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DANIEL 7:9-14

LESSON: DANIEL PROPHECIES THE SON OF MAN—

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INTRODUCTION /SYNOPSIS:

THE PROPHETIC PORTION OF DANIEL / DANIEL'S VISION OF THE FOUR BEASTS

Chapter 7:1-8 ¹ begins a series of dreams given to Daniel. These visions contain prophecies covering the period of the times of the Gentiles and the great tribulation. This first dream came to Daniel during *"the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon"* (7:1), so actually it happened before the events of chapter 5 and 6. Daniel first saw the great sea (*the Mediterranean Sea*) churned by the action of four winds (7:2). Then four ferocious beasts came out of the sea (7:3). These seem to represent the four empires that in succession rule the land bordering on the Mediterranean Sea. These would correspond to the four kingdoms of Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

- The first beast was like a lion, except that it also had eagle's wings which symbolize Babylon (7:4).
- The second beast is like a bear which ravaged the lion and represents Mede-Persia, the empire that conquered Babylon (7:5).
- The third beast was like a leopard which had four wings and four heads and this symbolizes the Grecian Empire lead by Alexander the Great (7:6).
- The fourth beast that Daniel describes was a terrifying and frightening mongrel composed of parts of a lion, bear and leopard which had large iron teeth (7:7). This beast points to both Rome and the end times. On its head were ten horns, and suddenly another "little horn" overcame three of the other horns.
- Finally Daniel saw the "little horn" come to his doom, and the beast itself (the Roman Empire) was destroyed (7:8). The prophecy now shifts to the end times (7:9).

I. DANIEL 7:9-10

7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, — Now Daniel saw something happening in the court of heaven. The phrase, *"I beheld till the thrones were cast down"*, speaks of all the Empires, even from Babylon straight through to the Antichrist; all that are against the kingdom of God. **7:9b** ...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." "Ancient of days" refers to God the Father and His Dominion, His kingdom did sit meaning will remain. He has always existed. There was never a time when He was not. He is God from everlasting to everlasting. The things that describe the Ancient of Days are:

- He was "seated" in His place of authority for the purpose of judgment, of the sentence in which He would pronounce.
- His "garment was white as snow" representing uncompromising and radiant purity in all the administrations of His justice.
- The "hair of His head is like pure wool" symbolizing the wisdom that comes with great age.
- His "throne was like the fiery flame." The fire represents the power to destroy and also His majesty and splendor.
- And His "wheels as burning fire"— ²In Ezekiel 1:16; Ezekiel 10:9, the wheels of the throne appeared

¹ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/daniels-vision-of-the-four-beasts/>

² <http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Bible.show/sVerseID/21943/eVerseID/21943/RTD/barnes>
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to be of the color of beryl; that is, they were like precious stones. Here, perhaps, they had only the appearance of a flame— as such wheels would seem to flash flames to devour the adversaries; for our God is a consuming fire, and with Him are everlasting burnings.

7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, — A stream of fire flowed out from before Him can illustrate the majesty and glory of God or the judgments of God. He was surrounded by myriads upon myriads of angelic attendants who ministered unto Him; who attended upon Him, waiting His orders, and ready to execute His orders. **7:10b ...and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened** — The scene depicts in powerful imagery a judge who has the wisdom to sort out right from wrong; the purity to persistently choose the right; and the power to enforce His judgments. The court was set ...and the books were opened represent God's records of the deeds of those on the earth. The books reveal that God records the detailed actions of those to be judged; nothing escapes the eye of God. And they're all standing before God.

³Judgment must pass on the world as being under the curse, before the glory comes; but Antichrist offers glory without the cross, a renewed world without the world being judged. None but God over all is equal to such a work in the last judgment. This would be of the first coming of Christ, when the will of God was plainly revealed by His Gospel.

