DAN E HIS ENTIRE PROPHECY

CHAPTER SEVEN The Four Beasts





THIS CHAPTER IS ABOUT A VISION GOD GAVE TO DANIEL.

IN THIS VISION THERE ARE FOUR BEASTS.

OUR JOB IS TO LEARN ALL WE CAN ABOUT THESE BEASTS.



1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.



THE FIRST YEAR OF BELSHAZZAR

WHEN WAS THAT? 553 BC



"VERSE ACCOUNT OF NABONIDUS"



NABONIDUS BEGAN RULING IN 556 BC.

THREE YEARS LATER HE GAVE KINGSHIP TO HIS OLDEST SON, BELSHAZZAR.



BABYLON WILL FALL ABOUT TEN YEARS LATER.

THAT WAS "THE WRITING ON THE WALL" EPISODE IN CHAPTER FIVE.

(verse 1)
"he wrote the dream,

and told the sum of the matters."

WE GET THE MAIN FACTS. THE SUMMARY. MANY DETAILS ARE NOT REVEALED TO US.



- 2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.
- 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.



THE MEANING OF THIS IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS BEING SINFUL HUMANITY.

Revelation 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.



THE FOUR BEAST KINGDOMS ARE PRODUCED BY PEOPLE OUT OF THE SEA OF HUMANITY

THE FOUR WINDS OFTEN REPRESENT THE ENTIRE KNOWN WORLD IN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:31

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."



HERE IS A HINT ABOUT WHEN THESE KINGDOMS EXIST. IT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING, BUT GETS US TO THINKING.

DANIEL

- ... the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. (nkjv)
- ... the four winds of the heaven brake forth upon the great sea. (rv)
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- ... the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. (esv)



Stephen Miller of the New American Commentary, gives this idea even more weight.

"Four winds of heaven" were "churning up" the sea, as in a time of sudden storm. The participle "churning up" can also mean 'bursting forth,' and the idea seems to be that these winds suddenly burst forth upon the sea."



ALL THIS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THE FOUR KINGDOMS EXIST AT THE SAME TIME.

KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE CONTINUE.



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AMONG CONSERVATIVE BIBLE STUDENTS, THERE ARE TWO VIEWS OF THIS VISION, AND WHAT IT MEANS.

THE TRADITIONAL VIEW.
THE CONTEMPORANEOUS VIEW.



THE TRADITIONAL VIEW (IN SHORT) IS THIS:

THIS VISION MIRRORS THE DREAM OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN CHAPTER TWO.

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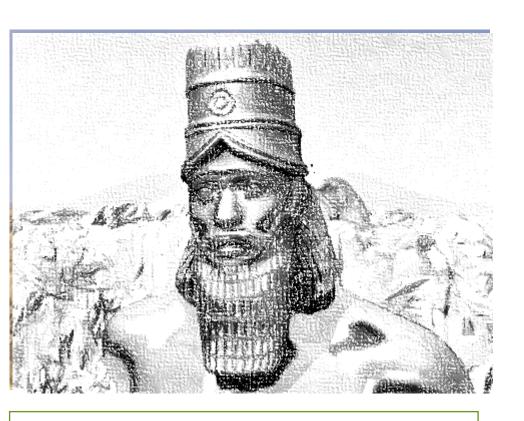




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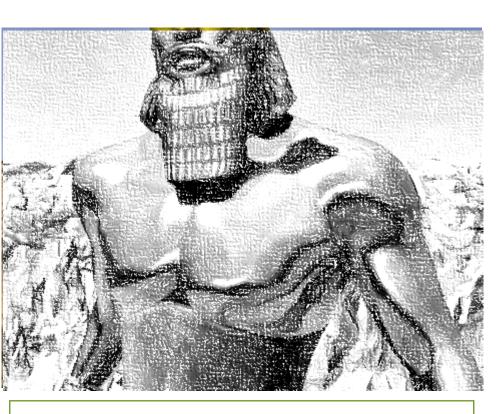


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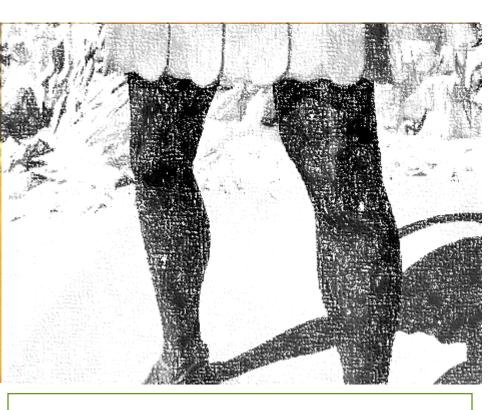


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ONE HUGE REASON FOR BELIEVING THAT ALL THESE KINGDOMS EXIST AT THE SAME TIME IS NOT JUST SOME GUY 'S OPINION...

