

Prayer:

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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

The Jews had been taken into captivity as a matter of discipline for their sin. This was in fulfillment of prophecy (cf. Jer. 25:8-12). And yet in that context, God made statements of His absolute sovereignty that stand for all time. Daniel is a book that emphasizes the SOVEREIGNTY of God.

Lordship is sovereignty, and sovereignty is Lordship. In Daniel 2, we see God’s sovereign Lordship over knowledge as God revealed to Daniel secrets otherwise unknowable (Dan. 2:47). In Daniel 3, we see God’s sovereign Lordship over nature as He delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego from the fiery furnace. In Daniel 4, 5, and 6, we see God’s sovereign Lordship over individuals and their circumstances as seen in the lives of King Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius. Daniel 7 shows God’s sovereign Lordship over the course of history, culminating in the kingdom of our Lord.

Daniel 2 – 7 presents an overview of what Jesus called “The Times of the Gentiles” (Lk. 21:24).

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Daniel 2 – 7

2:4b-7 written in Aramaic
Language of the Gentiles
“The Times of the Gentiles”

Babylon
Medo-Persia

Greece

Rome

- Non-Descript Beast
- 10 horns
- 1 horn (Antichrist)

Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 are like two bookends – both giving an overview outline of the times of the Gentiles. Daniel 7 portrays the same basic thing as Daniel 2, portraying Gentile domination over the Jews from the time of Babylon until the Second Coming. Daniel 2 portrays the times of the Gentiles as it appears to rebellious human pride – that is, in the form of a brilliant, glorious metallic human image. Daniel 7 portrays the same thing but from the standpoint of God – that is, Gentile domination over the Jews is presented according to its true inward beastly nature, which is brutal.

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In Daniel 7:1-14, Daniel had beastly visions as he dreamed. Now, in Daniel 7:15-28, we have the interpretation of those visions.

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Daniel 7:15-28

Interpretation of Daniel's Beastly Visions

7:15-18 – A General Interpretation

7:19-22 – A Fuller Interpretation

7:23-27 – A More Detailed Interpretation

7:28 – Daniel's Response

Note, there is repetition here with each statement of interpretation reaching the same conclusion of the saints receiving the kingdom. This is the END of the matter! In the end, the KINGDOM belongs to the saints!

Daniel 7:15–28 (NKJV)

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

Evidently, Daniel had hoped that once his people, Israel, got beyond the discipline of captivity, they would come to repentance and the Messiah would usher in the kingdom. Now he realized that the future held much beastly gore in store for his people before they would get to that point. And it greatly troubled him. Still, he wanted to know more about what this all meant.

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:

One of those who stood by is thought probably to have been an angel – perhaps Gabriel (cf. 8:16; 9:21).

17 ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth.

Very plainly, the interpreting angel tells Daniel that the four beasts represent four kings. Kingdoms are often represented by their rulers – especially the most prominent ones that define the essential nature of the kingdom (cf. 8:21). King Louis the 14th (1638-1715) made famous the statement: “***I am France***”.

Nebuchadnezzar, the notable leader of Babylon, is said to be the head of gold (Dan. 2:38); Cyrus was the notable leader of Persia; Alexander the Great of Greece; and the standout leader of Rome will prove to be the Antichrist pictured by the “little horn” here in Daniel 7.

Note the emphasis on four here.

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v. 17 Those great beasts, which are **four**, are **four kings**...

v. 19 ...the **fourth beast**...

v. 23 ...The **fourth beast** shall be a **fourth kingdom**...

The four beasts are four kingdoms headed up by kings.

And they are shown to be four successive kingdoms as portrayed in the human image of Daniel 2. The head is immediately connected to the chest and arms, the chest and arms are connected to the belly and thighs, and the belly and thighs are connected to the legs and feet. It is all one interconnected, successive whole portraying four successive kingdoms; namely, that of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

Strong evidence that the fourth is indeed Rome is that the Antichrist in Daniel 9:26 is said to come from the people who destroyed the Jewish temple, which, without dispute, was shown to be the Romans who destroyed it in A.D. 70.

In Newspaper articles or other literature, writers will often give a synoptic overview of the story and then come back and fill in details. We often see that same pattern in the Bible.

For example, Genesis 1 gives a broad overview of the creation week, which is then followed by chapter 2 that fills in many details about the creation of man, etc.

