

DANIEL

FAITH UNDER FIRE

DANIEL 7:15-28

“Thy Kingdom Come - Part 2”



"As a Christian I have no duty to allow myself to be cheated, but I have the duty to be a fighter for truth and justice."

"I believe that today my conduct is in accordance with the will of the almighty Creator."

"Mankind has grown strong in eternal struggles, and will only perish through eternal peace."

"For the first time our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead."



"All sorts of people who have met Hitler are convinced that he is a factor for peace. He does not seek war, but friendship."

"Hitler is the greatest living German."

And then one year later he said, "I only wish we had a man of his supreme quality at the head of affairs in our country today."

-Lloyd George

"He is moral and ethical and makes a clear stand for religion."

The Statue in the Book of Daniel

The Kingdoms and King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (Daniel 2)

HEAD (FINE GOLD)

The golden head of the statue represents the kingdom of Babylon, which God gave King Nebuchadnezzar to rule. (Daniel 2:37, 46)

CHEST AND ARMS (SILVER)

The silver chest and arms of the statue represent the kingdoms of Media and Persia, which is the second power that would rise after Babylon falls. (Daniel 2:36, Daniel 7:6)

BELLY AND THIGHS (BRONZE)

The bronze belly and thighs of the statue represent the kingdom of Greece. The four kingdoms would rule over the whole earth. (Daniel 2:38)

LEGS (IRON)

The fourth kingdom would be strong as iron and would break, crush and devour things.

FEET (IRON AND CLAY)

The fourth kingdom would be a divided kingdom, divided from the others, both strong and weak. The kingdom would have a mixture of people who are not united. (Daniel 2:41-43, 7:17)

STONE Cut from a Mountain

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, a stone was cut out, not by human hands, and struck the statue on its feet and broke it to pieces. Then it became a great mountain that filled the whole earth. This symbolizes Jesus Christ, who will destroy the kingdom of this world and will never be destroyed. (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45)

DANIEL'S VISION (Daniel 7)

LION

With Wings of an Eagle

In Scripture, Nebuchadnezzar is compared to both the lion (Jeremiah 4:7, 9:9-10) and the eagle (Isaiah 17:1, 21:17). Images of lions with eagle's wings were popular in Babylonian architecture and currency. (Daniel 7:4)

BEAR

With Three Ribs on Its Mouth

The bear was raised on one side, which may illustrate the dominance of Persia over Media. The three ribs in its mouth may illustrate the three main empires Persia conquered. The bear is sometimes depicted with four feet, which may be a reference to Persia's military expansion throughout the ancient world. (Daniel 7:5) Persia is also symbolized by a lion. (Daniel 6)

LEOPARD

With Four Wings and Four Heads

The leopard represents the kingdom of Greece. The wings might illustrate the speed of Alexander the Great's conquest. The four heads might represent the division of Alexander's kingdom into four kingdoms after Alexander's death. (Daniel 7:6) Greece is also symbolized by a goat. (Daniel 8)

BEAST

With Iron Teeth and Ten Horns

The terrifying beast is also a reference to a major kingdom. Many scholars suggest this to be the Roman empire. The beast's ten horns are ten kings that would rise from this kingdom. Also there, according to the Bible, would rise, speak against God, and persecute God's people. Yet during the reign of the king among them would set up his everlasting kingdom. (Daniel 7:7, 8)

SON OF MAN (Jesus Christ)

In vision of night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and came up into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. —Daniel 7:13, 14, 27

THE KINGDOMS (Daniel 2, 7, and 8)

BABYLONIA

605 BC – 539 BC

King Nebuchadnezzar to Belshazzar

MEDO-PERSIA

539 BC – 332 BC

King Cyrus to King Darius III

GREECE

332 BC – 63 BC

Alexander the Great and the Four Divisions

A DIVIDED KINGDOM

Many scholars believe this kingdom to be Rome. Rome conquered Jerusalem in 70 AD and was still in power at the time of Jesus. (Luke 21:24)

THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF GOD

600 BC

500 BC

400 BC

300 BC

200 BC

100 BC

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100 AD

200 AD

300 AD

400 AD

500 AD

600 AD

Daniel 2



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Head of Gold

Babylon

Breast and arms of Silver

Medo-Persia

Belly and thighs of Brass

Greece

Legs of Iron

Rome

Feet and Toes of Iron/Clay

Post-Rome

A lion with Eagle's Wings

Babylon

A bear with 3 ribs in its mouth

Medo-Persia

Daniel 7

A leopard with 4 wings on its back

Greece

A beast with iron teeth

Rome

1st Beast - Daniel 7:4



2nd Beast - Daniel 7:5



3rd Beast - Daniel 7:6



4th Beast - Daniel 7:7





Daniel 7:7

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns.

Revelation 13:1

Then I stood on the sand of the sea.
And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Revelation 13:2

Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

Daniel 7:8

I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Daniel 7:9

I watched till thrones were put in place,
and the Ancient of Days was seated; His
garment was white as snow, and the hair
of His head was like pure wool. His throne
was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;

Daniel 7:10

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

Isaiah 66:15-16

For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Revelation 5:-11-12

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing."

Daniel 7:11

I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

Daniel 7:12

As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

Daniel 7:13

I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven, He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Daniel 7:14

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

Revelation 19:19-20:5

Daniel 7:15

I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Daniel 7:16

16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

Daniel 7:17-18

17 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

Daniel 7:19

Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

Daniel 7:20

20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

Daniel 7:21-22

21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Daniel 7:23

23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.'

Daniel 7:24

24 The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

Daniel 7:25

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

Revelation 13:5

And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Revelation 13:6

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

Revelation 13:7

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Matthew 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Romans 1:28

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Romans 1:29

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

Romans 1:30-31

**30 backbiters, haters of God, violent,
proud, boasters, inventors of evil
things, disobedient to parents, 31
undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving,
unforgiving, unmerciful;**

Romans 1:32

32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Daniel 7:26

26 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.

Daniel 7:27

27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Daniel 7:28

28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

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