

**Prayer:**

**Slide # 1**

**Theme: God is Sovereign over History**

**Outline:**

- A. The personal history of the prophet Daniel – chapter 1
- B. The prophetic history of the Gentiles – chapters 2-7**
- C. The prophetic history of Israel – chapters 8-12

Only God knows about the beginning – only He was there. He is the Alpha. Only God knows about the end, as only He is sovereign and omniscient. He is the Omega. Faith takes God at His Word and rests on the bare Word of God for the otherwise unknowable past and for the otherwise unknowable future.

Only the God of the Bible is able to truly speak to us in prophetic terms. Only the Bible is truly prophetic in nature. In the book of Daniel, God gives us a prophetic panoramic overview of history from the time of Babylon until the Second Coming of Christ. This Period of Time is called by Christ “**The Times of the Gentiles**” (Lk. 21:24). During this prolonged period of time, the Jews and their capital city (Jerusalem) would be trampled down by the Gentiles.

This extended period of time is so significant that God not only revealed it in Daniel 2 but He then repeated it again in Daniel 7 where He gives more details. When God repeats something it is for emphasis because He wants to drive the point home.

In Genesis, Pharaoh had two distinct and yet similar dreams – one about seven cows and one about seven ears of grain.

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**Genesis 41:25 (NKJV)**

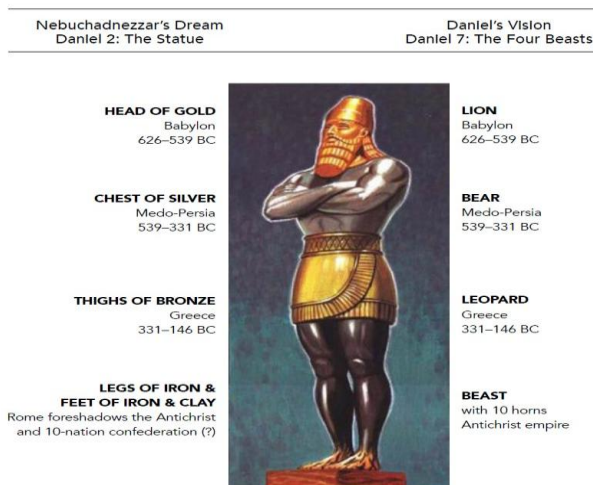
**25** Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

### Genesis 41:32 (NKJV)

**32** And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

Once the Bible lays down a principle, further revelation then builds on that established principle. The principle is that when God repeats something, it is for emphasis, showing the CERTAINTY of the thing being revealed.

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Daniel 2 and 7 are like bookends regarding the overarching message God has for the world during the times of the Gentiles – emphasizing that He is absolutely sovereign over world history. That is the main message!

Written as a parallel these two chapters are similar and yet distinct. They deal with essentially the same subject matter but come at it from differing perspectives. Daniel 2 presents the history from the man's viewpoint where world history is presented as an impressive colossal statue in the image of a man. Daniel 7 presents history from the viewpoint of God where world history is dominated by world powers that are represented as BEASTS who are predators against God's people.

The first six chapters in Daniel are largely historical in nature, while the remaining six are largely prophetic.

Daniel 7 is one of the most important chapters in the whole OT. Located at the center of the book of Daniel, it is an essential guide to biblical prophecy. Moreover, the vision of the Son of Man is the centerpiece of OT revelation concerning the Messiah.

– ***The Moody Bible Commentary***

**Slide # 4*****Daniel 7:1-14 – Daniel’s Dream***

- vv. 1-8 The Four Beasts
- vv. 9-12 The Ancient of Days
- vv. 13-14 The Son of Man

**Daniel 7:1 14 (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.**

**Nabonidus** came to rule over Babylon in 556 BC. Various accounts indicate that about 3 years later, in 553 BC, his son Belshazzar was made co-regent with him. Thus, this dream took place between the events of Daniel 4 and Daniel 5. Daniel, at this time, is thought to have been about 67 years old.