In the book of Revelation, we often find a broad overview being given and then coming back and giving more detail. For example, in Revelation 1, we find seven churches in view, and then in chapters 2 and 3, each church is dealt with in detail.

This is the pattern here as well. We have a general summary statement followed by more details, and in particular, more details about the FOURTH kingdom, which was of particular interest to Daniel because it will prove to be especially brutal!

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

The interpreting angel at this point, while mentioning the four kings/kingdoms that comprise the times of the Gentiles, does nothing more than mention them in passing.

The whole history of the beastly kingdoms was of small significance to this angel. He gets right to the main point – the eternal point, and that is that the saints will receive the KINGDOM that lasts forever, and they will possess it forever and ever! Nothing else ultimately matters!

The word “**saints**” literally means “**holy ones**” or “**set apart ones**”. There is some debate on how this should be understood in this context.

Nothing is more sure than that all saints of all ages will share in Christ’s ultimate triumph in His kingdom. But this passage is affirming only a part of that truth. The perspective of the book...and the context here limit the application to Daniel’s people, Israel...

- Wycliffe Bible Commentary

It is true that the whole surrounding context is emphasizing the brutal, beastly treatment of God’s chosen people, Israel, during the times of the Gentiles. In contrast, converted Israel as God’s “set apart” people will have the prominent position in the kingdom (cf. 8:24; Lk. 1:33; Acts 1:6-7).

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Deuteronomy 28:13 (NKJV)

13 And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

Zechariah 8:23 (NKJV)

23 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ”

However, on the other side of the argument, further revelation reveals that all the saints of all the ages will receive and possess the kingdom forever.

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Hebrews 11:39–40 (NKJV)

39 And all these [Old Testament Saints], having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

God’s intention is that both the OT saints and the NT saints should be made PERFECT together. We will go into the KINGDOM together! In the grand scheme of salvation, God did not want the OT saints to know this perfection apart from us, the NT saints.

Ultimately, all the saints will receive and possess the kingdom forever.

So, yes, I think in context there is a special emphasis here in relationship to converted Israel and what they will go through and how God will bring them into the kingdom. And yet, I also think further revelation reveals that there is application for all the saints of all the ages who will receive and possess the kingdom forever as prepared for them from the foundation of the world (Mt. 25:34). As Hebrews 12:28 says, ***“we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken.”***

The saints are the saints of the ***Most High***. This title for God “Most High” is found 13 times in Daniel – four times in this chapter (v. 18, 22, 25, 27). It denotes God as the most exalted and HIGHEST POWER in the universe. It emphasizes His SOVEREIGN GREATNESS over all. Again, the theme of God’s sovereignty is being emphasized!

Note the saints don’t bring in the kingdom but rather ***“receive” it***. And in contrast to the previous kingdoms in human history, which were all temporary and transient, this kingdom will be possessed by the saints ***“forever, even forever and ever.”*** There is a tremendous emphasis on the fact that this kingdom is ETERNAL! It will never end. We are headed for an eternal never ending kingdom!

Only the saved will enter into the kingdom at Christ’s Second Coming. All the unsaved still living at that time will be executed (cf. Ezek. 20:33-38; Mal. 3:2-3, 5; Matt. 13:40-43, 47-50; 24:37-40; 25:31-36).

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;

Of all the visions that Daniel saw, it was the FOURTH one that was most striking and the one he wanted to know more about. It was like watching a riveting HORROR MOVIE! It was scary to behold!

It was different from the other three in that it was exceedingly dreadful! It was vicious and brutal, devouring, breaking into pieces, and trampling all in its way. It was different in terms of its level of destructive cruelty. Through brute force, it crushed and smashed all resistance, which builds to a climax in the last form of the empire under Antichrist.

It was the Romans who perfected the cross as a means of execution for all who opposed them.

Significantly, it was a Roman cross on which the Savior of the world died at His first coming. There was no mercy in a Roman cross, which appropriately signifies the brutality of this fourth beast.

The fourth kingdom (Rome) would be different in terms of its level of brutish harshness, its extended duration, and ultimately being more extensive in terms of ruling the entire world.

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.

Horns in the Bible often represent a position of power. This ferocious beast had 10 horns on its head – and then another horn comes up as it says in verse 8 “among them.” He is therefore a contemporary of the 10 and overtakes three of them.

