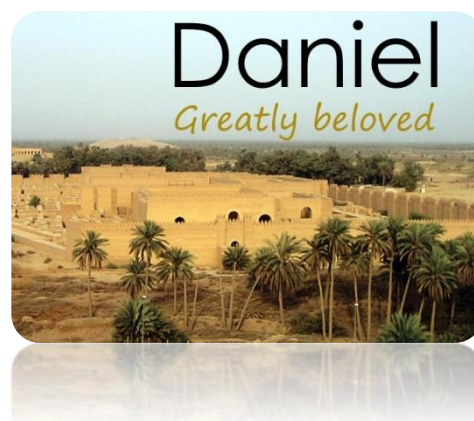


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Now Jesus, at His fake trial leading to His crucifixion, is the One who said **His kingdom is not of this world**. But He also said... the kingdom where God rules, where He is Boss... was coming. Daniel just told us about four kings... and what God wants us to know is: they will arise... and LEAVE! Those kings were here on earth; and they will be replaced someday with the kingdom of the Son of man. But what Daniel saw... greatly bothered him.



**15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit, and the visions in my head they troubled me** / he says, they alarmed me; and he adds...

**16 I came near one of them who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this** / Daniel moved toward an angelic being,

**So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of all these things.**

**17 These great beasts** / these **rab-rab**, very great beasts; these brutal, monstrous, inhumane govts gone wild, which are **four**,

are **four** kings, who will arise from the **earth** / whatever their influence of violence and devastation, whatever their terror... know this: God is saying this can be endured; because one day, He will eject their sorry asses from this earth, and usher in the kingdom of the Son of man... His promised Messiah; and don't change the metaphors... that's going to be here on earth.

Ezekiel and Jeremiah say, it is David's kingdom... which will endure **until HE comes whose right it is to reign**. A real kingdom... whether or not its rulers and citizens even know their history; whether or not they are worthy of the promise God made -- it was unconditional. And hey, at the first coming of Jesus Christ, Herod the Idumean... a foreigner and usurper was ruling over God's people. But know this... a real kingdom will endure until HE comes, as real as Babylon ... Medo-Persia ... Greece ... and Rome.

Daniel just said... they will come and they will go, leaders on the world stage; even those who become president of the USA, who are from royal families in Europe... they will come; but they will also go,

**18 But the saints of the Most High, they will receive the kingdom** / those who are God's people... living people; those caretakers of His Word; serving Him; those looking for His appearing;

**they will possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever** / and that is a long time.

Notice in this next verse... how Daniel focuses on what really caught his attention; obviously Daniel is greatly troubled by what he sees.

**19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others /** Daniel wanted to know; and history tells us, we are learning about Rome; John tells us, [this Roman beast... will be ridden by a faithless whore](#)... until the end comes, which means... this beast exists today!

**exceeding dreadful, whose iron fangs, and his talons of bronze devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped with his feet... the remainder** / the saints were being destroy the remnant of God's people by this vulture eagle's talons. Some biblical scholars... called this the 'non-descript' beast. Others recognize it as the 3-headed eagle found in: 2 Esdras, chapters 11 and 12.

This beast, this roman government gone monstrously wild... that devoured and tore its victims to pieces... particularly the remnant of God's people... brutally stamping them down with its feet; ancient roman soldiers on the march; or like modern Nazis and others today on the march... destroying to the end; including this last beast that tries to stamp out God's people who are guarding and living in His word. And that is still going on... today; so, expect it.

Daniel sees another gap... fast-forwarding the vision to the end times of the Gentiles.



**20 And the ten horns were in his head** / remember when political Rome fell... after 476AD the old roman empire divided into 10 kingdoms: in chapter 1, he already saw 10 toes trying to keep things in balance... but now Daniel sees a different vision though these visions are consistent; these 10 political leaders of regions... in this fourth brutal govt's head... all have the same brilliant idea, probably schooled at the same university be it Oxford or Georgetown: attempting to keep all in delicate balance, including what? information? socially engineered sports and entertainment? all commerce and trade? all monetary markets? **Yes!** and, all the people, too.



