

The Prophecies of Daniel, Week 11

Daniel basics:

1. Two types of material:
 - a. historical snapshots from the life of Daniel (most of chapters 1-6)
 - b. prophetic dreams and visions (all of chapters 7-12; part of chapters 2, 4, 5)
2. Both types of material make the same point: God rules.
3. Chapters 2 & 7 introduce one big prophetic concept that shows God's rule: five kingdoms.
4. The rest of the prophecies in Daniel explain more about the five kingdoms, especially the fourth and fifth.

The historical snapshots from the time of Daniel and the visions about the five kingdoms teach us that God rules: past, present, and future.

Chapter 2: Statue

Head of Gold:
Nebuchadnezzar / Babylon

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BABYLON

Chapter 7: Animals

Lion
w/eagle's wings
lifted up, given human heart

Chest/Arms of Silver:
"inferior"

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MEDO/PERSIA

Bear
3 ribs in mouth
raised up on one side

Belly / Thigh of Bronze:
"rule over all the earth"

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GREEKS

Leopard
4 heads, 4 wings

Legs of Iron, Feet of Iron/Clay:
"crush all the others"
"kingdom divided"
mix of strong/weak

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ROMANS

Different from the rest
dreadful, terrifying
tramples the others
10 horns
little horn with great boasts

Stone Without Hands:
strikes the feet / shatters them
crushes all of it
result: kingdom stands forever

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CHRIST

Son of Man / Ancient of Days
little horn judged

The rest of Daniel 7 and 8-12 will explain more about the 4th kingdom, the little horn ruler, and the 5th kingdom.

The rest of Daniel 7:

- 7-8 **4th** Kingdom pictured as a terrible beast with many horns (rulers); but a boasting little horn becomes prominent
- 9-10 Thrones, Ancient of Days, court scene
- 11-12 The **4th** kingdom beast (horn?) is slain, and the domain of the other beasts (#s1-3?) removed.
- 13-14 Ancient of Days gives the Son of Man the **5th** kingdom
- 15-18 Basic interpretation: four beasts = **four** kings (kingdoms), **5th** eternal kingdom = the Highest One and His people
- 19-20 Daniel desires more interpretation of the **4th** beast (kingdom) and the horn (ruler)
- 21-22 More vision: the horn (**4th** kingdom) wages war with the saints, saints possess the **5th** kingdom when the Ancient of Days comes.
- 23-25 **4th** kingdom is worldwide and destructive; the horn ruler will persecute the saints, 3.5 years
- 26-27 Court scene again, horn (**4th** kingdom) destroyed, everlasting kingdom of the Highest One and His saints (**5th**)

Principles from Daniel 7:

1. God is the Ancient of Days.
2. You cannot avoid the courtroom.
3. God's final King is a son of man.
4. The King's people will reign with Him.

Union with Christ

Romans 8:17 *if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.*

I Cor. 3:22-23 *all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.*

Rev. 3:21 *He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne.*

Col. 3:3-4 *For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.*

II Tim. 2:12 *If we endure, we will also reign with Him.*

Rev. 20:6 *They will reign with Him for a thousand years.*

God's gracious kindness

Matt. 25:34 *Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'*

The reversal of Satan's purposes

verses 21-22, 25-27

8:24 *destroy the holy people; 11:33 they will fall by sword, flame, captivity, plunder*

Revelation 3:9 *Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie-- I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. (cf. Rev. 12:11)*

Our original created purpose

Genesis 1:27-28 *God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*