

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## TEACHING SERIES ON THE PROPHET DANIEL

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### PART 7: PROPHECY OF THE END TIMES

There have been and still are a lot of false teachings by prophecy teachers trying to twist the visions of Daniel to fit the Dispensational viewpoint. I am going to share my understanding on Chapter 7 of the book of Daniel and compare it with the book of Revelation. In doing so, we get a good grasp on this particular chapter.

#### THE VISION

- Daniel had this vision some 550 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, 640 years before the Apostle John wrote the book of Revelation, and 2,550 years from us living in 2007.
- It is obvious that someone had access to Daniel's written accounts and most likely put together the book of Daniel after his death. **Daniel 7:1**
- The next verse is extremely interesting because Daniel records the same thing as the Apostle John about the four winds of the earth. With our weather satellites circling the earth, mankind has learned that there are four points on this earth where the winds originate. **verse 2; Revelation 7:1**
- Now comes the vision of the four beasts, who are kings representing human kingdoms. It is obvious that some of these kingdoms will have more than one man ruling as king, so we cannot just look at a particular human being. **verses 3-8**
- Up until this time, except in the books of Enoch, there had been no clear revelation of the coming final judgment on the human race. God showed Daniel that there was going to be a universal judgment of each human being at the end of this period on the earth. There are several things we want to look at in **verses 9-10**:
  1. If you do the math, the number of holy angels mentioned by Daniel is 100 trillion. In the book of Hebrews, Paul tells us there are so many angels that he could not put a number on them (**Hebrews 12:22**). The Apostle John also records the number of angels surrounding the throne of God. **Revelation 5:11**
  2. At the time of Daniel, mankind had not yet discovered electricity. Therefore, the concept of some kind of computer system would have been totally unknown for them and incomprehensible. As a result, "scroll" is the term used, since book binding would not be discovered by man until much later. The full revelation of what was going to take place would not be given to man until some 640 years later (**Revelation 20:10-15**). The point to be made is that God is keeping records of every human being; every



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moment of a person's life is recorded to be used in the final judgment.  
**2 Corinthians 5:10**

3. We also have a reference to a burning flame, which is later described by Jesus as an everlasting fire and also by the Apostle John as the Lake of Fire. **Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10**

- ❑ The beasts refer to both kingdoms and rulers, so if a ruler were ousted or died, it would not necessarily mean the end of the kingdom. The Roman Empire lasted some 1,000 years with many different rulers. **verse 12**
- ❑ The concept of the Son of Man is introduced, which refers to Jesus. This title is found in the books of Enoch and even Jesus identified himself as the Son of Man. The Apostle John confirmed the vision of Daniel. **verses 13-14; Matthew 9:1-8; Revelation 14:14**
- ❑ Daniel was troubled once he saw the vision because he did not understand what it meant. **verse 15**
- ❑ He asked an angel standing before the throne what the vision meant and was given the interpretation. **verse 16**
- ❑ Again, Daniel is told that the four beasts represent four kings. Using the knowledge from chapter two of the Book of Daniel, we can identify these four kingdoms in **verse 17** as:
  1. Babylonian Kingdom
  2. Persian/Median Kingdom
  3. Greek Kingdom under Alexander the Great
  4. Roman Empire

## **END TIME PROPHECY**

It is important to understand there is a break in chronology for the rest of the chapter. Instead of following verse by verse, let's look upon the content and put it in chronological order:

1. The fourth kingdom is different from the others. The Roman kingdom was originally set up as a republic, with power vested in the Roman Senate. In later years, men would take power through coups, using the military to crush any opposition and the Roman Empire evolved into a dictatorship. **verse 19**
2. Once the Roman Empire ceased to exist, there would be ten kings (rulers), not ruling at the same time and in different parts of the Empire, but in succession of time. They would be raised up in the old geographical location of the Roman Empire but not necessarily encompass all its original land. There is no timetable given when these ten kings are to come on the scene. **verse 20**
3. Another ten kings (rulers) will come later in time and give their kingdoms to the Antichrist, the Little Horn. This is the time period to which Jesus referred

to as “The Great Tribulation,” **Matthew 24:21-29** and revealed to the Apostle John in **Revelation 13:1-18**

4. The details are not clear in Daniel’s vision but they are clarified in **verses 24-25** and in **Revelation 17:1-13**.
5. **Verses 18 and 27** refer to the 1,000 years kingdom. **Revelation 20:1-6**
6. References to the Great White Throne Judgment come in **verses 9, 22, and 26** and in **Revelation 20:10-15**.

This vision was very detailed and hard for Daniel to describe; it greatly troubled him and he decided to keep it to himself while he reflected on its meaning. **verse 28**

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**