While on his bed on night Daniel had this dream with various successive scenes (or visions). He then wrote down the main points of what he saw.

This is the first time God has directly revealed something to Daniel. Up to this point in the book, Daniel has always interpreted God’s revelation to others.

**2 Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.**

The four winds of heaven are thought to represent the forces shaping world history, which are sovereignly controlled by God. The Great Sea in the OT consistently is used to refer to the Mediterranean Sea (cf. Num. 34:6-7; Josh. 1:4; 9:1; 15:11, 12, 47; 23:4; Ezek. 47:10-15, 19, 20; 48:28).

**Slide # 5****Numbers 34:6 (NKJV)**

**6** ‘As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this shall be your western border.

Ordinary Hebrew usage would lead us to identify this as the Mediterranean Sea. – **Charles Feinberg**

The Great Sea here is pictured as being in a state of agitation and turmoil. It is a stormy time related to the Mediterranean world. During the times of the Gentiles, the Mediterranean world is all churned up with the Jewish people right in the middle of it.

### **3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.**

FOUR great beasts came up from the sea. They were all “beastly” in nature, and yet different from each other. They each arrived on the scene through the convulsion of turmoil in association with the Mediterranean Sea. These FOUR great beasts are shown to be the four successive world powers of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

All FOUR of these arose from chaotic conditions related to the Mediterranean basin.

#### **Slide #6** Babylon



#### **Slide # 7** – Medo-Persia



## Slide # 8 – Greece



## Slide # 9 – Rome



**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.**

The kingdom of Babylon was essentially identified with Nebuchadnezzar who made it what it was (humanly speaking). He was the head of gold (Dan 2:38).

The first beast here in Daniel 7 represents Babylon. It appeared as a lion with eagle's wings.

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The lion is known as king of the beasts and with some speed (eagle's wings) it became the dominant world power. Winged lions were something like the national symbol of ancient Babylon (cf. Jer. 50:17; Ezek. 17:3, 12). They were placed at the entrances of royal Babylonian palaces.

Nebuchadnezzar could be ruthless in his despotic rule over of people. In Daniel 4:27, Daniel urged Nebuchadnezzar to break off his sins with evidence “by showing mercy to the poor.”

But then, at the height of his power, he had his wings clipped off. This evidently refers to when God's judgment fell on him and he lost his mind for 7 years (Dan. 4). At that point, when he was humbled, the initial ferocity of his rule was transformed into humane moderation. He was then made “to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given” to him.

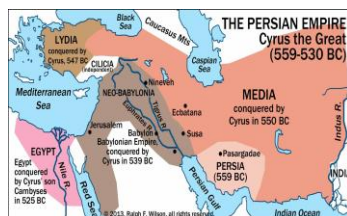
**5 “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’”**

Note the word “suddenly”. Recall that SUDDENLY in the night the hand writing was on the wall and just that quick the kingdom of Babylon fell being taken over by the Medes and the Persians.

This second kingdom represented by a BEAR was Medo-Persia. The bear is not as fast as the lion but very powerful! It was raised up on one side suggesting that one side (Persia) was more dominant than the other. It has three ribs in its mouth between its teeth.

Many believe this refers to three major conquests in its rise to dominance; namely victory over Lydia in 546 BC, Babylon in 539 BC, and Egypt in 525 BC.

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But Medo-Persian Empire became even larger devouring much flesh much like a lumbering hungry bear.

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.

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The earlier lion had 2 wings, but this leopard had 4 wings emphasizing its speed and agility (cf. Hab. 1:8). This represents Greece under the leadership of Alexander the Great. His army was much smaller than that of the Persians but they moved with such speed and precision that they overtook the Persians and the whole known world in the space of 10 years.

The Persian army (like a big burly bear), by one report, had 2 and ½ million soldiers. In contrast, Alexander the Great's army is reported to have only had 50 thousand soldiers. And yet their speed and precision proved unstoppable!

