

1. Last week I taught Dan 7:9 and when time ran out we were studying verse ten.
2. Before continuing I want to provide an expanded translation of Dan 7:1-9:

Dan 7:1 In the first year of the Babylonian co-regency of Nabonidus and Belshazzar in approximately 550 B.C., Daniel had a dream; he was lying on his bed when he saw several visions. He recorded the visions in summary fashion in his diary.

Dan 7:2 I Daniel was lying in my bed, I looked up and saw the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea - the Mediterranean Sea.

Dan 7:3 Four dreadful creatures, each different from the other, arose out of the sea; the sea represented the vast confused gentile world.

Dan 7:4 The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle; this first creature represented Babylon; I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it; here we have a reference to Nebuchadnezzar's bout with his zoanthropic malady, his temporary demise as ruler of Babylon and his recovery after his regeneration.

Dan 7:5 And then I saw a second awful creature, it looked like a bear. The beast represented the Medo Persian Empire. The giant grizzly had raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs protruding between its teeth. The three ribs represented Babylon, Lydia and Egypt; these were three nations recently conquered. A command from one standing near-by said, Get up and eat more!

Dan 7:6 And then I saw another beast rise out of the sea, one that looked like a leopard. On its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule; the nature of the leopard and its winged back spoke of Alexander the Great's speed of conquest when he would conquer the world in 12 short years. The four heads given authority represented his four generals who would rule the Hellenistic Empires; the four generals being Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucid.

Dan 7:7 As I slept in my bed I saw a fourth beast more terrifying and frightening and powerful than the other three. It had huge iron teeth and what it didn't grind with its teeth it smashed with its feet. It was different from all the former beasts ... and it had ten horns coming out of its head.

Dan 7:8 Just as I was thinking about these horns, a little horn appeared before me; and three of the other horns were pulled up by the roots to make room for it. This horn had the eyes of a human and its mouth spoke boastfully of the things which he would do; he was particularly critical of God.

Dan 7:9 Suddenly my eyes were lifted toward heaven for there I saw thrones being set in place by none other than God the Father, the Ancient of Days, Who took His seat in the middle of the Throne Room of Heaven. He wore a robe as white as snow signifying His absolute Righteousness; the hair of His head was white and thick like wool, a sign of His earned respect. His throne was set high, it was surrounded by flaming fire, the throne had wheels which were all ablaze to describe His omnipresent nature and severe judgment upon all who deny His authority, rule and protocol.



3. Now let's continue our study of Dan 7:10.

4. The verse in the KJV reads:

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Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Principles:

1. The river of fire coming out from the Father is again a representation of His severe judgment about to be hurled upon planet earth. As we saw in Psa 50:3 and Psa 97:3 fire is used to portray the righteous judgment of God.

2. The Antichrist and his subalterns will soon be thwarted and both he and the False Prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

3. Notice the first two to be cast into the Lake of Fire says chapter nineteen are the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

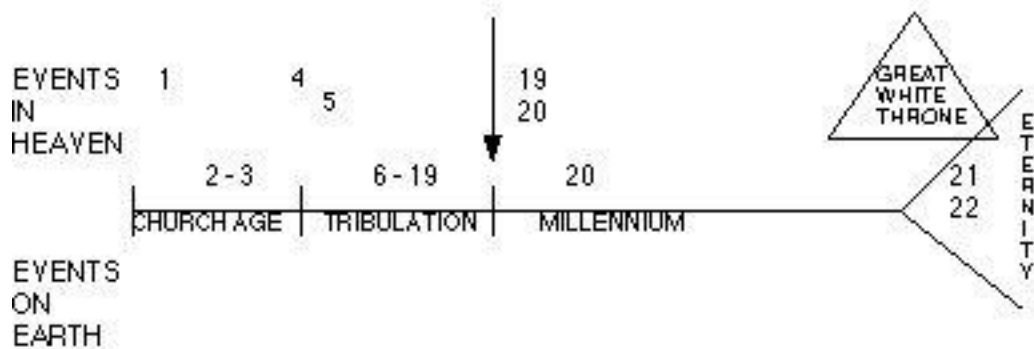
4. The billions of angels before Him are I suspect the elect angels who serve Him. The term "Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him" may simply describe "a vast number;" there is really no way of knowing if a literal or figurative interpretation is appropriate.

4.1 A proper translation might simply be "myriads of elect angels bow and worship Him, they are faithful ministers who do the will of God."

5. It would seem all of heaven is ready for God's judgment of Satan and his minions.

6. The verse tells us the Supreme Court of Heaven is about to judge those on planet earth; the judgment will manifest itself in the authorization for Christ to descend and destroy those who have for seven years tormented the planet.

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7. The books are said to be opened. Given the context the books referenced are no doubt the acts and deeds of the nations and the unbelievers of the Tribulation.

7.1 It is also quite possible the books might also include those things designed of God for the planet which since the fall have been in open rebellion against God.

8. God has according to our Scripture a library (perhaps merely an anthropomorphism); if He does have a library, surely it contains the Old and the New Testaments.

