

1. Last week I was in the process of teaching Dan 7:24-25 when time ran out.
2. Before continuing I want to provide an expanded translation of Dan 7:20-23:

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. Dan 7:24-25 in the KJV has been translated:

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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.

4. You will recall we had just completed a study of the Antichrist as the global political leader; a man who brought peace to a troubled world.

5. I then began a study of the role of the Antichrist as the global economic minister. I want to review some of that learned and then we will pick up with new material at point 19.

6. 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.

7. It will be Christ who will come and provide "a chicken in every pot."

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

9. 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."

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

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

10.2 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.

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

12. 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.

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."

14. 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.

15. "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

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

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."

18. I want to give you several points about the role assumed by the indwelt one as the world's economic minister.

19. 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."

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

21. 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.

21.1 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.

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

23. 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.

24. The judgment symbolized by the rider of the black horse seems to be a worldwide financial catastrophe.

25. With war spreading across the world from the Middle East, food, fuel, and other life-supporting commodities will become exceedingly scarce.

26. The hungrier people become, the "itchier" become their trigger fingers!

27. The "pair of scales" indicates scarcity of food, for the food is weighed out as carefully as gold. Numerous passages in the Old Testament associate the weighing of food with its scarcity.

28. The frightening thing is that a day's ration of wheat will cost a denarius, the Biblical equivalent of an average day's wage. Let me explain:

29. In his vision John hears the third living creature invite him to come and see.

30. John records that he sees a black horse and one sitting on the horse with a pair of balances in his hand used to weigh different commodities.

31. A voice is heard from the midst of the four living creatures saying, "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."

32. In order to determine the meaning of this vision it must be understood that the silver coin designated as a penny is actually the Roman denarius, worth about fifteen cents.

33. In the wage scale of that time it was common for a person to receive one denarius for an entire day's work. For such a coin, one measure of wheat or three measures of barley could be purchased.

34. A measure of wheat is approximately what a laboring man would eat in one meal. If he used his penny to buy barley, a cheaper grain, he would have enough from an entire day's wages to buy three meals of barley.

35. Whether he bought wheat or barley there would be no money left to buy other things, such as oil or wine, which were considered essential in Biblical times.

36. To put it in ordinary language, the situation would be such that one would have enough money from a day's wage for a "Spartan diet" with no money left to buy anything else.

37. Just the basic necessities of life could be afforded.

38. The symbolism therefore indicates a time of famine when life will be reduced to the barest necessities; for famine is almost always the aftermath of war.

39. The somber picture is emphasized by the color of the horse, black being the symbol of suffering.

Lam 5:9 We get our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

Lam 5:10 Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.

40. Remember from our Lord's parable in Matthew 20 that the one who hired people to work in his fields agreed to pay them a penny or denarius a day.

Mat 20:2 He agreed to pay them a denarius (KJV penny) for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

41. It was a silver coin that was used to pay a working man's wage for a day's labor.

42. Wheat was a grain normally used to bake bread, and bread was the staple of the people's diet.

43. A measure of wheat would provide a day's bread for a family of four.

44. And John says the situation has become such that it will take all a man can earn in a day to provide a crust of bread for his family.

45. But he can buy three measures of barley for a day's wage. Barley was such a coarse grain it was normally used to feed cattle.

46. The poorest made their bread out of barley. That's why it's significant that the lad who brought his little loaves and gave them to Jesus offered Him barley loaves, indicating a very poor family.

Joh 6:9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

Joh 6:10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

47. The economic system will be so out of control that if one has to spend money for something besides food, his family will be reduced to eating cattle food.

48. Now along with the bread, there was always olive oil in which people could dip their bread.

48.1 They did not use butter the bread was dipped in olive oil and was washed down with wine.

49. John says the economic situation will be so severe, people will not even consider buying olive oil for their bread or wine to wash it down with, because it will be beyond their means.

50. When Christ comes, what's going to be the situation? There will be no hunger, no famine and no poverty. The hills will drip with new wine.

51. The fields will produce bountifully, so bountifully, that before a man is done sowing the reaper will be there to cut them.

52. The Lord will bring a 1000 year reign of unprecedented prosperity!

53. If Satan is to deceive the world that the Antichrist is the Messiah, he is going to have to control the economy. He must somehow ameliorate this economic morass.

53.1 How does he do it? By demanding that all who are his submit to his economic system. In a time of scarcity the Antichrist by not serving believers makes "more" for those who worship him and take his mark.

54. He will tell the world what they can buy, where they can buy it, how much they pay for it and how much they can sell of what they have.

55. Does this sound like a controlled economy? A job no doubt for the United Nations.

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