

1. Last week I finished teaching seventy-two points about the Antichrist and then we exegeted Dan 7:20-23.

2. Before continuing I want to provide an expanded translation of Dan 7:1-23:

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.

Dan 7:20 I, Daniel also wanted Gabriel to tell me more about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell--I was interested particularly in knowing of the horn that looked more imposing than the others; the one who had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully against all authority.

Dan 7:21 While I was looking, this horn, the Antichrist, attacked God's chosen ones and at times seemed to be winning the battle.

Dan 7:22 Then God, the Most High, the Eternal One, came and judged in favor of his chosen ones, because the time had arrived for them to be given the kingdom.

Dan 7:23 Then I was told by the one standing there: "The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom to appear on earth. It will be different from all the others - it will trample the earth and crush it to pieces."

3. Before returning to our points however let's take a look at how the NIV has translated Dan 7:20-22.

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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.

Dan 7:23 Then I was told by the one standing there: "The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom to appear on earth. It will be different from all the others - it will trample the earth and crush it to pieces."

4. Now let's see what we can learn from Dan 7:24-25.

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Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

NIV

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.

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.

Principles:

1. Now Daniel is told ten kings will be transformed from a ten nation federation to an international One World Government. Let's speak to this point of "One World Government" under the Antichrist.

2. As Daniel was looking at these ten emerging kingdoms there came up among them a little horn.

3. Now if each of the ten horns represents a king, we must conclude the little horn is another king who emerges from among the ten.

4. He is called little because he is seen as having an insignificant beginning. Nobody paid any attention to him; he was inconsequential.

4.1 But then he quickly gained power over three of the original ten horns.

5. Daniel sees emerging from this political figure of insignificance a change. Nobody paid any attention at first, but now the world begins to take cognizance of him.

6. This little horn is the subject of the rest of Daniel's prophecy from Daniel 7:8 to the end of the chapter.

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."

7. Let's review again the appellatives used of the Antichrist.

7.1 In chapter 8 verse 23 he is the "king of fierce countenance" or as the NIV translates "a stern faced king, a master of intrigue."

Dan 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, "a king of fierce countenance," and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

7.2 In Dan 9:26, he is called "the prince that shall come."

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of "the prince that shall come" shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

7.3 In chapter 11 verse 36 he is "the king that does according to his own will," or as some have translated "the willful king."

Dan 11:36 And "the king shall do according to his will;" and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

7.4 His likeness is called "the abomination of desolation" in Mat 24:15.

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:)

8. So over and over again, Daniel enlarges on the work, the ministry, the activity of this one who emerges from among the nations that had their origin in the break-up of the old Roman Empire.

9. Now let's go back to the book of the Revelation. Our purpose here is to show how remarkably close Daniel and John track in their prophesies though written a half a millennium apart.

10. If you look in Rev 17:8, you will find that John reintroduces us to a beast.

Rev 17:8 The beast, (Satan) which you saw, once was, [in time] now is not, [chained for the millennium] and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction [at end of millennium]. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the Book of Life from the creation of the world will be ashamed and astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

11. This beast of Rev 17:8 will indwell the beast of Rev 13:1.

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.

12. Verse 12 of Rev 17 says, "The ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings in their independent kingdoms They are not united; they are divided." Clearly this is a description of the "original ten nation federation from which the Antichrist will ultimately rule.

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.

13. And John in this same verse 12 notes that this beast has not yet come on the world scene, for he says they "have received no kingdoms yet.

14. John was living under a united Rome, not a divided Rome. God tells John just as Gabriel told Daniel to anticipate a division into ten separate kingdoms.

15. Revelation chapter 17, verse 13 states, "These," that is these ten separate kingdoms, they will "have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

Rev 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

16. Notice this one who has been ruling over three of the ten is invited, is elected, is appointed, to be head over the ten nations that have existed as ten independent kingdoms, or ten independent horns.

17. We have no clue as to how long the original Federation exists as "ten horns."

18. Once the Antichrist establishes his rule, John tells us in Revelation chapter thirteen verse seven "it was given unto him to make war with the saints," it goes on to say "and to overcome them."