**ten horns were in his head** / a leadership that stretches all the way to ancient Rome; these 10 politicians are on the same page... which we see happening in the European Union -- what everyone knows is a roman project. And, for that matter, in the United Nations -- that organization that unites nothing... but criminals, thieves and robbers.

What 10 regions are working these worldwide disruptions with Rome? And what about that 11th powerful nation? which great nation is it? Perhaps we can see this 2<sup>nd</sup> Tower of Babel on the TV news... reading all the same bland and boring sound bites of the days.

**and another which came up and before whom three fell** / another horn; **the 11<sup>th</sup> horn** -- that caught Daniel's attention earlier in this vision... perhaps, exceeding the others in its unique attempt to keep all in delicate balance; were those 3 horns the Visigoths, Ostrogoths, and Thervingi who fell?

**even that horn that had eyes, and had a mouth that spoke great things** / that puny 11<sup>th</sup> horn; Daniel is describing a political leader, who spoke *rab* things; but not good things; rather blasphemous things. He is an eloquent speech maker; he is a boastful big mouth,

whose look **was more stout** than his fellows / now, what does that mean? It can mean many things. It can mean: he has a great vision! He is a visionary for change! Or simply his appearance... is *rab*. Doesn't he look grand? It is like when they say, He just looks presidential! It sounds like a politician. Doesn't it?!

To Daniel, this guy was much stronger than the others.


<sup>21</sup> **I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them** / this little 11<sup>th</sup> horn warred with not only Daniel's people, those from Judah; but certainly those keeping and guarding GOD's word, until He comes; for now, this guy makes war with the saints, and overpowers them.

<sup>22</sup> **Until... the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given the saints** / until HE came; and court was in session: the decision was made; and the verdict?

**And dominion was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom** / the people of God win! Daniel sees to the end of the Gentile nations.

<sup>23</sup> **Thus he said, The fourth beast will be the fourth kingdom upon earth which will be diverse from all kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down, and break it in pieces** / this angel said this government of iron that somehow reaches to Rome; that produces 10 plus 1 powerful leaders; oh! much like the lack-luster, non-vibrant economy we see today! This fourth brutal, monstrous, beastlike, roman government -- different than the 3 others... will last until the end when the whole world is broken... which means it is present now. It's what is plastered all over the media.

And now this gap again...fast-forwarding to the end times of the Gentiles...

 <sup>24</sup> **And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings who will arise** / 10 rulers; 10 politicians, trying to keep the world in balance:

**and another will rise after them / and he will be different from the first group** / an 11<sup>th</sup> ruler... a powerful leader, the word is: *shenaw*; it means, **to alter**... to change. You know the one with the mouth who says, Change is coming! It's exciting! That change! I guess he meant pennies for the people while they steal the millions, Daniel noticed that difference, and he is anxious to know: Who is this one?

**and he will subdue three kings** / and we might wonder: is this like the old Visigoths era? Or, is it an end time, regional conflict similar to what we see happening in Egypt... Libya... Syria... or another place? Only 3 leaders... remember, we're learning about political leaders... who will be deposed.

<sup>25</sup> **He will speak words against the Most High, and he will wear out the saints of the Most High** / this big-mouth Antichrist will speak blasphemous words; not a good thing, he will vaunt himself against the Most High, and will harass and vex His saints. And I say it again, Not a good thing!



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This blow-hard obviously is a lover of self. He is into monkey business; so there is no room in him for God; he speaks NO truth. His truth is ever-shifting lies. He will promise peace, while prepare for war.

Daniel sees... he brags himself to be against the Most High, and harasses the saints... as is happening in so many places where God's saints are... even in America.

