**Daniel 7: Daniel’s Vision**

**Main Idea: In the midst of chaos, it’s good to know who’s in control**

**The Structure of Daniel 2-7: The humiliation of the kings of Babylon**

**(Written in Aramaic)**

**Daniel 2: Nebuchadnezzar’s vision: A sketch of prophetic history**

**Daniel 3: Punishment for worshipping the Lord: Fiery furnace**

**Daniel 4: Humiliation of Nebuchadnezzar**

**Daniel 5: Humiliation of Belshazzar**

**Daniel 6: Punishment for worshipping the Lord: Lion’s den**

**Daniel 7: Daniel’s vision: A sketch of prophetic history**

**The Text of Daniel 7**

**1. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts 7:1-8**

**2. Daniel’s vision of the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man 7:9-14**

**3. The temporary reign of the Beast 7:15-28**

**Ten observations and applications in Daniel 7**

**1. Intentional structure. The book is deliberately structured to make chapter 7 parallel the message of chapter 2; two visions of the future.**

**2. The Big Four. Four kingdoms future to Daniel are presented and three are clearly identified as Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece.**

**3. Number four is different. The fourth kingdom is very different than the previous three out of which will arise ten kings. Three of them are deposed by one later king called the “little horn.”**

**4. Where’s the Church Age? The presentation of future events in Daniel and elsewhere omit the Church Age. Remember that Paul says it was a “mystery”, which is something previously unrevealed.**

**5. The “Little Horn.” Introduces and emphasizes the nature and activities of the “Little Horn” (a king). We later discover He is the King of the North and becomes the Beast at the mid-point of the Tribulation, the Seventieth Week of Daniel.**

* **He comes after the ten kings – 8**
* **He uproots three of the ten kings - 8**
* **He will be intelligent (eyes like a man) - 8**
* **He will be arrogant and boastful – 11 (2 Thess. 2:4)**
* **He will persecute the saints for 3 ½ years – 21, 25**
* **He will overcome Israel – 21**
* **He will be judged by God - 22**
* **He will oppose God’s authority – 25**
* **He will introduce an entirely new era, changing laws and instituting His own system – 25**
* **He will be destroyed with his kingdom - 26**

**6. Tens of thousands come with Jesus! Jesus will come with 10,000s of His saints! We get to be there! (Rev. 20:14 – all believers?)**

**7. The kingdom is given to the saints (Dan. 7:27). Believers will be there (John 3:1-16; Rom. 8:17a). The faithful will rule with Him (Rom. 8:17b; 2 Tim. 2;12; Rev. 2:25-27).**

**8. Next! The rule of Jesus follows four Kingdoms (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and one that grows of Rome). But, His kingdom is unlike any other.**

**9. The Most-high controls history. He accurately predicts centuries in advance. He is in control in spite of what may appear to be chaos and a losing cause.**

**10. It never ends! As sure as we have seen the previous kingdoms come and go, the eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ is on the way. It will never end. It will be shared by us. He wins, so we win!**

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**The eternal Kingdom of the Son of Man is coming!**

**In the midst of chaos, look to the Eternal**