His armies, though small, were strong, brave, well-equipped, and brilliantly led. – ***John Phillips***

Supposedly, after Alexander the Great conquered the known world, he wept because there were no more worlds to conquer – although that exact quote cannot be found. But he died at age 32 in 323 BC after he, in such a short time as a young man, had conquered the known world.

But then note it says here in Daniel 7:6 that this beast “also had four heads”. After the untimely death of Alexander his kingdom was divided between four of his generals (Ptolemy who had Egypt; Seleucus who had Babylon and north Syria; Lysimachus who had Thrace and Bithynia; and Cassander who had Macedonia). This fulfilled the description of Daniel's prophecy perfectly.

Now comes the fourth and final BEAST which was of special interest to Daniel and should be to us as well because this BEAST relates to the end times which will see the fulfillment of this dream concerning the beasts.

**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.**

Note there are ONLY FOUR beasts! Rome is clearly the fourth successive power – the fourth beast. In Daniel 9:26 it clearly indicates that the Antichrist will come from the people who destroyed the Jewish Temple which was the Romans.

This fourth beast was non-descript. It was so ferocious and terrifying that it defied description. It was so bad that no known beast properly described it. It was absolutely horrifying, something like a nondescript MONSTER!

It was dreadful, terrible, and exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth and was seen devouring and smashing all in its way. Thus, it was different from all the previous beasts in that it was more powerful and more destructive.

And Rome had by far the longest dominion of any of the beasts. Babylon lasted about 70 years; the Persian empire about 200 years; the Grecian kingdom about 180 years, but the Roman Empire lasted 500 years before it went into a state of dormancy.

This fourth beast connected with the Mediterranean basin is currently in a “dormant” state, but the Bible is clear that there is a final form of it that will be on the scene in the latter days and will form the basis of the Antichrist’s ascending empire. This makes it clear that the Antichrist will come out of the Revived Roman Empire – out of the context of the Mediterranean area.

Daniel noticed that this beast had 10 horns, which piqued his interest. Horns act as a natural weapon. So in the Bible, they are symbolic of a position of power.

The 10 horns correspond with the 10 toes in the previous dream seen in Daniel 2 (cf. Dan. 2:41-42). But then Daniel notes something previously unrevealed.

**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.**



As Daniel was focused on the 10 horns, he suddenly saw another horn -an eleventh horn. He is described as “a little one”. He has small beginnings. You would not expect him to achieve the great stature he is about to assume because he has such small beginnings.

But note he comes “**up among**” the other 10, which indicates he is a contemporary with them.

In chapter 2 we see that kings and kingdoms are shown to be referenced synonymously. Therefore, the 10 horns represent 10 kings who represent 10 kingdoms. The little horn represents an 11<sup>th</sup> king and his kingdom. This little horn manages to completely destroy and overtake three of these contemporaries.

Nothing in the history of Rome ever happened like this, showing this to be yet future.

In this little horn, “**were eyes like the eyes of a man,**” indicating intelligence and shrewdness. And he had a “**mouth speaking pompous words**” meaning he is a BIG talker. He is brilliantly intelligent and amazingly eloquent. His pompous words are boastful words. They are elsewhere shown to be blasphemous, as he even takes on the God of heaven (cf. 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:5-7).

This little horn is elsewhere called, “the prince who is to come” (Dan. 9:26); the king who “will do as he pleases” (Dan. 11:36); the man of lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:3); the antichrist (1 Jn. 2:18); and the beast (Rev. 13:1-10). Daniel 7:8 is the first clear reference to the Antichrist in the Bible.

Note very carefully that verses 7 and 8 show that the 10 horns and the little horn all arise out of and are part of the fourth beast – the Roman Empire. Verses 7 and 8 present a 3-fold stage of Roman history.