And he **will think to change times and laws** / and I'm sure there is deeper meaning to this verse because Daniel reminds us: through Moses, God told us about His times and 10 laws; apparently this blasphemous guy thinks he can change God's times set aside to worship and honor Him, starting with the keeping the Sabbath – Friday evening to Saturday evening; **and the 7 Days of the LORD** – shadows of things to come; and then, how about those 10 laws. Notice how Rome has sought to change times and laws in every nation where Jesuits have gone to counter and halt any advances of the Reformation.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Rome first decreed to change the Sabbath to the Babylon day of sun worship. The early church kept the Sabbath day. And read the roman catechism describing the 10 commandments. They conveniently eliminated the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment addressing graven images and forbidding idol worship; and they totally altered the 9 other commands to fit their doctrines.

Add to all that, for whatever reason, though their hard-head leaders know... Venezuela... Sri Lanka... Myanmar... Afghanistan... Nepal, India and Iran... their clocks are on a different time with the rest of the world.

Now, is all this problematic? No! But it sure seems like someone in sheep's clothing... wants to change the times and laws. Doesn't it? Sort of like those rewriting the history of America... who ignore giving thanks to God even on Thanksgiving Day? But let's get back to Daniel.

In chapter 2, Daniel said, Blessed is the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are His; and HE... changes times... and seasons.

Apparently this blasphemous big-mouth of a faulty thinker... thinks he can do God's work.

and **they will be given into his hand** / the saints of the Most High, his policies will touch God's people; increasingly, it will be a troubling time. We see the commotions in so many places today; a foretaste of what is to come; and what will come is a political leader promising peace... while preparing for war.

Of this prominent leader, C.S. Lewis wrote: I can imagine no man who will look with more horror on the End than a conscientious revolutionary who has been justifying cruelties and injustices inflicted on millions of his contemporaries by the benefits which he hopes to confer on future generations: generations who, as one terrible moment now reveals to him, were never going to exist. Lewis ©1952.

and **they will be given into his hand until... a time, and times, and the dividing of time** / the saints of the Most High know his influence: 1 year...and 2 years...and ½ a year = **3 ½ years** of unbelievable lawlessness, violence and destruction. It's interesting to note, historically the early church through the Reformers... pointed out this calculation: in OT prophetic language: 1 time = 360 days, which represents years; 360 + 720 + 180 = 1260 years.

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But with these words, could there be double fulfillment to the final generation? **Yes!** God knows mankind's predictability, and tells us of the last ½ of the final 7 years... which is the same period of time... when the Messiah first came in humility to live among us and teach us directly; and offer His life a ransom for many. Ezekiel tells **us the Good Shepherd fired all the faithless shepherds;** He wasn't leaving anything to chance.

And in this vision, that is all God cares to let us know. Daniel did **not** know but what Paul could have filled in... so that the saints were not ignorant,

**until**... Messiah the Bridegroom comes for the Love of His life – those who embraced His perfect life given to substitute for their messed-up life; who watch and wait for Him, doing what He asked, caught away at the last moment... before the terrible Day of wrath arrives.

<sup>26</sup> **But the Judge will take His seat, and they will take away this blasphemous, big-mouth's dominion, to consume and destroy it to the end** / not a pretty sight; but very good news... when the 7<sup>th</sup> seal is opened and there is silence ½ way -- **Revelation 8** and the thrones sitting with this Ancient of days take care of business.

<sup>27</sup> **And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom...**

**under the whole heavens** / everything associated with the kingdom here on earth,

**will be given to the people of the Most High** / and these saints of the Most High,

**the kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey Him** / will serve and obey the Messiah of God, not them; Revelation 11:15 says, **the kingdom of the world... has become the kingdom of the Lord and His Christ!**

<sup>28</sup> **To here is the end of the matter.**

**As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me** / my thoughts greatly alarmed me; I lost my color; Daniel grew pale:

**but I kept the matter in my heart** / and thankfully... Daniel didn't keep it from the people of God. He kept it for us to know.

**This verse completes the Aramaic, foreign language section... started in Chapter 2, verse 4...** describing in advance and in great detail the time when savage animal rule... and violence and destruction would dominate the earth, during the 2,520 years of the time of the Gentiles... fast coming to an end. **He is coming... whose right it is to reign.** LOOK UP!