This horn is pronounced in terms of his **eyes**, which most think symbolizes intelligence. Humanly speaking, he will be brilliant. And the other standout thing that defines him is his **mouth**. He will speak outlandishly pompous words, which are shown to be blasphemous in nature. He is a braggart, making God-like claims and ultimately demanding that the whole world worship him.

He appears as GREATER than the other 10 contemporary kings and will assert preeminence over them.

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Eyes – Intelligence

Mouth – Boastful/Blasphemous Arrogance

Appearance - Great

This “little horn” (v. 8) will start small but then make a power move, overthrowing three contemporaries, and then what remains of the ten will become his power base to assert control over the whole world. This “little horn” is also called “the prince that shall come” (Dan. 9:26). Jesus referred to him as he who “comes in his own name” (Jn. 5:43).

He is called the “man of sin” in 2 Thessalonians 2:3; “the lawless one” in 2 Thessalonians 2:8; “a beast” in Revelation 13:1, and the “antichrist” in 1 John 2:18). He is the most “beastly” of all beasts inflicting the most harm on Israel and the saints.

21 “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

Daniel was fixated on watching this 11th horn as it was astonishing to behold. And what he saw was that it was making war with the saints and having his way with them (cf. Rev. 11:7). Again, all believers will be under fire, but especially the Jews.

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Revelation 12:17 (NKJV)

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 13:7 (NKJV)

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.

The fact that the “little horn” (who is antichrist) will be able to successfully make war on God’s people for a time was not brought out until here. But this will be allowed to take place only for a limited time.

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.

“Ancient of Days” is a title for God emphasizing His eternality. The word “***until***” denotes divine intervention. Note the word “***prevailing***” in verse 21 and the word “***until***” in verse 22. God is sovereign over what is happening and how long it is allowed to happen.

The language here is that of a courtroom scene being convened (cf. verses 9-13). At this point, God will render judgment for the saints, which will bring to a halt the vicious oppression of the Antichrist. This will result in the saints possessing the kingdom.

But note the saints will NOT possess the kingdom until this judgment is rendered! Thus, the kingdom is yet future and follows God's judgment for the saints and against Antichrist.

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.

The added detail here is that this fourth kingdom will “**devour the whole earth.**” Not only will it be uniquely brutal, but its scope and sway will involve the entire world. Note the words “**devour**”, “**trample**”, and “**break it in pieces**” in relation to the entire earth! This is a strong-arm ONE WORLD ORDER. Never before in the history of the world has any ONE person been able to dominate the entire world in this fashion. No wonder Daniel was so transfixed by what he was seeing in relation to this fourth kingdom.

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.

There is a very precise prophecy here involving various stages.

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The Stages of the Fourth Kingdom (Rome)

Daniel 9:23-24

- * 4th Beast (Rome)
- * (Dormant) -> **We are Here**
- * 10 Horns (Revived Roman Empire)
 - Will arise from the 4th kingdom (Rome)
 - They will form a 10-nation confederation
 - The 10 horns are contemporaries –
- * Little Horn
 - Comes on the scene **AFTER** the 10 are in place
 - Comes up “among them” (v 8)
 - Will be different (greater – v. 20)
 - Will subdue three of the 10

Nothing in the history of Rome ever occurred like this! Never has there been 10 contemporary rulers in place in conjunction with the basic makeup of the Old Roman Empire. Never has one arisen and subdued three of them. This is all future and will find fulfillment in the ascension of Antichrist.

“When the hordes from the north conquered the Roman Empire in the fifth century A.D., they did not untie to form another empire. Instead, individual nations emerged out of the old Roman Empire. Some of those nations and others stemming from them have continued till the present day.” – ***The Bible Knowledge Commentary***

“The minute description given here of the end time, the fourth beast, and the ten horns followed by the eleventh horn that gained control of three has never been fulfilled in history. Some expositors have attempted to find ten kings of the past and the eleventh king who would arise to somehow fulfill this prophecy, but there is nothing corresponding to this in the history of the Roman Empire. The ten horns do not reign one after the other, but they reign simultaneously. Further, they were not the world empire, but they were the forerunner to the little horn which after subduing three of the ten horns will go on to become a world ruler (v. 23; Rev. 13:7).” - **John Walvoord**

In effect, the Roman Empire was not swallowed up by a successor but has been lying dormant for many years. But I would take it that a form of that Empire involving 10 major leaders in conjunction with the general hub of the Mediterranean Sea will yet arise, and form the basis of the antichrist's empire that will rapidly emerge thereafter as a world empire.

