

CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

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 - C. Waging War Against the Saints (21)
 - 1. Target believers - Daniel tells us that the Antichrist will especially target true believers during the Tribulation (Dan 7:21, 25).
 - 2. Great Persecution - Revelation teaches about an incredible amount of persecution during the Tribulation (Rev 6:9-10; 12:11; 13:7; 17:6).
 - 3. Great Tribulation - Jesus Himself talked about the persecution and martyrdom in the end times (Mat 24:9). Jesus Himself called it the "great tribulation" (Mat 24:21).
 - 4. Overpowering the Saints - "**Overpowering**" the saints most likely refers not only to persecution but also martyrdom. However, it will only be for a short time because the Ancient of Days will rule in favor of the saints (cf. Dan 7:22).
 - D. Divine Court Decision (22)
 - 1. Divine Courtroom - The "**Ancient of Days**" presides over the divine courtroom. It is only in this chapter that Daniel refers to the Ancient of Days (Dan 7:9, 13, 22). It is a reference to the all-wise, sovereign, and holy God who will give the everlasting kingdom to the Messiah (Dan 7:9, 14).
 - 2. In Favor of Saints - The divine judge makes a judgement in **favor of the saints**. In this context it means that God has ruled that the timeframe for the persecution of the saints will end.
 - 3. Possession of the Kingdom - Not only will a **time arrive** when persecution will end but the saints will be given the kingdom. They will "**possess**" it in the sense that it will be their new citizenship under a new King (cf. Dan 7:18).
 - E. Fourth Kingdom (23)
 - 1. Fourth Beast (Kingdom) - Here the "**fourth beast**" is identified as a kingdom. However, these kingdoms are ruled by kings (Dan 7:17). The most prominent king of the Roman Empire, albeit revived, is the 'little horn,' i.e. the Antichrist.
 - 2. Roman Empire - Similar to Dan 7:19a, the great and mighty Roman Empire was "exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze" (cf. Dan 2:33, 40; 7:7a).
 - 3. Revived Roman Empire -
 - a. Crush with its Feet (Antichrist) - Similar to Dan 7:19b, there will be a revived Roman Empire that will be under the rule of the Antichrist which will "devour, crush and trample down the remainder with its feet" (Dan 2:33, 41-43; 7:7b).
 - b. Different From Other Kingdoms - The Revived Roman Empire under the rule of Antichrist will be "**different from all the other kingdoms**" in that it will:
 - 1) Have ten horns (Dan 7:7).

2) **Crush and devour** with its feet [**“whole earth”**] (Dan 7:19, 23).

3) Subdue three kings by the hand of Antichrist (Dan 7:24).

c. **Quote** - *This may refer to the empire's far greater diversity than previous empires, and its breadth of conquest (v. 24). It branches out into two great divisions (cf. “legs,” 2:33, 40), then near the end into 10 horns (a confederacy of 10 nations), and even an 11th horn (Antichrist's kingdom) lasting until Christ's second coming (MSB in Dan 7:19).*

F. Another (“Little”) Horn (24)

1. **Ten Horns** - Here the ten horns are identified as **ten kings** who will rule the Revived Roman Empire.

2. **Another King** - An eleventh king will rise. He will be **“another horn”**, the “little horn,” the “first beast” (Rev 13:1), “Antichrist” (1Jo 2:18a), who will rise in power (cf. Dan 7:8).

3. **Subdue three** - The Antichrist will grow in power in the revived Roman Empire when he consolidates the ten kings and subdues three of them (Dan 7:24), pulls them out by their roots (Dan 7:8), and causes them to **fall** (Dan 7:20).

G. Time, Times, and a Half Time (25)

1. **Wear Down Saints** - In v. 25 we see the little horn **“wearing down the saints.”** This is probably a reference to the persecution and martyrdom of the saints rather than their apostasy. There most likely is a connection between the Antichrist's **“speaking out against the Most High”** and the persecution of the saints as it will reveal his anti-Christ-ian movement.

2. **Alter Times and Law** - The altering of **“times”** and **“laws”** could refer to changing of religious dates, observances, and traditions. At the mid-point of the Tribulation, the little horn will set himself up to be deified and worshipped (2Th 2:4).

3. **Rule 3 ½ Yrs** - The phrase, **“time, times, and half a time”** refers to the timeframe that the little horn will be permitted to blaspheme against God and His people. The phrase implies the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation (Dan 12:7; Rev 12:14; 13:5).

III. INTERPRETATION OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM (Dan 7:26-28)

A. Judgment Against the Horn (26)

1. **Rule Against Little Horn** - The little horn's days will be numbered, both in his **dominion** and destruction. Whereas the Divine Courtroom ruled in favor of the saints (Dan 7:22), it will rule against the Antichrist.

2. **Dominion Removed** - The sovereign judge called the Ancient of Days will **take away** the little horn's **dominion**. This was accomplished by the “Stone” (Christ) in Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan 2:34-35, 44-45).

3. **Destroyed Forever** - The sovereign judge will also **annihilate and destroy forever** the Antichrist. This does not teach Annihilationism for we read in Rev 14:11 (those who worship the beast) and Rev 20:10 (devil, beast, false prophet) that those who are cast into the Lake of Fire are eternally punished in that they “have no rest” and they “they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

B. Everlasting Kingdom (27)

1. **Literal Reign of Christ** - The Millennial Kingdom is the literal reign of Christ for 1,000 years after His 2nd Coming (Rev 20:4, 6), which fulfills the Davidic Covenant (2Sa 7:12-16).

