

END TIMES – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

THE COMING KINGDOM OF EVIL

TEXT: Daniel 2, 7, 9

INTRODUCTION: In 605 B.C. Daniel was brought as a captive to _____. Nebuchadnezzar made him chief of the wise men, but God made Him a prophet. God showed Daniel the rise and fall of significant empires in the history of man, including the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Evil, the kingdom of the _____. Three visions in the Book of Daniel warn of things to come.

I. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF THE STATUE (DAN. 2)

Daniel 2:31–45 NKJV 31 “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. 32 This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

36 “This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. 37 You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; 38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold. 39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. 41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain

without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

STATUE	INTERPRETATION	HISTORICAL MEANING
Head of _____	Kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar	Babylon
Chest of silver	Inferior kingdom to follow	_____
Midsection of bronze	Third kingdom to rule the earth	Greece
Legs of iron	Strong fourth kingdom that crushes; eventually divided	_____
Feet of iron mixed with _____	Another kingdom arising out of the fourth, a mixture of strength and weakness	The future Revived Roman Empire, the Kingdom of Evil



DREAM	INTERPRETATION	PROPHETIC MEANING
A stone, not cut by _____ hands, and struck the image on its feet, broke them into pieces and caused the entire statue to fall and crumble to dust.	God will set up a kingdom which will destroy the fifth kingdom and all the kingdoms of men.	This is the Kingdom of _____ that shall utterly destroy the Kingdom of Evil and all other kingdoms of men.
The stone grew into a _____ that covered the entire earth.	This kingdom will last forever.	This Kingdom shall cover the earth and will endure forever and forever.

II. DANIEL'S VISION OF THE FOUR BEASTS (DAN. 7)

After Daniel shared God's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream with the king, King Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel (Babylonian name, Belteshazzar) the chief of the _____ of Babylonia and put him in charge of the capital province of Babylon. Daniel asked that his three faithful friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Babylonian names, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego) be made his governmental assistants. The request was quickly granted, and Daniel and his friends ministered faithfully in this foreign kingdom for the rest of their lives.

Approximately ____ years after God gave Daniel the interpretation of the king's dream, God gave Daniel one of his own. It was an awesome and disturbing dream, but one that ended well. As a part of his dream, Daniel inquired as to the meaning of this vision, and he was given the interpretation as well.

This dream also was a vision of the future, and it fits hand in glove with the vision God had given Nebuchadnezzar, only greater detail is added.

Daniel 7:1–28 NKJV 1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' 6 "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. 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. 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.

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; 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. 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. 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.

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. 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.

15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 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: 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.' 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; 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.

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.

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.

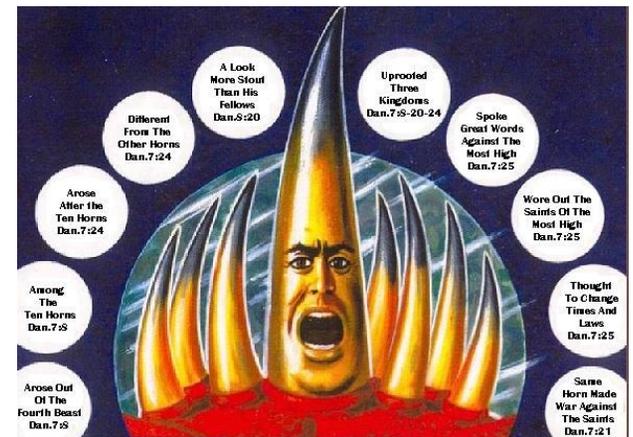
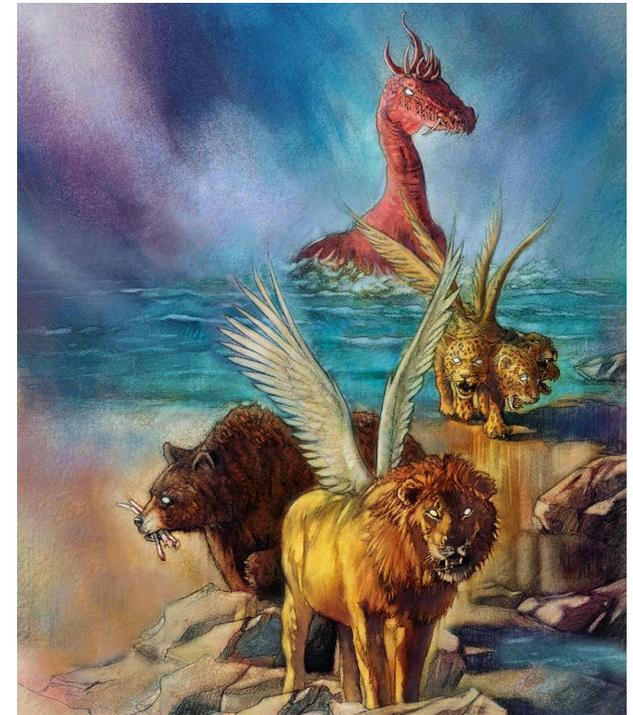
24 The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. 25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