We believe that Revelation 17 is further inspired commentary on these future 10 rulers referenced here in Daniel 7 and the ten toes in Daniel 2 (cf. Dan. 2:40-43).

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Revelation 17:12–13 (NKJV)

12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

Now, if you start with Revelation, you will probably end up with all kinds of ideas about who these 10 kings are and where they are located. But if you build on Daniel (as you should because revelation is progressive) then you will realize that these 10 come out of the 4th kingdom, which is Rome – the revived Roman Empire.

They are in place before the rise of Antichrist, not at the apex of his worldwide reign. These are 10 rulers connected with the old Roman Empire, tied to the Mediterranean basin as seen in Daniel 7:3.

Let Daniel be the grid through which you interpret further revelation. Daniel provides the guardrails for the whole of future prophecy concerning Israel.

As has been said, Daniel presents “The Mold of Prophecy”. Get outside of that mold, and you will be in error. Jesus tethered His further revelation to Daniel (see Matt. 24:15) as do the rest of the NT writers when they intersect with prophecy (cf. the book of Revelation).

Antichrist will thus come out of the Revived Roman Empire, associated with the Mediterranean basin, which in general refers to Europe (cf. Dan. 7:3).

He will start small from a position of relative obscurity in the context of 10 “Roman Rulers” and then will subdue 3 of them. He will move swiftly and decisively. This will provide the power base of his ascending kingdom, which eventually will be worldwide in scope.

The emphasis of verse 24, I believe, takes place in relation to the first half of the Tribulation Period. Everything is just settling into position at this point, with the antichrist rising rapidly to power in conjunction with these ten kings, totally uprooting 3 of them in the process.

Verse 25 speaks to the second half of the seven-year Tribulation Period.

The interpreting angel then said four specific things about this 11th horn, who is Antichrist.

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.

First, he will speak pompous words against the Most High. He will be so brash and arrogant as to defy the Most High God. He take on God in a very overt manner.

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Daniel 11:36 (NKJV)

36 “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he **shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods,** and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

Revelation 13:5–6 (NKJV)

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

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

He knows full well what he is doing! Arrogant pride is a blinding thing.

It seems to me that Antichrist will go further than Satan. In Isaiah 14, we have the “Five I Wills” of Satan who said, “I will be like the Most High” (Isa. 14:14), but Antichrist, in his supreme blindness, will declare himself to be above God.

Satan knows more than Antichrist and perhaps realizes that nothing can even be imagined that is greater than God, and so he merely said, “***I will be like the Most High***”. Antichrist has no idea what an amazingly crazy claim he is making. The deception is profoundly incredible – “***deceiving and being deceived***” (2 Tim. 3:13).

Second, he will, “persecute the saints of the Most High”. Since he can’t get to God “personally” he will take it out on God’s people. This is what Satan consistently does. He takes out his hostility against God on God’s people.

The idea of “***persecute***” is “***wear out***”. It will be very hard to escape the reach of the Antichrist at this time and his pursuit will be relentless. One won’t be able to buy or sell without taking the mark of the beast during the last half of the tribulation period which will put tremendous pressure on the saints (cf. Rev. 13:16-17).

Thirdly, he will seek “to change times and law.”

Since he goes into the rebuilt Jewish temple and declares himself to be God, as seen in 1 Thessalonians 2:4, apparently he will seek to change long-standing practices related to a God ordained 7-day week, which for the Jews involves a weekly Sabbath.

The Gregorian Calendar (sometimes called the Christian calendar) will probably be changed since it is coded to B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (in the year of our Lord).

He will probably try to reinvent the calendar, wiping away all vestiges of Christian or Jewish holidays – or any other holidays that would recognize any other deity besides himself.

The law will now be centered in allegiance to himself and his government tied to 666. The moral code will be all about the one-world order centered in Antichrist. The state will now take the place of God in determining what is right or wrong!

