



Prologue: Christians Confused About the Kingdom – *Hidden Replacement Theology*

- Christians stumble in understanding eschatology: Misplaced emphasis on the Church – ignorance of Hebrew and Old Testament
- New Testament epistles do write of the Church being the Bride of Christ (Eph 5:25-31)
 - Church is the first group of believers to receive the New Covenant! (Jer 31:31)
 - Does not negate previous believers, Old Testament, from receiving the New Covenant in their appointed time (Valley of Dried Bones) (Ez 37:17-19, 38, 20:44)
 - Replacement theology (Supersessionism), Church replaces Israel in God's promises; is nowhere written; eisegesis of Paul's writing in Romans, one verse, when he wrote that a true Jew has a changed heart; not just outward Law keeping (Rom 10:1-5, 2:28-29)
- Revelation clearly teaches that in the New Earth all will be in the Bride of Christ, able to enter New Jerusalem, City of Peace worshiping Christ (Rev 21:1-7, 22:1-5)

Triad Pillars of Hermeneutics: False Beliefs Violate These

- Hermeneutics, art and science of understanding meanings; in our case, the Scriptures to insure one gains the correct hermeneutical understanding
- Rests on three foundational pillars:
 - All Scripture is breathed-out (inspiration) by God (2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - No Scripture is of any private or secret interpretation (isot) (1 Pet 1:10-11)
 - Exegete Scripture to receive God's truth; eisegese Bible to reinforce your error
 - Ignoring these leads many astray; reinforced by Satan's False Teachers (2 Pet 2:1-18)
- Pre-Bible Canon: God spoke through prophets and apostles (Jer 36:1-10, 1 Pet 1:10-11)
- Post-Bible Canon: God speaks only through the Bible authenticated by His Son, the Living Word (2 Tim 3:16-17, 1:10-11)

Isot: English idiom comes from this word – Private person or individualism (Simpleton; mentally deficient; ignorant; lacking appropriate skill or knowledge)

Hypnotic Fixation of Fourth Kingdom: Dominates Through Insidious Fear

- Despite receiving reassuring visions of God's assured victory over Satan and his small horn, Daniel remains terrified of this coming Fourth Kingdom
 - Though the exact image of this Kingdom is not explicitly given I believe it based upon Satan's own imagery of the Dragon (Serpent or Leviathan) (Jsa 27:1, 27:2; Rv 12:3)
 - This rarely seen beast, if not extinct by this time as in our day, Daniel depicted metaphorically with metallic teeth and claws; Think Transhumanism (Jsa 13:24, 12:17)
- Daniel reveals he was not alone; others were observing these visions
 - Daniel does not reveal their visage but from the assuery of their interpretation one understands them to be angels; ministering spirits (Jsa 1:14)
 - Subsequent Daniel passages reveal the action of angels in eschatology in restraining demonic influences (To be discussed in future lessons) (Jsa 28:13-17; 28:22-13)

Daniel Seeks *Help* to Interpret Vision: Daniel is Not an Idiot – Private Meaning

- Daniel could have eisegeted his own interpretation if he rested on his laurels as God's chosen prophet; i.e., pride over humility
 - Daniel evidences humility by approaching one of those observers and asking for help to understand, interpret, God's meaning of these visions
 - Centuries later John would also seek help to understand his visions rather than rest on his laurels as an apostle; he erred in trying to worship the angel who immediately reprimanded him (Jsa 22:1-4)
- False, Lying, Prophets eisegete private meanings for their own ends (Jsa 22:1-26)
 - False prophets, any error, were to be executed (Jsa 13:1-4)
 - Moses' grandson became an idolatrous priest; condemned by Bible (Jsa 38:21-4)
 - Priests and Pharisees (False Jews) rejected Christ as Son of God (Jsa 10:20-4)