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- 1) The Nondescript **BEAST** stage.
- 2) The **TEN HORN**/TEN KINGDOM stage.
- 3) The **LITTLE HORN** (Antichrist) stage.

The final stage of the Roman Empire will be headed up by this little horn, who is Antichrist!

**Footnote:** Two “little horns” are depicted in the symbolic dreams of Daniel – one in chapter 7 and another in chapter 8. One is the type of the other. Actually, the one in chapter 8 chronologically comes first. This is shown to be the historical Antiochus Epiphanes who is a type of Antichrist who is yet future.

### **Slide # 14**

Daniel 8:9-11 “***a little horn***” – Antiochus Epiphanes  
(Ruled over Syria 175 – 164 BC)  
Comes out of the THIRD Empire

Daniel 7:8 “***horn, a little one***” – Antichrist  
(Rules over Revived Roman Empire)  
Comes out of the FOURTH Empire

Now the scene in verses 9-10 switches to heaven, which is shown to be the place of judgment, which is then carried out on earth. The judgment decree of heaven is then carried out on earth!

**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;**

This represents God’s fiery judgment against what is happening on earth! The thrones put in place represent the administering of justice, with Ancient of Days as the presiding SUPREME JUDGE. The courtroom scene envisioned closely parallels that presented in Revelation 4-5.

“***Ancient of Days***” is a figurative way of speaking of His eternality.

### **Slide # 15**

**Isaiah 57:15 (NKJV)**

**15** For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

God is symbolically portrayed as wearing a perfectly white garment with hair as pure as wool. This represents HOLINESS and WISDOM. His judgments are perfectly HOLY and RIGHT.

His throne is enveloped in fire, having wheels of fire, like on a chariot. As such, God's judgment throne is pictured here as a flaming chariot of judgment (cf. Ezek. 1:15-21; 10:1-22).

Fire in the Bible is used as a symbol of God's holy judgment (cf. Heb. 12:29; Rev. 1:14-15). At the Second Coming Christ will come "in flaming fire taking vengeance of those who do not know God" (2 Thess. 1:8).

The context here relates to the time of judgment in the day of the Lord involving the judgment of Antichrist and the Nations, with special emphasis here on the little horn, who is the Antichrist.

**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.**

A lava-like river of fire was seen flowing out before Him, emphasizing the fierce heat of His holy judgment against all those opposed to His sovereign authority! Those not right with God will get swept away in this river of fiery judgment!

An innumerable company ministered to Him! A thousand thousand is a million. Thousands upon thousands are involved. The ESV translates this as "a thousand thousands," which could be the idea of millions. Others translate it as "thousands upon thousands" who are serving Him. This probably represents angels attending to His bidding.

Then it says, "**Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.**" This quite literally is a 100 million. Again the idea is an innumerable number. Who these are is not totally clear, but they may represent those on earth aligned with Antichrist upon whom judgment is about to be rendered with the angels assisting to carry it out.

The court was then seated – ready to render justice. It is not clear who all is involved with this court, but clearly God is the FINAL JUDGE!

**"And the books were opened."** God has His books on everyone and in the end JUDGMENT is in perfect holy accordance with what is recorded!

God does everything according to RECORDS! He has the full, uncensored records on everyone (cf. Ex. 32:32; Dan. 12:1; Lk. 10:20; Rev. 20:12).

### **Slide # 16**

#### **Revelation 20:12 (NKJV)**

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and **books were opened**. And **another book was opened**, which is the **Book of Life**. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were **written in the books**.

The world completely dismisses God and the coming judgment! But the fact is, He is keeping track of absolutely everything that happens and will one day judge according to these books! The only escape is if we repent and our name is written down in the Book of Life!

All of heaven sees the record of these books and affirms the holy judgment of God!

The courtroom scene in heaven is then followed by a judgment scene on earth! The little horn is the last beastly ruler during the times of the Gentiles, and the text here runs to the end, presenting his judgment!

