of the believer and condemn the unbeliever as we stand before Him.

2. Notice also, it would appear there are two different groups there at His 2nd Coming.

- **Those** “ministering to Him” and those simply “standing before Him.”

3. Those simply standing before Him are probably the sheep and the goats from Matthew 25 who were still on the earth at His return.

- **And** “those ministering to Him” are probably all the saved who were at the wedding supper of the Lamb just before His 2nd coming back to the earth.

4. This “ministering” is probably praise, adoration, and a readiness to serve in any capacity.

- **And** that should be how we already are as believers.
- **Praising**, worshipping, and ready to serve in any capacity as needed.

5. Isn't it wonderful to know we can actually “minister” to the Lord when it is always HIM Who ministers to us!

- **What** a blessing!

6. And how do we do it?

- **By** worship and praise.

7. Notice next the “court;” The Lord’s judgment seat was put in place.

- **Which** makes for a wonderful and fearful scene.

8. Wonderful for those of us who know Him as our Savior.

- **Fearful** for those who don’t as they are about to be judged for eternity.

9. This is not the “final” judgement as that will not take place until the end of the 1000 years.

- **But** this judgement will determine who get to live on the earth for this 1000 years and who will be locked up in Hades until the final judgment.

10. Notice it says the “books” (plural) were opened.

- **It** would appear God has quite a library up there!
- **What** are these books?

11. The first and most important book is the Lamb’s Book of Life.

- **Why?**
- **It** determines who gets into heaven and who does not.

12. But Psalm 56:8 says there is another book for our tears.

- “**You** number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; *Are they not in Your book?*”

- **How** wonderful and sweet is that!

13. Now, although this is from the Psalms which is poetry, and He may not literally have our tears in a bottle....

- **The** idea is God sees and counts every tear.

- **But it** may indeed be one of His books in heaven!

14. Then in Malachi 3:16 it says there is a book written for all who fear His Name.

- “**Then** those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard *them*; So a **book of remembrance** was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.”

- **Which** means every time we speak favorably about Him, He writes it down like a Father recording the memories of His child.

15. But there are also very scary and fearful books in which God has recorded every sinful thing everyone has ever done. This book will be used to judge on the Day of Judgement.

- **And** if those sins have not been removed by a commitment to Jesus through His blood on the cross, the one to whom they are attributed will be eternally condemned by the things written.

v.11 1. It is interesting he “watched” because of the “sound” of the “pompous” words of the anti-Christ.

- **It** implies it was a loud and annoying arrogance that grabbed his attention.
- **Which** remember, tells you a lot about this guy.

2. He watched until he was judged and silent.

- **And** how wonderful it will be to see this loud-mouthed, arrogant blasphemer finally silenced and judged!

3. And notice his body was given to the “burning flame.”

- **The** Bible tells us in Revelation that he and the false prophet are the first two thrown into hell or the lake of fire.

4. There is a common misperception that when the unbeliever dies today, he goes straight to hell.

- **That** is not Biblically accurate.

5. The Bible say they go to a holding tank (like in a prison) until they stand before God the judge at a later date.

- **Which** means those who die today without Jesus go to a place called Hades, the is holding tank we see in Luke 16:19 with the rich man and Lazarus.
- **Then** when the final judgment day arrives (the Great White Throne Judgment), all those in Hades will be called up to stand before the Lord and be thrown into hell or the “lake of fire.”

6. Now here we see the anti-Christ being the first thrown into hell or the “lake of fire” with the false prophet (according to Revelation).

- **And** those two will be in there “alone” for the 1000-year reign of Jesus until the final judgement.

7. Which, as we said, is the “Great White Throne” Judgement.

- **And** at THAT point everyone not saved will also be thrown into hell.

v.12 1. Notice it says “as for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away” yet they continued on for a season and a time.

- **And** while I don’t know for certain what this means, I do know from other passages that while the other kingdoms have already passed away before this final Kingdom...

- **It** would appear there will be certain “elements” of the first three Kingdoms that can still be seen all the way until the very end.

2. Meaning while it's the Roman Empire that is revived, there will be elements of the first three still mingled in.

- **And** that's exactly what we see today.

v.13 1. Now this is an amazing scene as two members of the Trinity now stand side by side.

- **The** Father in Scripture is called the Ancient of Days in His form and Jesus is called the Son of Man in His.

- **Yet** according to Scripture both are still one!

2. And notice it calls Jesus the “Son of Man,” which was a title that Jesus most often called Himself while on the earth.

- **If** you remember, He told the High Priest, Caiphas, that he would see Him, the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of glory.

v.14 1. Now we see the final Kingdom to rule all kingdoms in place with Jesus at the head.

- **And** this kingdom will be in place and rule forever and ever.
- **And** how I can't wait until that day!

2. And if you are not ready, there is no better time than right now to take care of it.

- **Jesus** said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and whosoever opens to Me I will come in and sup with them and them with Me.”

3. Meaning the two will have fellowship.

- **And** this fellowship will be forever.

4. And if any of this is scary to you as a believer, let me remind you what John says about this time in **Revelation 17:17**.

- John, speaking about this final kingdom and the 10 horns, says,

“For **God** has put it into their hearts to fulfill **His** purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”