

1. Last week I taught Dan 7:19 and when time ran out I was about to begin verse twenty.
2. Before continuing I want to provide an expanded translation of Dan 7:1-19:

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. I saw thrones being set in place by none other than 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 a sign of His earned respect. His throne 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 rule and protocol.

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.

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 the Antichrist's 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.

Dan 7:13 As I slept I continued to dream and there before me was the Christ, He looked like the Son of Man, the Incarnate Christ; He came clothed in the clouds of heaven. He approached the Throne of the Ancient of Days being led into his presence in the middle of the Throne Room in the middle of the Third Heaven.

Dan 7:16 I then asked one of the angels in the vision "what is the meaning of what I have dreamed?" The angel Gabriel began an extensive explanation of what had earlier troubled me so greatly.

Dan 7:17 The four great beasts are four world empires which will arise out from the turmoil of planet earth to be ultimately destroyed

Dan 7:18 and then believing Israel will be given an earthly Kingdom; they will possess it forever and ever.

Dan 7:19 I was greatly puzzled and wanted to know more of the fourth beast, for this beast was different from all the others and in fact he was more terrifying than all the others combined; with its iron teeth and bronze claws it could be seen crushing and devouring its victims and trampling them underfoot. This beast showed no mercy whatsoever.

3. Now let's see what we can learn from Dan 7:20-22.

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Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

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Dan 7:20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell-- the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

Dan 7:21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, Dan 7:22 until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

Principles:

1. Ten kings shall arise in the final stage of the fourth (Roman) kingdom and shall reign contemporaneously not successively as we have seen in Rev 17:12-13.

Rev 17:12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.

Rev 17:13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.

2. Let me read you what Wycliffe has written about the Antichrist in his Commentary: "Of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth, etc. All interpreters-Jewish, Christian, unbelievers-agree that this is the Antichrist ... twelve facts about the Antichrist:

(1) He will not create a tenfold confederacy; he will absorb one (Dan 7:24).

Dan 7:24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

(2) He will be just another king-"another ... horn" (Dan 7:8), and he will be mortal (Rev 13:2; 2Th 2:9). It will be the Satanic power behind him that will make him significant. He will according to Rev 13:2 combine the characteristics of the three earlier empires into an awful but powerful creation of satanic mayhem and mischief.

Dan 7:8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

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.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

(3) He will be obscure at first-"little" (Dan 7:8).

(4) His march to power will begin with his conquest of three kingdoms (Dan 7:8; compared with Dan 7:24).

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(5) Yet something about him will be special (diverse from the first [ten], Dan 7:24). Also see Rev 13:15; 2Th 2:4. Many extraordinary events will be connected with him (Rev 13:16-17; 2Th 2:9-10).

Rev 13:15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

2Th 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,  
Rev 13:17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,  
2Th 2:10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

(6) He will be very intelligent-"eyes of a man" (Dan 7:8).

(7) He will be an orator of ability (Dan 7:8).

Dan 7:8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

(8) His appearance will be striking (Dan 7:20).

Dan 7:20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell-- the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

(9) He will be a blasphemer (Dan 7:25; compared with Rev 13:5-6).

Dan 7:25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

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

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.

(10) He will seek to make his accession a new epoch (Dan 7:25, change times).

(11) He will seek to destroy Israel (Dan 7:25a; compared with Dan 9:26-27).

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High ...

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

(12) His time will be short (Dan 7:25), a time, (two) times, and the dividing (half) of time (compare Rev 11:2; 13:5; Dan 12:7).

