

The Beast, The Little Horn, Anti-Christ, The Man of Sin,
The Son of Destruction

Daniel 7

Ch. 2 was the vision of a King... Ch. 7 is much the same but that of a Jewish Prophet... "two witnesses..."

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it. 2 Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. 3 And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. 4 The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. 5 And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!' 6 After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

the Gentile world, angry and tumultuous

Babylon
Nebuchadnezzar
- a good lesson for all coming kings. (ch. 4)

Medo-Peria

three ribs: The three Provinces of Babylon

Greece

4 generals who took over from Alexander

Rome

dominion of the known world

the 10 nation power that arises from Europe.. Revived Rome

a man from within commandeers the confederation of kings

meaning that he exalts himself over God - he is "anti-Christ"

And God overthrows the "little horn" and asserts the rule of the Kingdom of God

9 "I kept looking until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire.

Pure eternal wrathful... consuming His enemies

10 "A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened.

the angelic realm those to be judged

Thus coining the term for anti-Christ. "the beast"

11 Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. 12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

the other nations will fall from power yet are allowed to exist as a people

waiting for a promised time of judgment

He is Divine
and He is man

and He is the
One appointed to
rule

13 "I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a Son of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.

14 "And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and men of every language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.

But the authority over God's Kingdom
will be given to another man...
the Son of Man...
The God Man
The Messiah,
Jesus Christ

all divine authority
is His

and He will rule all the world
..forever.

An angel is asked
for an interpretation

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and
the visions in my mind kept alarming me. 16 I approached one
of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact
meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the
interpretation of these things: 17 'These great beasts, which
are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.
18 But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom
and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

Babylon, Persia,
Greece and Rome

The final Kingdom of God

19 "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth
beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly
dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and
which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder
with its feet, 20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on
its head and the other horn which came up, and before which
three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a
mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in
appearance than its associates. 21 I kept looking, and that horn
was waging war with the saints and overpowering them 22 until
the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of
the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the
saints took possession of the kingdom.

But the 10 horns arising
from Rome and the
little horn who rules
them are perplexing to
Daniel

That one whom the
Messiah will
destroy

"times...and law."
A right only God has

for 3 1/2 years he
will persecute God's
people

23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on
the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms
and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.
24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise;
and another will arise after them, and he will be different from
the previous ones and will subdue three kings. 25 He will speak
out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the
Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times
and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time,
times, and half a time. 26 But the court will sit for judgment, and
his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed
forever. 27 Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the
greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be
given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His
kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions
will serve and obey Him.'

anti-Christ
persecutor of the people
of God

but he will be judged

and the Kingdom of
God established under
the return of Christ

28 "At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my
thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but
I kept the matter to myself."