II. DANIEL 7:11-12

7:11 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. Daniel continues to see the vision in heaven. The strange horn of the fourth beast spoke—that had the ten horns, and on which the little horn had sprung up. He continued looking and the beast with the boastful horn continued to mouth defiance at the heavenly court and it was swiftly slain and its body thrown into the fire. ⁴This was the result of the judgment. It is evidently implied here that the beast was slain on account of the words uttered by the horn that sprang up, or that the pride and arrogance denoted by that symbol were the cause of the fact that the beast was put to death. If the "beast" represents a mighty monarchy that would exist on the earth, and the "little horn" a new power that would spring out of that, then the fulfillment is to be found in such a fact as this—that this power, so mighty and terrible in the past, that crushed down the nations, would under the Divine judgment, be ultimately destroyed, on account of the nature of the authority claimed. Dominion was taken away, (some say the Roman monarchy) from this beast and his body was totally destroyed.

7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. The other three which represent the Babylonian, Persian and Grecian monarchies had their dominion was taken away, but they were not destroyed like this last beast. Their kingdom remained for a time set by God, ⁵but successively, the dominion was taken away from the Babylonians, and given to the Persians; and then their dominion was taken away, and given to the Grecians; and after that the dominion of the Grecians was taken away from them, and given to the Romans. These monarchies did not at once become extinct, as the fourth beast. Their lives were prolonged for a season and time; a definite period; a set time.

III. DANIEL 7:13-14

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. "Night visions" may refer to the same day as the above vision and going into the night hours, but what continues is astounding! He now "beholds one like the Son of man." This can only be Jesus. In the Old Testament of Ezekiel, he is referred to Son of man

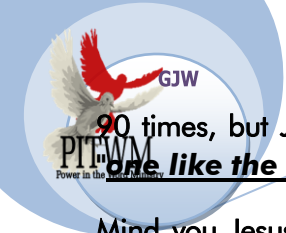
³ <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/daniel/7-10.htm>

⁴ <http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Bible.show/sVerseID/21945/eVerseID/21945/RTD/barnes>

⁵ <http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/daniel-7-12.html>

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90 times, but Jesus in His earthly ministry took this title to Himself (Matt.8:20; 24:30; 26:64). Daniel reports **one like the Son of Man comes with the clouds of heaven** coming to the Ancient of days, the Father.

Mind you Jesus had not yet taken on man's nature, but he appeared then in a figure. No one has seen the Father, but the Son. Daniel sees the vision of both the Father and the Son. And his vision is for things to come. He was brought near before the Father.

7:14 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. As one like the Son of Man (Jesus) appeared in the vision, He was given **dominion** (*power and authority*), **glory** (*exaltation and awesome splendor*), and **a kingdom** (*realm and empire*) that all; (all means all), people, nations, and languages would serve (worship) Him. There will be no end to His dominion. It will not pass away, and it will not be destroyed. It is eternal and everlasting!!!

SUMMARY:

Daniel's vision entails the thrones being cast down meaning empires, while the Ancient of Days sits upon His throne in a garment as white as snow; hair like pure wool, with His throne like a fiery flame and wheels as burning fire. He describes a river of fire poured out of His throne with thousand upon thousands serving Him and tens of thousands attending to Him. The courtroom was called to order and the books were opened. **(7:9-10)**.

Daniel kept watching and behold there was the little horn beast speaking arrogantly but not for long, for the beast was killed and its body destroyed by the burning flame As concerning the other beasts, their dominion was taken from them, but their lives were not destroyed as the little horn beast, but they were prolonged for a set time. **(7:11-12)**.

In the night vision, Daniel began to see one like the Son of man come with the clouds of heaven, being presented to the Ancient of Days. He was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him. His rule would be forever, never ending, and would never be replaced **(7:13-14)**.

APPLICATION:

Our future will be better than the past; our latter will be better than our former because God's dominion is forever. We have to know that trouble don't last always, and there are better days ahead. Keep your focus upon the One who is to come. Can you see the vision?