Daniel's Interpreter Reinforces Victory: Four Kingdoms *Crushed* by Christ

- Daniel's interpreter summarizes the visions
 - Four Kingdoms arise from the Earth (γῆ; inferior place), not Heaven; even the Antichrist arising from the sea is of this place (Christ's Kingdom is out of this place; ἐκ τοῦ θύσου; from this place) (Translators of both verses used earth when more literal translation would have given more clarity) (Jsa 18:20-26; Rv 12:14)
 - God's people, Old Testament saints (holy ones (New Covenant)), will receive Christ's everlasting kingdom (Millennial Kingdom then New Jerusalem) (Jsa 27:1-2; 22:1-4)
- Daniel fixated on Fourth Kingdom, Nebuchadnezzar's Fourth and Fifth Empires (It represents elements from all previous beasts) (Jsa 22:1-25; 40:40; Rv 12:1-2)
 - Nebuchadnezzar perceived man's kingdoms as glorious; Satan's delusion
 - Daniel's given spiritual reality by God; Satan's kingdoms based on lies and violence; degradation implied by animal images (Jsa 64:6; 1:18-25)

Fourth Kingdom: Pinnacle of Previous Kingdoms

- Daniel re-describes the fourth beast reinforcing its supernatural and destructive nature – Domination its goal and force by fear its methodology
 - Teeth of Iron – Metal of Slavery and Imprisonment (vs 107-12:36)
 - Claws of Bronze – Metal of Judgment and Death
- Kingdom outwardly a confederation of Ten; inwardly a singularity
 - Small horn arises gaining control over confederation via complete destruction of three (Completeness) members: Satan has no loyalty except to himself
 - Small horn, power and rule, speaks domineering words making war against the saints and prevailing over them (Financiers: Power Behind Governments) (vs 7)
 - Ancient of Days (Christ) comes and destroys this Kingdom which shall never gain power again; Satan resurrects similar rebellion based on other three empires (vs 7:11-12:36:18:11:36)

Captivity Began Preparing World: Millennial Kingdom; Satan's Judgment

- Man had forsaken God since Cain; at Babel, Postdiluvial, Man re-embraced Satan – God prepared Jews to prepare the world for Christ (vs 109-10:11:1:9:16:19:34:36:41-42:75:92:1-2:9:22-4:10:36:20-21:78:118-10:220:23:340:47:1-2:374:2:10)
 - They failed and taken into Captivity just as God warned through Moses (vs 26-43-44)
 - Captivity was a foreshadowing of the world-wide dispersion they were to experience after they murdered Messiah; Fourth Kingdom executed this justice on them, those whom they used to accomplish the murder (A.D. 70 and 135)
- Bronze Age Collapse and subsequent Dark Ages remade the very ancient world preparing for today which is a prelude to Satan's Kingdom
 - Satan loves to hate God's people though they follow him (vs 2)
 - In Great Tribulation he was against True Jews, witnesses, then destroys False Jews whom he used to gain control then declare Satan as god (vs 14:14:15:28:1-15:20:24:48:118:117)

Private Interpretations Not from God: Promote Satan's Coming Antichrist

- Error of Supersessionism, Replacement Theology, is not simply error of interpretation; it aligns with Satan promoting his coming Kingdom
- False teachers (Example: Health, Wealth and Prosperity) violate the Bible they claim to teach; they follow their god, Satan (vs 21-3)
 - They claim to be prophets or apostles receiving new revelation from God; this denies Scripture, God speaks through His Word today (vs 11-2)
 - They teach contrary to Scripture claiming new direction from God; lying spirits speaking through them spreading Satan's delusion (vs 18:21-26:20:23-32)
 - They appear as agents of light but evidence the anger of hell, brooking no opposition lest it interfere with their cash flow (vs 11:13-15:34-43-4)
 - Christians are slaves to Christ and His word; we are to encourage everyone in the truth; there is no other name by which to be saved; (vs 4:11-12:30:14:10:16:1023-24)