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

19. It is interesting to note the last part of this verse. Power was given him, not just over the ten that have elected him: "power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

20. In the book of the Revelation that phrase, "all kingdoms, and tongues, and nations," refers to his international authority and international power.

21. That is why more than one respected expositor of eschatology has referred to it as a coming one world government.

22. Now, Satan is not an innovator, he's an imitator. Satan knows full well God's purpose is to enthrone His Son as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

23. God said in Psalm 2:6 that He had set His Son on a throne in the holy hill of Zion that is in Jerusalem.

Psa 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

Psa 2:3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Psa 2:4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Psa 2:5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Psa 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

24. When that Son comes to reign as Isaiah 9:6 says, He will bear the name Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

25. I want to spend a little time with this very important subject of Satan as an imitator:

25.1 As we have seen John in his epistles warns believers that there are already many "antichrists" in the world.

1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Jo 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1Jo 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2Jo 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

25.2 He is not talking about several eschatological characters, he is speaking of the plan and purpose of Satan to deceive believers by promulgating a lie.

25.3 But in our verses here in Daniel and in the several related Revelation passages we do find a reference to an eschatological character.

25.4 I have previously taught you the prefix anti in the Greek can have two meanings: it can mean "against," as in against Christ or it can mean "a substitute for another."

25.4.1 Both have application when it comes to the Antichrist.

25.5 Satan as the indweller of the Antichrist comes as a substitute for Christ though also being against Christ.

25.6 He comes for example as a master of deception in which he says to the world, "I am the prince of peace, I can solve the world's political unrest, and if you submit to me I will institute a reign of peace now, right here on earth.

25.7 We can read Dan 9:27 for the how to: "he confirms the covenant with many for one week," that is seven years.

25.8 The many is a reference to Daniel's people Israel.

25.8.1 The Antichrist comes to power professing to be able to solve the world's problems, and the first problem he attacks is, the Middle East Crisis, the conflict between Israel and the Arabs over who has the right to live in the Holy Land.

25.9 This one makes a covenant with the nation of Israel guaranteeing their peace, their security, their well-being, their welfare in their own land.

25.10 When Israel receives that kind of a guarantee, Israel joins herself with the beast, with this little horn, this prince that shall come, and becomes in effect an eleventh horn in that federation.

25.11 For those of us with doctrine we can certainly see the satanic deception. What do the people of Israel want and need today more than anything else?

25.12 Secure borders, peace, and freedom from terrorism. What does this one promise them?

25.13 "If you put yourself under my protection, then I will guarantee all these things" promises the Beast. And Israel in her hardness and coldness of heart says, "This must be our Messiah, this is our Christ."

25.14 But he is anti-Christ, he is opposed to Christ, and at the same time he is a substitute for Christ.

25.15 I see the first part of this individual as a political ruler, imitating the reign of Christ because when Christ returns to this earth the second time to rule and to reign, He unites all kingdoms under His authority.

25.15.1 "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever." Rev 11:15

25.16 The Antichrist, indwelt by Satan becomes, a failed facsimile of what God will one day do.

25.17 In addition to being the one who will provide peace and stability to Israel as a national entity by "political expertise," he also becomes head of a "one world economy."

26. I want to give you several points about the role assumed by the indwelt one as the World's Economic Minister

26.1 Revelation 13:16-17 states: "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

26.2 When this One becomes head of a one world government, he institutes a one world economy.

26.3 And he demands not only absolute submission to his political power, but absolute submission to his economic authority as well, so that no one can buy or sell anything unless he has the sign of submission to his authority.



26.4 Now why is this so crucial? If you look back in Revelation chapter 6, we have a record of the first in a series of divine judgments poured out during the Tribulation period.

26.4.1 The third of the six seals speaks of economic bad times. God makes it very difficult for "the beast to feed the world."

26.5 The third seal is described in verses five and six. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th seals recall occur during the Great Tribulation.

Rev 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

Rev 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

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