2. **Millennial Kingdom in Daniel** - Daniel gave approximately ten references of the Millennial **Kingdom** (Dan 2:44; 4:3, 34; 6:26; 7:14, 18, 22, 27).

3. **Given to Tribulation Saints** - After the Antichrist's destruction, the Divine Courtroom will give the Kingdom to the Son, who in turn will share it with all who have trusted in Him during the Tribulation. The **“saints of the Highest One”** will be the survivors of little horn's “war” against them (Dan 7:22, 25).

4. **Reign With Christ** - The raptured Church saints (Rev 5:10), OT saints (Dan 12:1-2), and martyred Tribulation saints (Rev 20:4) will reign with Christ in the Millennial Kingdom with Christ (Pentecost).

5. **Everlasting Kingdom** - One of the main characteristics of the Kingdom of Christ is that it will be an **everlasting kingdom** (Dan 2:44; 4:3, 34; 6:26; 7:14, 18, 27 cf. Isa 9:6-7). It will begin with Christ's 1,000-year reign and extend into eternity.

6. All will Serve and Obey - When Christ literally reigns on His throne, believing representatives from every “tribe and nation” will **serve and obey Him** (cf. Dan 7:14).
- C. Alarming Vision (28) - Possibly, Daniel was “**distressed**” (*kera cf. Dan 7:15*) because kings and kingdoms will continue to rebel against the Lord until the end. Daniel was also “**alarmed**” by the grave judgment brought against the little horn (and all his followers).









IV. OBSERVATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

A. Divine Courtroom

1. In the Divine Courtroom, the Lord is Sovereign in what He allows, how long He allows it, or if He even allows it at all.
2. In the Divine Courtroom, the Lord has made everything for its own purpose, that even includes the wicked and wickedness (Pro 16:4).
3. In the Divine Courtroom, the Lord allows man to plan his way but ultimately it is the Lord’s decision to allow it to be carried out or not (Pro 16:1, 9, 33).
4. In the Divine Courtroom, the Lord is over those whom he has placed in authority and given authority (Pro 16:10, 14-15). However, they have a responsibility before the Lord to act uprightly or that authority will be removed (Pro 16:5, 12).
5. In the Divine Courtroom, men have a responsibility to live righteously before God (Pro 16:2, 3, 17, 20).

B. Divine Kingdom (Characteristics)

1. Christ will rule on the throne of David (Isa 9:6-7).
2. It will be centered in Jerusalem (Isa 2:3).
3. It will be characterized by perfect justice (Isa 11:4; Jer 23:5).
4. It will be characterized by peace (Isa 11:6).
5. It will be characterized by joy and gladness (Isa 9:3-4).
6. It will be characterized by the knowledge of the Lord (Isa 11:9; Jer 31:31-34).

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE (Dan 2:37-45)			7:1-8
	GOLD	BABYLONIAN (605 - 539 B.C.) (Dan 2:32, 37-38; 7:4) (King Nebuchadnezzar)	
	SILVER	MEDO-PERSIAN (539 - 331 B.C.) (Dan 2:32, 39a; 5:31; 6:28; 7:5) (Cyrus the Great)	
	BRONZE	GREEK (331 - 63 B.C.) (Dan 2:32, 39b; 7:6) (Alexander the Great)	
	IRON	ROMAN (63 B.C. - A.D. 476) (Dan 2:33, 40; 7:7a) (Caesars)	
	IRON /CLAY	REVIVED EMPIRE OF 10 KINGS (Dan 2:33, 41-43; 7:7b-8, 11, 19-21, 23-25; 9:26; Rev 12:3; 13:1) (Little Horn - Antichrist)	
	STONE	CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (Dan 2:34-35, 44-45; 7:13-14, 18, 22, 26-27; Rev 20:4) (The Lord Jesus Christ)	

3½ Years occurs 5X's in Revelation!

Clustered together in 3 consecutive chapters at Rev 11, 12 & 13!

$$3\frac{1}{2} \text{ Years} \times 2 = 7$$

In Daniel

- "time, times, and a half time" (Dan 7:25)
- "middle of the week" (Dan 9:27)





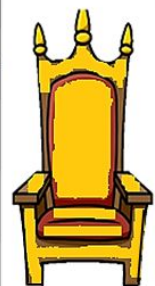
In Revelation

- 1) Gentile Occupation- 42 months (Rev 11:2)
- 2) Two Witnesses - 1260 days (Rev 11:3)
- 3) Israel in Wilderness - 1260 days (Rev 12:6)
- 4) Israel in Wilderness - Time, Times, ½ (Rev 12:14)
- 5) Antichrist's blasphemy - 42 months (Rev 13:5)

Its all the same amount of time expressed in different ways!

$$3\frac{1}{2} \text{ Years} = 42 \text{ Months} = 1,260 \text{ Days} = \text{Time Times} \& \frac{1}{2} \text{ a Time.}$$

EVENTS IN REVELATION (Chapters)

1-3	4-5	6-18	19	20
				
Church Age (Eph 3:4-6)	Church in Heaven (1Th 4:14-17)	7-Year Trib. (Jer 30:7) (Dan 9:24-27)	2nd Advent (Tit 2:13)	Millennial Kingdom (Rev 20:1-6)