Fourthly, *“the saints will be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.”*

This code consistently speaks in both the OT and the NT to one half of the seven-year Tribulation Period – either to the first half or the last half. In this case, to the last half of the Tribulation. The Bible always denotes years in keeping with the Jewish calendar, which involved a 360-day year (cf. Dan. 4:16, 23). Sometimes the Bible speaks of this period in terms of years as seen here in verse 25 but at other times in terms of months or days – but in each case it comes out to 3 and ½ years.

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Time (singular) - 1 Year

Times (plural) - 2 Years

Half a Time – ½ Year

Total: 3 and ½ Years.

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Dan. 9:27 – “...in the **middle** of the week...”

Dan. 12:7 – “...for a **time, times, and half a time**...”

Rev. 12:6 – “**one thousand two hundred and sixty days**.”

Rev. 12:14 – “...**a time and times and half a time**...”

Rev. 13:5 – “...continue for **forty-two months**.”

All of these references total three and ½ years and in each case are addressing the last half of the 7-year Tribulation Period, which Christ characterized as “great tribulation” (Matt. 24:21 – cf. Rev. 7:14).

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

In verses 26 and 27, the angel interprets the heavenly judgment scene in keeping with what Daniel saw in verses 9-14. Again, the emphasis is on the sovereignty of God. Heaven determines what happens here on earth.

In verse 11 the beast is slain and his body given to the burning flames. Here in verse the emphasis is on his dominion – his ruling authority – his kingdom being taken away and destroyed forever.

The beast himself and his kingdom come down together – FOREVER!

When God the Father convenes the court of heaven the little horn (Antichrist) is judged and his power shall be stripped away and he will be destroyed forever (cf. v. 11; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:20).

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2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NKJV)

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom **the Lord will consume** with the breath of His mouth and **destroy** with the brightness of **His coming**.

This will happen in conjunction with the Second Coming of Christ. Note this will result in the total destruction of Antichrist’s kingdom FOREVER! Every aspect of the beastly kingdoms that climax in Antichrist will be banished from the face of the earth, never to return.

Note that the Roman Empire will be completely destroyed prior to the establishment of God’s kingdom. There will be no co-existence of the Roman Empire and the kingdom of God.

The kingdom was not established by Christ at His first coming and will not be established until the apex of the beastly kingdoms, as found in Antichrist, are completely banished from history 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.'

Following the destruction of Antichrist and all remnants of the beastly kingdoms of which he was the apex, following that, then the kingdom and dominion (control) and the greatness of all the world kingdoms shall be given to the saints of the Most High.

The kingdom of the Messiah here follows the Gentile kingdoms; it is at no time contemporary with them. It must, therefore, be still future.

– Wycliffe Bible Commentary

Do not miss this! There is a tremendous emphasis on the end of the story, which is that in the end, the KINGDOM is given to the saints! The saints are the eternal winners!

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v. 18 ...saints...receive the kingdom...possess the kingdom forever...

v. 22 ...the saints to possess the kingdom.

v. 27 ...kingdom...given... to the saints

All the beastly kingdoms have their moment – but that's it. The kingdom given to the saints is FOREVER! This is an eternal kingdom!

This does not mean that God will not rule, as verse 14 plainly states that dominion is given to the Son of man, but it does indicate that the kingdom will be for the benefit and the welfare of the saints in contrast to their previous experience of persecution.

– John Walvoord

This is clearly an earthly kingdom, as were those that preceded it.

The expression “under heaven” is used throughout Scripture to refer to what is earthly in nature or belongs to the earth (Gen. 6:17; 7:19; Job 28:24; 37:3; Eccl. 1:13; 2:3; Dan. 9:12; Acts 2:5).

– Renald Showers

But note it carefully, while the kingdom is given to the saints, it is the kingdom of the Most High. This is His kingdom and it is an everlasting kingdom.

Note that while the kingdom is that of the Most High this Most High is shown to be the Son of Man in verses 13-14. It is He, the Son of Man Who is the Most High to whom Kingdom authority belongs as given to Him by God the Father (cf. Ps. 2).

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Daniel 7:13–14 (NKJV)

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.

Daniel 7:27 (NKJV)

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.’

All dominions (rulers and realms of authority) shall serve and obey Him! Serving God in the Bible carries with it the idea of worship (Mt. 4:10). The Lordship of Messiah (the Son of Man) will be fully evident and will rule forever in the Kingdom! (cf. Lk. 1:31-33).