**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.**

The major thing emphasized in view in terms of judgment is the blasphemous, POMPOUS words this horn. His pompous words are especially offensive to God.

### **Slide # 17**

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)**

**4** who opposes and **exalts himself above all that is called God** or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, **showing himself that he is God**.

While God in heaven prepared to administer judgment, Antichrist (the last great ruler of the Roman Empire) kept spouting off his boastful claims on earth. Finally God executed judgment upon the Antichrist and his Roman Empire. This fourth kingdom was totally consumed by the fire of God's judgment. – **Renald Showers**

The title “beast” is very fitting. The kingdoms of this world during the times of the Gentiles are BEASTLY in nature and culminate under the leadership of this one called “the beast”. He is the most beastly of all the beasts in history!

Beast is the most common name in the Bible for the one called Antichrist. The book of Revelation calls him “beast” 37 times.

He will reign supreme over the entire world for three and a half years. This is his “moment” in the sun, but then the SON will bring him down.

### **Slide # 18**

#### **Revelation 19:20 (NKJV)**

**20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

This speaks of a hellish reality in which people are cast bodily. Note it says his body is given to the burning flame. They burn bodily – but never burn up.

### **Slide # 19**

#### **Revelation 20:10 (NKJV)**

**10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Next, in verse 12, we have a parenthetical statement giving retrospective commentary on what has happened.

**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.**

The beasts that came before the last beast of the little horn, namely Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece all had their dominion taken away, and yet in a sense their influence was absorbed into the next world power. Thus, the residual effects of their reign were prolonged for a season. We see this “inter-connected” reality in the interpretation of the image dream in Daniel 2.

**Slide # 20****Daniel 2:45 (NKJV)**

**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.”

When the stone crushed the image’s feet (which represented the Roman Empire), it thereby crushed the entire image (which represented the whole course of Gentile world dominion, including Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.) – **Renald Showers**

The influence of the previous three empires was not totally destroyed at the time of their being overthrown. But for the fourth kingdom, it is different. This fourth kingdom is destroyed in its entirety immediately! It does not continue on at all in any form. It is totally annihilated, and with it all the surviving features absorbed into it from the previous beastly kingdoms. The whole apparatus of the beastly system of the world all comes crashing down all at once at the Second Coming of Christ.

Then comes the 5<sup>th</sup> and FINAL kingdom – the kingdom of God which is an eternal kingdom.

**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.**

This verse from Daniel is quoted more frequently in the NT than any other from the book.

“Son of Man” is used elsewhere in the OT, emphasizing the mere humanity and human weakness of a person. Note this emphasis especially in the book of Ezekiel, where it is found 93 times (out of 107 times in the OT). In terms of recorded usage, “**Son of Man**” was Christ’s favorite title for Himself. It is found 81 times in the gospels. No one else applied it to Christ during His ministry except for Christ Himself.

But note here it says “One LIKE the Son of Man”. This is KEY. It emphasizes that this person is truly human, but He is MORE than that.

He is “*like*” the Son of Man, but He is also seen coming “*with the clouds of heaven!*” Heaven is God’s domain.

In the OT the clouds are presented as the chariot of God (Ps. 18:10; 97:2-4; 104:3; Isa. 19:1; Nah. 1:3). The clouds of heaven emphasize the realm of deity.

This emphasizes a divine origin and brings in the idea of DEITY! Taken together, this emphasizes that He would be human but also divine. He is the man who is God – the God-Man who is sourced out of heaven.

In the NT, Jesus frequently mentioned that He, as the Son of Man, would come with the clouds of heaven in fulfillment of this passage here in Daniel 7:13 (cf. Matt. 24:30; 25:31; 26:64, also cf. Rev. 1:7, 13; 14:14).

When Jesus quoted this before the Sanhedrin, the high priest charged Jesus with blasphemy because they understood this to be a Messianic claim.