Rev 11:2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

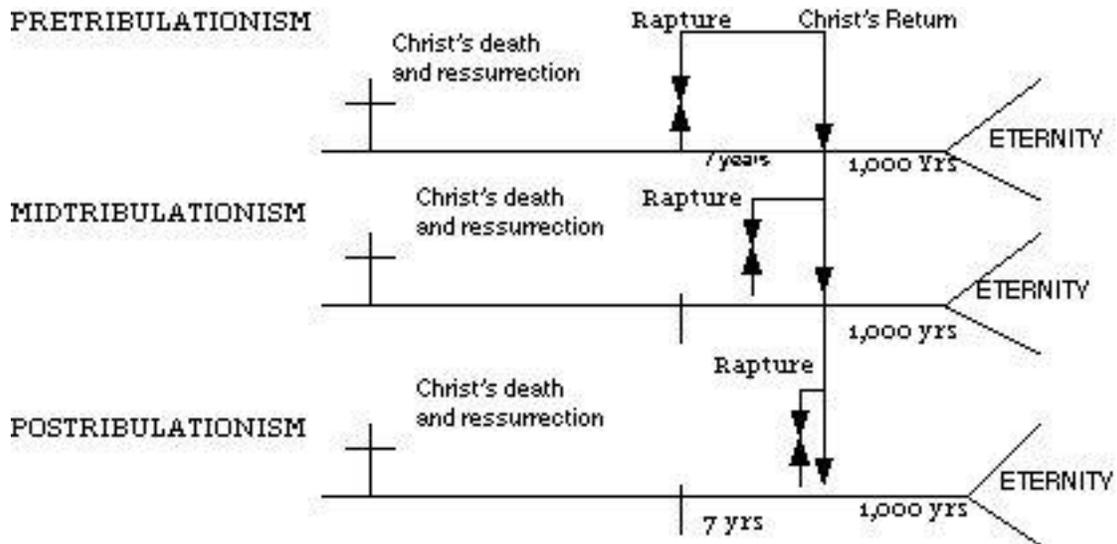
Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Dan 12:7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

3. These verses in Daniel seven also provide further evidence supporting the premillennial view.

3.1 The Messiah's kingdom follows the Antichrist's appearance. This appears to make post- and amillennial schemes identifying the Church with the Kingdom unfeasible.

3.2 The kingdom of the Messiah follows the Gentile kingdoms; the Antichrist's kingdom is at no time contemporary with the Gentile empires. It must, therefore, be still future.



3.3 The kingdom of Christ succeeds the final form of the Gentile dominion, i.e, the Revived Roman Empire which does not appear until the Tribulation.

3.4 The Messianic kingdom is external in its aspect, not a kingdom in men's hearts, as Church-Kingdom theories demand.

3.5 This kingdom of the Antichrist is related with Israel and not the church. (Compare Dan 7:7, 22, 25 and 27 with 8:22-24). The "saints" or holy people referred to here is Israel and no other. The Church is not a Jewish kingdom.

Dan 7:7 "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

Dan 7:22 until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

Dan 7:25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Dan 7:27 When the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'

Dan 8:22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

Dan 8:23 "In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a

stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise.

Dan 8:24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people.

4. Let me now give you seventy-two summary points about the Antichrist:

4.1 John in the Book of The Revelation is fulfilling the role of a prophet, one sent by God with God's message to deliver to man.

4.2 In the thirteenth chapter, John introduces us to a beast. God in the Apocalypse has John use many figures and many symbols to convey truth.

4.3 To many these are arcane, but they need not be, for when you compare Scripture with Scripture, you find that Scripture often will interpret its own figures and its own symbols. So we are not left with idle speculation as to the significance of these.

4.4 Reading in Revelation chapter 13 verses 1 and 2 (KJV), "I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads, the name of blasphemy.

4.4.1 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

4.5 The Sea in Scripture is frequently used, particularly in the Old Testament, as a reference to Gentile nations. "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:20).

4.6 The sea represented Gentile nations. John saw this beast emerging from among Gentile nations. He says a unique thing about this one at the end of verse Rev 13:2 ... "the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

4.7 Now we see another symbol, the dragon. If you will look back to Revelation chapter 12, the dragon is introduced to us there for the first time in the book of the Revelation. "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent - the devil."

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

4.8 The dragon then is the symbol for Satan. So here is one emerging from among the Gentile nations who receives his power and his authority and his right to rule, not from God directly but from the permissive will of God indirectly."

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