BUT IN VERSES 11 AND 12 OF THIS CHAPTER



DANIEL 7:11-12 DESCRIBES THE ANTICHRIST, WHO IS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AFTER HIS REIGN IS COMPLETED.

NO CONSERVATIVES WOULD DEBATE THIS POINT.



HOWEVER, AFTER ANTICHRIST IS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE, THE PREVIOUS THREE BEASTS ARE STILL PRESENT!

IF THEY WERE HISTORICAL KINGDOMS, THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.



- 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.
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THAT'S THE END OF THE RABBIT TRAIL.

FOR NOW, LET'S CONTINUE
IN THE WORD OF GOD,
AND SEE WHAT THESE
BEASTS ARE ALL ABOUT.



- There is a dividing of the earth into four parts just before the antichrist begins his rule.
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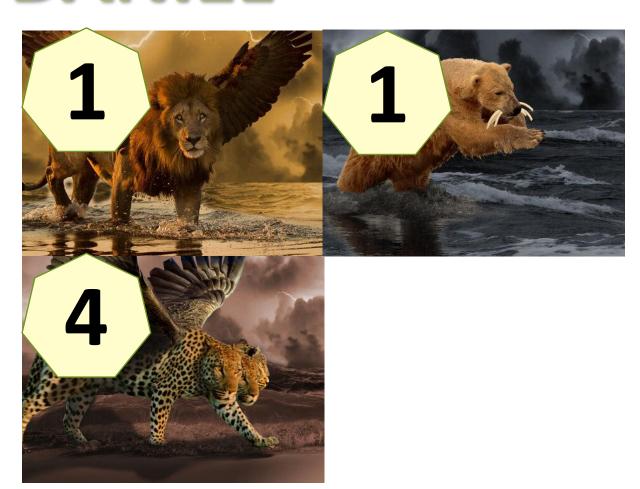
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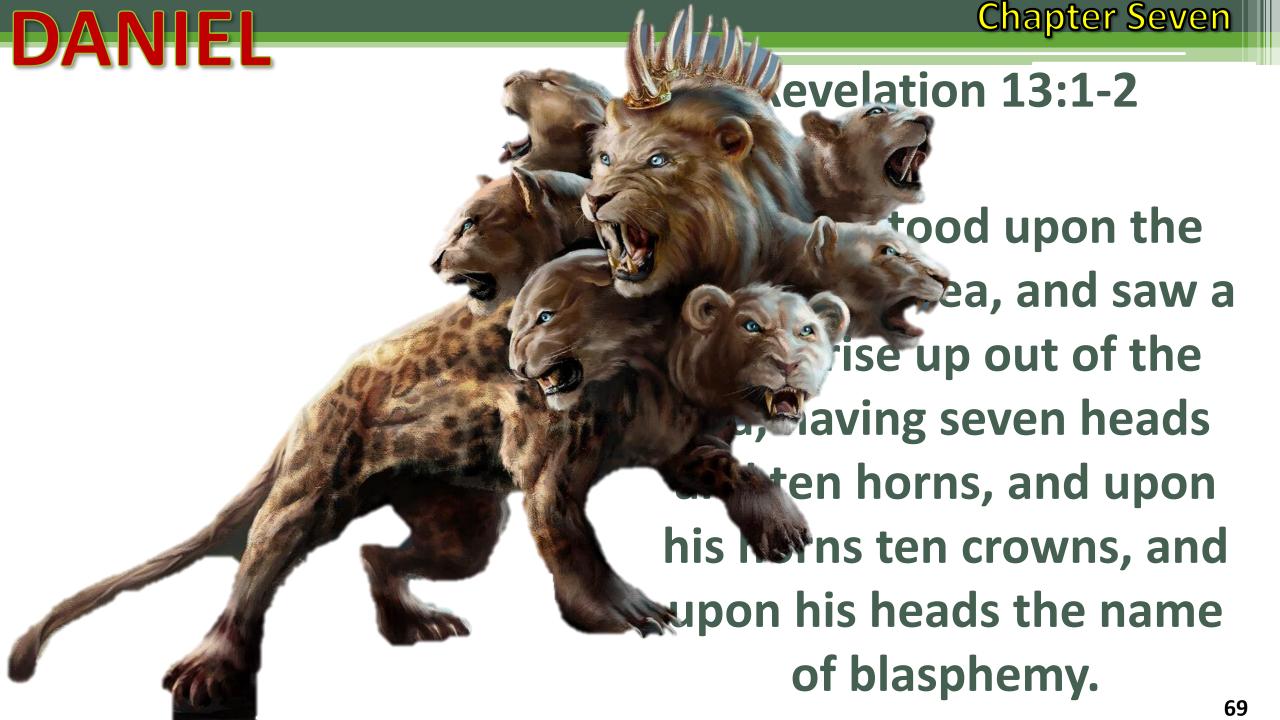
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Revelation 13:1-2