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#### **Mark 14:62–64 (NKJV)**

**62** Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

**63** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “What further need do we have of witnesses?”

**64** You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?” And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

Here in Daniel 7:13, He is presented as being brought before the Ancient of Days, indicating that they are two different persons. This intersects with the mystery of the Trinity, where we have One God and yet three persons.

Him being brought before the Ancient of Days would seem to intersect with the scene in Revelation 4-5 where Christ comes and takes the scroll (the title deed of the earth) out of the right hand of Him who sits on the throne (Rev. 5:7) thus, indicating He is worthy to take the world back for humanity (cf. Psalm 2).

Jesus did not come in this fashion the first time. The first time He came by womb of a virgin, the next time He is coming with the clouds of heaven.

**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.**

The subject in view is the Son of Man Who comes with the clouds of heaven. As He is brought near the Ancient of Days He is then given dominion, glory, and a kingdom.

***Dominion*** refers to UNIVERSAL LORDSHIP AUTHORITY to rule. This is a total LORDSHIP issue!

### **Slide # 22**

#### **Psalm 2:8–9 (NKJV)**

**8** Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

**9** You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' ”

To give Christ ***glory*** means that He will then receive the recognition that is due Him as sovereign Lord over all. It means to recognize, acknowledge, and honor His worthiness and greatness through praise, worship, and acts of service.

### **Slide # 23**

#### **Revelation 5:12 (NKJV)**

**12** saying with a loud voice: “**Worthy** is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

“***Kingdom***” refers to His sphere of rule and reign, which will encompass the whole world and everyone in it. Christ's kingdom will be the world!

This “dominion”, “glory” and “kingdom” is qualified by saying, “***That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.***”

His “dominion” (ruling Lordship authority) will last forever! His kingdom rule will never be destroyed, but will last forever! His reign is eternal in contrast to all the previous kingdoms!



Nebuchadnezzar, in his testimony, recognized that the Most High God's kingdom and dominion are forever (Dan. 4:1-3, 34). Darius, in his testimony, said the kingdom and dominion of the living God are forever (Dan. 6:26).

Now in chapter 7:13-14 it says that eternal dominion and an eternal kingdom are given to the Son of Man which the very same thing said earlier in reference to the Most High living God. Consistency shows that this Son of Man is the Most High God – the living God. Thus, the kingdom of God ruling through the Son of Man is the goal and grand climax of world history.

### **Slide # 24**

#### ***Daniel 2-7 Three KEY truths...***

- God sovereignly RULES over those who rule!
- God sovereignly CONTROLS world history!
- Fulfilled prophecy PROVES God's sovereignty!

In Daniel 2-7, God has given us an outline of world history from the time of Babylon to the Second Coming of Christ. He repeated it twice for emphasis.

### **Slide # 25**

#### ***An Overview of World History – Daniel 7***

Lion – Babylon  
 Bear – Medo-Persia  
 Leopard – Greece  
 Nondescript – Rome  
     \*Beast  
     (Dormant) -> ***We are Here (Church Age)***  
     \*10 Horns  
     \* Little Horn  
 Son of Man – KINGDOM

Just as sure as each phase of the prophetic outline has been fulfilled perfectly up to this point, so we can know for certainty that the rest of it will likewise be precisely fulfilled in God's perfect timing.

It's just a matter of time!

History really is His Story. God is sovereign over this story and it is working itself out just as He foretold us! We can rest in His sovereign plan for the world and for us personally.

### **Slide # 26**



After His resurrection, Christ rebuked His disciples, saying...

#### **Luke 24:25 (NKJV)**

**25** Then He said to them, "**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!**

All that the prophets have spoken includes an outline sketch of God's sovereignty over world history from the time of Babylon until the Second Coming. How slow not to believe in all that the prophets have spoken concerning God's sovereignty over the course of world history.

Yes, how slow not to believe in God's sovereign control of history, but especially in regard to His provision of a Savior in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ!

God help us to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

God help us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Savior of all those who believe in Him! (1 Tim. 4:10).