

CALL to PRAYER Lord's Prayer - "...Thy Kingdom come...Thine is the Kingdom..."

## Daniel 7:13-28 - Two Kinds of Kingdoms

Intro - Daniel 7 is the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this book. Chapters 1-6 are mostly historic with some prophetic mixed in. Chapters 7-12 are mostly prophetic with some historic mixed in. Daniel 7 is a summary of history that had yet to happen. God gave him a vision of how the future would unfold and today we pick it up mid-vision. The vision was of successive earthly kingdoms that would rule the world. They would progress from bad to worse with the vilest iteration appearing at the end of the age. Coinciding with these earthly kingdoms was God's kingdom which rules over the earth in an unseen way. There are two kinds of kingdoms. *Visible<sup>evil</sup> / Invisible<sup>good</sup>, Viscous<sup>men</sup> / Righteous<sup>of God</sup>, Beastly / Holy, Proudful / Humble Monstrous / Glorious, Temporal / Eternal.* The citizens of the eternal are called "saints" but it seems as though they are *aints*...but things are not always as they appear. We will tackle the bad news before the good news. *Monstrous<sup>of men</sup> Glorious<sup>of God</sup> (Grievous<sup>nature of knowledge</sup>)*

### (GRIEVOUS)

- The *bad news* about the *good news* of prophecy is that it can be detrimental to your health.
  - 7:15, 28 the burden of knowledge
  - Too much information can bring depression Eccles. 1:18
- Prophecy is an amazing feature of the Bible. Prophecy = God decreeing/ declaring the future before it happens
  - God has told us some things but not everything. He has told us enough.
  - BEWARE!!! - volumes are filled with information God has not given
- Don't become overanxious about what is revealed or presumptuous about details that are not disclosed.
  - Deut. 29:29 Psalm 131

### MONSTROUS

Dissecting The Beast & Beastly kingdoms

1. All kingdoms of fallen men are "beastly." 7:17 4 = Babylon/Persia/Greece/Rome
  - a. Eccles. 9:3 Gen. 6:5 Psalm 14:2-3
2. The final one will be a different one a unique Beast
  - a. 7:19a 7:23a 7:24b
  - b. Unique in structure, power, and perversion
3. This Beast will be dreadful and global.
  - a. 7:19 7:23 This beast will devour the whole earth
4. A beast with 10 horns
  - a. 7:24 Rev. 12:3 Rev. 13:1 Rev. 17:12-13
  - b. 10 horns correspond to the 10 toes in the vision of the Statue in Daniel 2:31ff
5. One prominent horn
  - a. 7:20 Rev. 17:11 10-3+1=8 leader of G10/G7/G8 ????
  - b. Anti-Christ / Man of Sin prominent leader Beast - Rev. 13:1-2

6. Horn with eyes 7:20c
  - a. Compare to description of Christ - Rev. 5:6 - 7 horns with 7 eyes = Spirit
  - b. Will the Anti-Christ be full of spirits (evil spirits)? horn full of eyes
    - i. Spirits are called "watchers" (Dan. 4:13) a beast who is ever watching
7. Horn/Beast with a big mouth 7:20d
  - a. 7:11 7:25a Rev. 13:5-6 Daniel 11:36
  - b. A prominent feature of this prominent horn is his blasphemous mouth.
8. He will war against the saints.
  - a. 7:21 7:25b,d Rev. 12:17 Rev. 13:5-7, 10
  - b. The Beast will try to turn the saints into *aints*. Acts 14:22
9. Change time and law 7:25c
  - a. The French & Russian revolutions tried to change the calendar and week.
    - i. Perhaps this Beast will do the same. law-changer/time-tailor (alter established norms)
10. Temporal 7:25d-26
  - a. Time, times & ½ time = 3 ½ years (42 months/1260 days - Dan. 12; Rev:11-13)
  - b. This mimics Christ's 3 ½ yr. ministry of *salvation* with 3 ½ yr. reign of *destruction*
  - c. This is where history is headed It is headed to be ended... shortly/quickly
    - i. It is headed to be ruled by a beast and it is headed towards destruction
  - d. The last Beast won't last very long days cut short - Matt. 24:22

### GLORIOUS

- The Son of Man has dominion over, and rules over, the beasts of the earth. 7:13-14
  - Gen. 1:26 Rev. 1:5
  - Kingdom=realm over which one reigns.....Christ's Kingdom rules over all
- Jesus loved to talk about the Kingdom.
  - Favorite subject 144 x's in NT (100+ in gospels)
  - *Repent for... ..Thy Kingdom... ..born again to see/enter... the kingdom is like...*
- The glorious Kingdom of Christ encompasses all the kingdoms of men
  - Rev. 11:15 the kingdom of heaven includes earth 1 Cor. 15:24-25
  - Christ is reigning now, and He will reign upon the earth
- The rules of the Glorious Kingdom are different from the Beastly kingdoms.
  - The King of kings came: lowly, gentle, meek and humble of heart...
  - He was a Man of Sorrows who was despised/rejected/killed by His subjects...
  - He reigned upon a cross, enthroned in a tomb and conquered in the resurrection.
  - His road to glory was of service & sacrifice... death before resurrection / humiliation before exaltation
- The citizens of His kingdom will follow the same path
  - Mark 8:34 We are promised persecution and tribulation John 16:33 2 Tim. 3:12
  - We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who spitefully use us
  - We conquer by bearing a cross and rule by suffering (like our Savior)
- The saints will be dominated but they will have dominion
  - Dan. 7:17-18 7:21-22 7:27 Rev. 5:9-10
  - Things are not always as they appear. (Last > first) Matt. 5:3, 5, 10 Matt. 25:34
- Two kinds of kingdoms and two kinds of citizens Col. 1:13