THIS PERHAPS HELPS TO MAKE SENSE OF ANOTHER VERSE IN REVELATION 6:8 (The fourth seal)

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

THE WARS OF ANTICHRIST

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LATER ON, WE'LL LOOK AT DANIEL CHAPTER 11 AND STUDY IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

FOR NOW, WE'LL JUST REFERENCE IT.



Daniel 11:36-45

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

DANIEL

- 37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.
- 38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.



39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.



40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.



41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.



- 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.
- 44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.



45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.



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"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" - Revelation 13:4



BY THE WAY...

IT'S POPULAR TO DESCRIBE THE ANTICHRIST AS A "MAN OF PEACE."

BUT WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT, HE IS A MAN OF MERCILESS WAR.



-- IN SUMMARY -



THEY REPRESENT THE FINAL STATE OF ANTICHRIST'S ENDTIME EMPIRE.



- 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
- 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

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SWIFT. STRONG.

Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

-- 2 Samuel 1:23



THE WINGS ARE PLUCKED OFF.

GOOD THING, OR BAD THING?

NO LONGER "SWIFT AS AN EAGLE!"



IT'S MADE TO STAND ON ITS FEET LIKE A MAN, AND GIVEN A MAN'S HEART.

GOOD THING OR BAD THING?



He .. that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion...

-- 2 Samuel 17:10

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion."

-- **Proverbs 28:1**



WHAT EXISTING EARTHLY KINGDOM FITS THIS DESCRIPTION?

I DON'T THINK WE KNOW YET.
WHEN IT HAPPENS, WE'LL RECOGNIZE IT.



THE LION KINGDOM SOME THINK THIS DESCRIBES IT:

"And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

-- Daniel 11:40

Chapter Seven



The second, like to a bear, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it.



THE "RAISED UP" IS A PASSIVE VERB.

THE BEAR BEAST IS PROBABLY BEING RAISED UP
BY ANOTHER POWER,
JUST LIKE THE LION'S WINGS WERE PLUCKED
BY ANOTHER POWER.



HERE'S SOME INSIGHT – ALL THREE ANIMALS –

"Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them."

-- HOSEA 13:7-8 KJV



HERE'S SOME INSIGHT – ALL THREE ANIMALS –

"So I will be to them like a lion; Like a leopard by the road I will lurk; I will meet them like a bear deprived of her cubs; I will tear open their rib cage, And there I will devour them like a lion. The wild beast shall tear them."

-- HOSEA 13:7-8 NKJV



IN SCRIPTURE, ALMOST EVERY TIME A BEAR IS MENTIONED, IT'S IN THE CONTEXT OF "BEING DEPRIVED OF ITS CUBS."

THE BEAR KINGDOM IS PROBABLY IN A DEFENSIVE MODE.



THE THREE RIBS SEEM TO INDICATE A FRESH KILL.

THIS KINGDOM HAS JUST HAD VICTORIES, BUT IS NOW ON THE DEFENSIVE.



J. PAUL TANNER WRITES,

"I would like to submit that the 'King of the North' is a confederation of northern Arab nations that will attack the Antichrist and his forces in this military conflict centered in the Middle East."



LIKE WITH THE LION, WE'RE NOT ABLE TO SUGGEST THE SPECIFIC NATIONS THAT THE BEAR REPRESENTS.

** WE'LL KNOW IT WHEN WE SEE IT **



The third, like a leopard, which had four wings and four heads.



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM

CHARACTERISTICS

TEAR AND RIP
ARE SWIFT
ARE PREDATORS



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM CHARACTERISTICS

TEAR AND RIP

"...A leopard will watch over their cities. Everyone who goes out from there shall be torn in pieces, Because their transgressions are many; Their backslidings have increased."

-- Jeremiah 5:6b



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM CHARACTERISTICS

MOVE SWIFTLY

"Their horses also are swifter than leopards..."

