

DANIEL

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Daniel 7

Overview

1. The setting: (vv. 1-3)

Dan. 7:1 *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. 2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.*

2. Description of the four beasts: (vv. 4-8)

- a. The lion with eagle wings (v. 4)
- b. The devouring bear (v. 5)
- c. The four headed leopard (v. 6)
- d. The uniquely terrifying beast (vv. 7-8)
 - *Horn with eyes like a man and a mouth speaking pompous things*

3. The scene of final judgment: (vv. 9-12)

Dan. 7:9 *"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him, the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.*

4. A final kingdom and an eternal king: (vv. 13-14)

Dan. 7:13 *"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

5. The angel's interpretation (vv. 15-28)

- a. Beastly kings will rise up and conquer but a day is coming when God will establish his eternal kingdom. (vv. 17-18)

Dan. 7:17 *'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'*

- b. Before the eternal kingdom is established there will be fierce persecution.

Dan. 7:25 *He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*

- c. This persecution will end in judgment and the Most High will fully take his throne.

Dan. 7:26 But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. 27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

Jesus will fulfill Daniel 7 through his judgement and eternal reign.

1. Jesus applies Daniel's vision to himself.

- a. Jesus is the prophesied Son of Man.

Matt. 24:23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it... 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

- b. He will judge the world. (Remember Dan. 7:13-14)

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Matt. 24:30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

2. As followers of Jesus, we live with expectant readiness.

Matthew 24:36-25:40

2 Pet. 3:11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

Reflection/Discussion

1. Do you live your life ready for the return of Jesus? How can you develop a great anticipation for this in your own life?

SONGS

"KING OF HEAVEN" - Paul Baloche and Jason Ingram

"OH PRAISE (THE ONLY ONE)" - Michael Farren, Krissy Nordhoff, Riley Erin

"GOOD, GOOD FATHER" - Chris Tomlin, Pat Barrett

"MAN OF SORROWS" - Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 95,778.85

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$1,125,465.34

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$1,154,976.00