

Daniel 7 v.1-8; 15-25

- Beasts are kingdoms, people (v.17)
- Kingdoms on Earth are described as beasts with animal like characteristics
- In the end, a final beast, a final kingdom, will rule the world (v.23)
- All kingdoms are against God (Daniel 2)
- This kingdom will be different than anything before it
- It knows it's the last kingdom and will attempt to change times and the law (v.25) to extend it's time
- It will be the culmination of all the evil kingdoms to ever exist
- It will openly speak against God and will wear out the saints living at that time

Matthew 24

v.9-10 - Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

v.21-22 - For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Revelation 12

Daniel 7:9-12; 25-26

- Judgment scene where the beasts get judged and their dominion is taken away forever
 - Why do the beasts need judged?
 - How did they get dominion in the first place?

Genesis 1:26-28

- Mankind was set up as the ruler of this world
- God gave humanity dominion over the animals (beasts), in order to care for, tend to, and use those animals to their fullest potential in a just manner

Genesis 1:26-28

- In Genesis, Adam was made in the image of God to rule the beasts, but Adam failed
- In Daniel 7, God appears in the image of Adam (the son of man) to rule over the beasts, and God succeeds
- In the Garden, an usual beast (serpent) got dominion over man and brought evil into the world
- As a result, humans who should be the image of God, have become like "beasts"
- The earth should be a garden ruled by men, but instead it's ruled by beasts who take dominion over men
- One of the reasons God has to be a man (the son of man), and the reason Jesus presented himself that way, is because a man must fulfill the mandate Adam was given
- A man must correct what was given up in the Garden

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- Snakes are sprinkled throughout scripture as little reminders of where it all began, and how mankind failed, and how we depend on God
- Mentioned over 80 times in the Bible

Exodus 7:1-2; 8-12

And the Lord said to Moses, See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. 2 You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land.

8 Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 9 When Pharaoh says to you, Prove yourselves by working a miracle, then you shall say to Aaron, Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a **serpent**. 10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a **serpent**. 11 Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. 12 For each man cast down his staff, and they became **serpents**. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food. 6 Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live. 9 So Moses made a bronze **serpent** and set it on a pole. And if a **serpent** bit anyone, he would look at the bronze **serpent** and live.

Matthew 3:1-2; 7-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, **You brood of vipers!** Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:1-2; 7-12

- There is wheat and there is chaff
- There are sons of God and sons of the viper
- One gathers into the barn of heaven and one into the fire of hell

Matthew 12:34-35

You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

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Matthew 29:24; 33-35

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? 34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, 35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

John 8:39-47

They answered him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said to them, If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the works your father did. They said to him, We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God. 42 Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

Romans 16:17-20

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. 19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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- We've been waiting on the offspring of the woman (son of man) to crush the serpents head since Genesis 3
- Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying,
 I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. 4 But he answered, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you, and On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said to him, Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me. 10 Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve. 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Daniel 7:13-14; 18; 22; 27

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- One like the son of man, yet divine, is given dominion, glory, and a kingdom
- A people will be taken out of these beast kingdoms and allowed to rule with the son of man (like it was originally intended)
- His judgments dethrone the beasts
- His judgments establish a kingdom
- His judgments enthrone a people