-- Habakkuck 1:8b



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM CHARACTERISTICS

PREDATORY

"Like a leopard by the road I will lurk..."
-- Hosea 13:7b



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM

I THINK WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN EXCEEDINGLY FAST COALITION OF FOUR KINGS OR KINGDOMS OR EVEN FOUR LEADERS OF THE SAME KINGDOM.



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM

BECAUSE OF THE CONSISTENT USE IN SCRIPTURE,
I THINK THIS KINGDOM CAN BE DESCRIBED AS LYING
IN WAIT OR BEING PATIENT BEFORE STRIKING.



THE LEOPARD KINGDOM

THE ONLY OTHER TIME THE BIBLE REFERS TO A NATION AS HAVING LEOPARD-LIKE QUALITIES WAS WHAT WE READ LAST TIME IN REVELATION 13:1-2

Revelation 13:1-2

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

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THE DREADFUL, TERRIBLE BEAST

THE OTHER KINGDOMS WERE
"BEFORE"
THIS KINGDOM.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF "BEFORE"?



IT DEPENDS
ON WHAT
THE
MEANING IF
"IS," IS.

WE WON'T PLAY WITH WORDS.



"BEFORE"

I STOOD BEFORE THE QUEEN.

DID I STAND UP BEFORE SHE DID?

OR

DID I STAND IN HER PRESENCE?

G1715

ξμπροσθεν

emprosthen

em'-pros-then

From G1722 and G4314; in front of (in place [literally or figuratively] or time): - against, at, before, (in presence, sight) of.

Total KJV occurrences: 48

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

ERRIBLE BEAST

2532 behold, G2400 [2wild beastG2342 1a hing, G1569 and G2532 [2greatG2478] 1473 iron, G4603 strong, G3173 eating, G2068 estG1954 with G3588 its feetG4228 G1473 it 1313 1 extremely [G4057 from G3844] before G1715 it. G1473 And G2532

H6925

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itH1932 was kod-awm', ked-awm'

(Chaldee); corresponding to H6924; before: - before, X from, X I (thought), X me, + of, X it pleased, presence.

Total KJV occurrences: 42

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

BEAST

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"The word 'before' here is the Aramaic word qodam which is only used in a spatial sense and never in a temporal sense.

In other words it is never used in the time sense, like 'he tied his shoes before he ran.' It is only used in the sense of being in front of something, like 'I put some food before the king.'"



HERE'S THE SAME "BEFORE" WORD IN DANIEL 2:25

"Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation."





8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

DANIEL

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CONSERVATIVE TEACHERS
AGREE THAT THE "LITTLE
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HIS MOUTH SPEAKS GREAT THINGS.

BEHIND IT ALL IS HIS HATRED OF GOD AND GOD'S CREATION.

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HE DOES SOMETHING
UNPLEASANT TO EACH OF
THE THREE KINGS AS HE
GROWS IN POWER.

BELIEVERS WILL NOTICE THIS WHEN IT HAPPENS.

- 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
- 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.



DANIEL NOW SHIFTS HIS ATTENTION TO A NEW PERSONAGE:

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

THIS IS "YHVH" - JEHOVAH GOD.

"...whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame..."

COMPARE THE **DESCRIPTION** OF "THE **ANCIENT OF** DAYS" WITH THE LORD **JESUS!**

"...whose garment was white as snow, an the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame..."

DANIEL

"...the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass..."



DANIEL SEES THE ANCIENT OF DAYS DESTROY THE LITTLE-HORN BEAST, BY GIVING IT TO THE BURNING FLAME.

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Revelation 19:20 .. 20:4

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21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.



- 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
- 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

DANIEL

4 And I saw thrones, and they sa judgment was given unto them: a of them that were beheaded for Jesus, and for the word of God, a worshipped the beast, neither his had received his mark upon their their hands; and they lived and re thousand years.

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down" (placed) Daniel 7:9

Seats or chairs were placed.
, אָמיוּ, active. with an indefinite subject: they were thrown, i.e., they were placed in order quickly, or with a noise. Seats, not merely a throne for God the Judge, but a number of seats for the assembly sitting in judgment with God.



THIS IS ALL UNDOUBTEDLY SHOWING ITS PROXIMATION TO THE MILLENNIAL AGE!

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

"Or know ye not that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world is judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more, things that pertain to this life?"

DANIEL

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AFTER THE ANTICHRIST IS DESTROYED AT ARMAGEDDON THERE WILL STILL BE PEOPLE AND NATIONS ON EARTH WHO WILL POPULATE THE 1000-YEAR PERIOD AFTER THE SHEEP AND GOAT JUDGMENT.



THERE WILL BE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIABLE NATIONS IN THE MILLENNIUM.