9. There are those who have written that His library also includes all of the thoughts, words and actions of everyone who ever walked the face of the earth. This would include not only what was done but what would have been done under some finite number of "ifs" i.e. what if this or that happened.

10. Specifically we are told there is the Book of Life about which Moses spoke in Exo 32:32:

Exo 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

11. As you can see from Rev 20:12 there is not only a Book of Life but there is a second book in which all human good is listed for each unbeliever.

12. There is also a book in which all the wanderings and tears of the believer are listed.

Psa 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

Psa 56:9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

13. Malachi tells us of a book in which there is a listing of all who feared and revered God; this I would think is merely another description of the Book of Life.

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

14. The nations of the world are in turmoil as is seen on the bottom screen, assuming of course you have dreamt along with Daniel.

14.1 But on the top screen all is well and serene. The most high is reigning supreme in heaven, being worshiped by myriads of elect angels as preparations are being made for the imminent return of Christ.

15. In verses eleven and twelve we leave heaven and move to planet earth where the Antichrist is judged but first let's take a look at an expanded translation of Daniel 7:10

Expanded Translation:

Dan 7:10 I saw a river of fire flowing like a sea of lava from the throne room of God. Vast numbers of angels stood before him; I estimate their numbers in the billions. It was announced that the Supreme Court of Heaven would soon be in session; a large set of books were brought into the heavenly court room.

Now let's take a look at the Antichrist's final judgment.

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Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Dan 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

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Dan 7:11 "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.

Dan 7:12 (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

Principles:

1. The boastful words of the Antichrist, the little horn, have been described in the Book of the Revelation as well as here in the prophecy of Daniel. His actions are many, powerful and nefarious.
2. He will take over the "world" and provide answers to the world's problems.
3. He will solve the Arab and Israeli problem in some miraculous manner; there will be peace in the Middle East; a Temple will be built atop the Dome of the Mosque and Israel will again worship in the Holy Place.
4. He will explain the rapture away in secular terms.
5. He will get the support of the global Church headquartered in Rome.
6. He will develop an awesome military machine.
7. He will, through the Global church, begin to downplay the power of God.
8. He will seek out and ridicule all "true believers" who eventually have to go into hiding.
9. The global Church will help him explain away eschatology.
10. The Antichrist, according to the Global Church, will be designated a tool of God to move the world forward toward perfection.
11. The global Church like the Catholic Church today will teach that they are preparing the world for Christ's return by making the world a better place.

12. Thus the efforts of the Antichrist during the first half of the Tribulation fits to a "tee" the remedial efforts desired by the Holy Father in Rome.

13. Religious harmony and world peace among the peoples of the World are certainly signs of improvement in preparation for the Second Coming and guess who the Antichrist will claim himself to be "after his resuscitation" - none other than the messiah himself!

14. A national religion will be encouraged; the global Church will embrace all religions as an act of pious tolerance. One world, one Government, one People and one Religion under the protection of the Antichrist will pervade during the first 1260 days of the Tribulation.

15. This would seem to be the Antichrist's program in the first half of the Tribulation - world amelioration.

16. Rev 13:1-5 seems to describe the first 42 months.

Rev 13:1 And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

Rev 13:2 The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

Rev 13:3 One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

Rev 13:4 Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

17. In the second half a different program will be pursued.

Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

Rev 13:7 He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

Rev 13:8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

18. His treaty with Israel is broken.

19. In Israel's Temple a statue of himself is erected and all must worship the image; the inanimate statue speaks making blasphemous pronouncements against the Jehovah God of Israel.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

20. The Global Church in Rome is not even given a chance to support this bizarre blasphemy.

21. The Antichrist and False Prophet have no need for the global Church of Rome. The Babylonian Whore Church is destroyed.

21.1 The treaty with Israel guaranteeing them Temple worship is abrogated. The Antichrist proclaims himself to be their messiah King.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease ...

22. Political Rome is also destroyed; the Antichrist forsakes all political alliances and becomes the messiah and world dictator - a sorry facade of what Christ will properly do in the Millennium.

23. Christ's judgment as we have just read is soon to come.

24. The phrase of Dan 7:11 "I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire." tells us of his judgment which occurs after the Great Tribulation.

25. The judgment of the Antichrist and the False Prophet is further described by John in his Apocalyptic vision recorded for us in Revelation chapter nineteen verse twenty.

Rev 19:20 But the beast, the Antichrist was captured, and with him the False Prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery furnace.

26. Rev 7:12 speaks of the other beasts, i.e., Satan and his demons, they are said "to be stripped of their authority but allowed to live for a short period of time."

Dan 7:12 (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

27. Again John comes to our rescue by further describing this event for us.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

28. Let me now give you an expanded translation of Dan 7:11 and 12:

Expanded Translation:

Dan 7:11 I watched in amazement as the little horn, the Antichrist, boasted of his greatness and power. I kept on watching until he was slain at the Second Advent of Christ; I watched further as Christ had his body thrown into the blazing fire of Hades.

Dan 7:12 Satan and his demons however were allowed to live but were chained for the greater part of 1000 years in Sheol and then they were released for a short period of time at the end of Christ's Millennial reign.

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