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

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.'

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."

BEAST	INTERPRETATION	HISTORICAL MEANING
Lion with eagle's wings	King One	_____, especially King Nebuchadnezzar who as the lion is king of the beasts was a worldly king of kings. His wings were plucked due to pride; but then restored when he humbled himself before God.
Bear with three ribs in mouth	King Two	Medo-_____ which devoured Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt. Persia was the strong side.
Leopard with four wings and heads	King Three	_____, agile and swift like a leopard under Alexander the Great. The four heads picture the four kingdoms which arose after his death: Thrace, Macedonia, Syria, and Egypt.
Dreadful beast	King Four	Roman Empire
... with ten horns	Ten kings arising from the fourth kingdom	Revived Roman Empire in a _____ nation confederation
Three horns plucked up	Three kings removed from power by a new king	Three leaders of the ten nation confederacy are removed and _____ by a new leader.
A little horn with eyes speaking pompous words	A king who takes over the ten nation confederation, makes war on the saints, attempts to change God's appointed plan for history and His laws, but is eventually cast into the flames	The _____ of Rev. 13 who leads a one world government during the tribulation. He is called the beast out of the sea in Revelation, and he will be the first person to ever be cast into the Lake of Fire.



III. THE TIME TABLE OF THE PROPHECY OF SEVENTY SEVENS (70 WEEKS) (DAN. 9:24-27)

Daniel 9:24–27 NKJV 24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 “Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

PROPHECY	MEANING
____ weeks (sevens) are determined for your people and your holy city	God's plan for the _____ and Jerusalem will be accomplished over a period of 70 "7s" (490 years).
To finish transgression, end sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, bring in righteousness, seal prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy.	In this period of time God will bring about an end to sin and a way for reconciliation with God by means of the _____.
From the command to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah will be 7 "7s" and 62 "7s"	From command of Neh. 2 by King Artaxerxes until Jesus entered Jerusalem on _____ was 483 years. (7 x 7 = 49) (62 x 7 = 434) 49 + 434 = 483
the street and wall shall be built again	Jerusalem was rebuilt under the ministry of _____.
After 62 "7s" (69 total) Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself	Jesus died on the cross for our sin a few days after entering Jerusalem.
the people of the "prince to come" shall destroy Jerusalem and the temple	The _____ destroyed the temple and Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
the "prince" will enter a covenant with Israel	The _____, leader of the revived Roman Confederation, will enter a _____ (treaty) with Israel.
in the middle of the last "7" he will commit the abomination of desolations	Antichrist will _____ the treaty at the midpoint of the _____, will proclaim himself to be "god" and will mandate worship of an image of himself.
until the consummation	This state continues until the Lord returns at _____ to establish His victorious kingdom.

CONCLUSION: Note the ultimate fall of the Kingdom of Evil and the victory of the Eternal Kingdom of Christ!

Daniel's Seventy "7s"