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EGYPT IS NAMED.

"And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

-- **Zechariah 14:18**

DANIEL

INTERESTING:

"And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox."

-- Isaiah 11:6-7

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.



Revelation 14:14-20



One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven!

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying,

Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Revelation 14:14-20



"...one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven..."

IS A COMING IN JUDGMENT.





FOR JUDGMENT: EXAMPLE

But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. --Matthew 26:63-64





FOR JUDGMENT : EXAMPLE

"But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

-- Mark 14:61-62





FOR JUDGMENT: EXAMPLE

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

-- Luke 21:26-27



JUDGMENT AND RAPTURE?

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."



JUDGMENT AND RAPTURE?

"And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

-- Mark 13:24-27



15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.



DANIEL HAS BEEN SHAKEN BY THE VISION

HE ASKS FOR HELP, AND HE RECEIVES AN INTERPRETATION FROM AN ANGEL.

NOW WE CAN CHECK OUR INTERPRETATION AGAINST THE ONE GIVEN BY THE ANGEL.



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THE ANGEL GIVES A BROAD OVERVIEW.

HE SUMS IT UP IN ONLY TWO VERSES.

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THE BEASTS ARE KINGS.

WE ARE NOW SURE THAT

"KINGS" AND

"KINGDOMS"

ARE SYNONONOUS IN

DANIEL'S PROPHECY.

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THE SAINTS!

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them ... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.



A DIRECT FULFILLMENT OF REVELATION 2:26-27

"And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."



19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;



20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.



THE FOURTH BEAST AND THE LITTLE HORN

IRON TEETH.
NAILS OF BRONZE.

Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. -- Micah 4:13



- 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
- 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

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"WAR ON THE SAINTS"

"For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."

-- Mark 13:19-20

"Until the Ancient of days came..."

WHEN THE LORD JESUS COMES GOD'S PEOPLE TAKE ANTICHRIST'S DOMINION!

"...judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."



THE FOURTH BEAST

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

IT IS A KINGDOM.

IT IS DIFFERENT THAN ALL THE REST.

IT WILL CONQUER EVERYTHING ELSE.



And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

-- **Revelation 13:7-8**



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.

THE FIRST RULERS OF THIS KINGDOM ARE THE TEN KINGS THAT ARISE.

THE TEN KINGS

THREE OF THE TEN WILL BE SUBDUED.

"SUBDUED" MEANS HUMILIATED, HUMBLED.



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.

"And he shall speak great words against the most High..."

BLASPHEMY IS A CONSISTENT DESCRIPTION OF ANTICHRIST.



ANTICHRIST'S BLASPHEMY

"He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes"

-- Daniel 8:25

"He.. have indignation against the holy covenant"

-- Daniel 11:30

ANTICHRIST'S BLASPHEMY

"They shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."

-- Daniel 11:31

ANTICHRIST'S BLASPHEMY

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods."

-- Daniel 11:36

ANTICHRIST'S BLASPHEMY

"Against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel."

-- Isaiah 37:23

ANTICHRIST'S BLASPHEMY

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

-- 2 Thessalonians 2:4



ANTICHRIST'S BLASPHEMY

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

-- **Revelation 13:5-6**



ANTICHRIST SHALL

"... think to change times and laws."

WHAT TIMES?

WHAT LAWS?

TIMES HAS THE IDEA OF "SEASONS."

LAWS CAN BE FROM GOD OR MAN.

"Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats"

-- 1 TIMOTHY 4:3

"the daily sacrifice shall be taken away"

-- DANIEL 12:11

"And 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:"

-- **REVELATION 13:16**

"... think to change times and laws." ANTICHRIST "THINKS" TO CHANGE TIMES...

PERHAPS HE'S TRYING TO EXTEND THE 3 ½ YEARS GIVEN HIM TO PERSECUTE THE SAINTS.

"he knoweth that he hath but a short time."
-- REVELATION 12:12



"the saints ... shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

-- DANIEL 12:25

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SEVEN YEARS

BEGINNING OF SORROWS

GREAT TRIBULATION



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SEVEN YEARS

BEGINNING OF SORROWS

GREAT TRIBULATION

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

SEVEN YEARS

BEGINNING OF SORROWS

GREAT TRIBULATION

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

-- Matthew 24:21-22

SEVEN YEARS

BEGINNING OF SORROWS





JESUS SAID

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SEVEN YEARS

BEGINNING OF SORROWS





JESUS SAID





26 the judgment shall sit. They shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.





27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED HOW MUCH GOD PLANS TO GIVE YOU?



28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.