This will be the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy in Genesis 49:10.

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Genesis 49:10 (NKJV)

10 The **scepter** [*symbol of right to rule*] shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until **Shiloh** [*to whom it belongs*] comes; And to Him shall be the **obedience of the people**.

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Luke 1:31–33 (NKJV)

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name **JESUS.**

32 He will be great, and will be called the **Son of the Highest;** and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and **of His kingdom there will be no end.**

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.**”

Daniel was not troubled by the kingdom conclusion of the whole matter, but it would seem that he was troubled by what the saints will have to go through to get to the kingdom, specifically the last part under Antichrist.

Daniel, at this point, realized there is a lot of BEASTLY BRUTAL history that would have to be lived out before the kingdom comes. Daniel saw that yes, THE BEST is yet to come in the kingdom, but before that, the WORST was to come first and this TROUBLED him.

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Jeremiah 30:7 (NKJV)

7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; [**worst of times**] And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it [**best of times**].

Here is what Daniel saw...

Slide # 21

An Overview of World History during the BEASTLY times of the Gentiles that gives way to the MESSIANIC KINGDOM.

(Daniel 7)

Lion – Babylon

Bear – Medo-Persia

Leopard – Greece

Nondescript – Rome

*Beast

*10 Horns

* Little Horn

Son of Man/Most High – KINGDOM

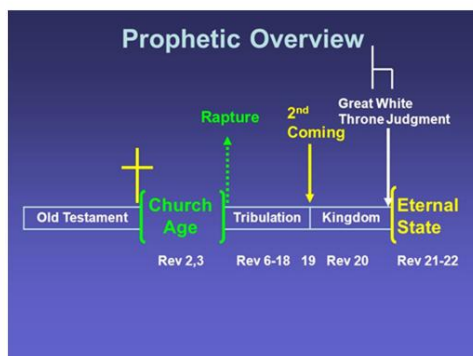
Here is what Daniel DIDN'T see...

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

Daniel didn't see the Church Age because it wasn't revealed until the New Testament! (cf. Eph. 3:5-6). He saw Israel and what pertains to Israel, but not that which pertains to the church.

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While Rome at the moment is in a state of “dormancy,” the beastly nature and spirit of Rome continues on. On Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas savagely tortured, murdered, raped, and pillaged Jewish men, women, and children. 1,200 were brutally killed, and 251 were taken hostage. And some remain in hostage to this day.

Hamas, as a celebration, put out online for the whole world to see the outrageous, brutal acts involved. We might have expected the world to stand up for the Jewish victims, but amazingly, the response of much of the world was to stand with the terrorists! Amazingly, the result has been a worldwide surge in antisemitism. Alarming, in the year that followed, antisemitic incidents in the United States soared by 200%, with college campuses seeing a 500% increase.

At times it looks like the entire world has devolved into pre-Holocaust Europe, threatening the Jewish people in a way they never imagined would take place in the 21st century. – **Jesse King**

The “BEASTLY” nature of Rome continues, and the WORST is still to come, which, as Daniel shows, will in due time (in God’s timing) give way to the BEST of times for the saints in the KINGDOM.

1 John 2:18 (NKJV)

18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

What defines the last days of the Church Age is increasing apostasy and the spirit of antichrist as seen in soaring antisemitism. But for the Church, the next thing on God’s prophetic calendar is the Rapture. We are looking for “*the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*” (Titus 2:13). One day the Church will instantly be removed from the world, and then the WORST of times will come in fulfillment of Daniel’s prophecy.

A father saw a light beneath the door of his son’s room. Wondering what the boy was doing at such a late hour he approached the door and heard his son saying “***If you only knew what I know...***” Come to find out the boy was reading a wild west thriller and had gotten to the middle where the plot was getting thicker and the good guy was being outrageously abused and disgraced. Meanwhile it seemed as though the villain seemed to be winning and gloating in his triumph. The boy finally couldn’t stand it any longer, so he turned to the back of the book to see how the story was going to turn out. There he saw that the good guy was gloriously vindicated and the villain punished. Then he went back to the middle of the dark plot, but now instead of agonizing, he was rejoicing because he knew the outcome in advance...

“If you only knew what I know....” The end of the story is that the saints will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. (Dan. 7:18)

Keep looking up and keep praying, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Mt. 6:10).

“Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20)