Daniel Chapter 7:15-28

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Daniel's Visions Interpreted
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'"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: '

V 15-16
So all this upset Daniel he was basically frightened by all these things.

V 17-18
'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

These Beasts are the four successive world powers, but ultimately the saints will receive the kingdom forever and forever and ever.

Comments:
So why is Daniel shown a vision of four world powers, starting with Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome - and what do those kingdoms have to do with the last days and the antichrist? What's the connection?

Answer:
This all centers around the fourth beast which was different from all the rest, the one which frighten Daniel so much, This one which wasn't explained as an animal but was was just called this terrifying beast.

Which we said is in the timeline given is Rome. But we must understand that Rome or imperial Rome, which existed from some time around 31 B.C. to something like A.D. 476 the it ended. But we need to understand the imperial Rome is a pre-figuration a foreshadowing of a world dominating government, kingdom, rule or power what ever you would like to call it, that is going to raise up in the last days and be ruled by the beast of revelation (Better know as the Antichrist.)

That is precisely what Daniel will be told more about as we continue on.
So here is the connection, Rome is a foreshadowing of the Antichist.

Verse 18 References:

Daniel 7:14
Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.'

II Timothy 2:11
This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.

Revelation 2:26-27
And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ — as I also have received from My Father;

Revelation 20:4
And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

V 19-20

“Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

Recapping the fourth beast to highlight the significance of this fourth and final beast.

Daniel describes more of what he was shown related to this look at V 21:

“I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

Verse 21 References:

Revelation 11:7
When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 13:7
It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Daniel is being shown now how the Antichrist is going to rise up during the great tribulation and he is going to be given power over the entire world, including power over the saints and this agrees with what we are told in the book of revelation.

Ref: Rev 13:5-7

And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Who are these saints, it is not the church, it is the tribulation saints, these are the people that come to Christ during the great tribulation.

Most likely a reference to Israel when the nation turns in faith to their Messiah Jesus.

Side Note:
1.) What are tribulation saints?

2.) What is the Tribulation?

3.) When is the Rapture going to occur in relation to the Tribulation?

https://www.gotquestions.org/tribulation-saints.html

We need to know there is going to be great awakening a huge revival in the 1st half of the great tribulation, people are going to come to the Lord by the thousands and thousands and thousands.

We do read about this is the book of Revelation where John see this multitude of saints, thousands and thousands of them and he's asked who are these?

Revelation 7:14
And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

He didn't recognize them and surely he would recognize the church because he is part of that church. He didn't recognize these people and then he is told these are they who have come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes.

So these are they who will be killed (Martyred) by the Antichrist during that latter half of the great tribulation. The reason they will be Martyred is because the Antichrist won't tolerate and Competition what so ever , He will be demanded to be worshiped as god.
Remember thats what marks the mid point of the great tribulation.
He will make some sort of arrangement so the Jews can rebuild the temple.

We aren't really sure how this is going to happen but he will make so sort of a pact with the jews to Facilitate the rebuilding of the temple and its going to look great for the first 3 1/2 years of the great tribulation but then at the midway point he will turn on them.

He is going to go back on everything he said and he's going to take his own image and establish it it the holy of holies and then he will demand that the world worship him as god.

And he won't tolerate any type of opposition from anybody who claims there is another god.

But you know what the saints of God, people who have come to christ during the great tribulation they are not going to bow the knee, they aren't going to take the mark of the beast and they are going to pay with their lives.

Because during this latter half of the tribulation the antichrist will be given dominion over the whole world and he will conquer those saints during that time.

V22

until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

We are told how long this will last until the accent of days came, in other words until Jesus returns and judgment was given for the saints of the most High and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom, thats how long its going to last until the Lord himself returns.

Verse 22 References:

Revelation 1:6
and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Now we will rewind a bit with V23

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.

Verse 23 Reference:

Daniel 2:40
And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

As we focus on the forth beast the time we are spending on it is incredible in fact its unprecedented

V23-25

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

(He will think to think the times and the law.) in other words he’s going to try to change the things that are only lawful for God to change himself.

Ref: Daniel 2:20-21

Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel says something about God, So this tells us that God is the one who changes the times. But the anitchrist who is empowered by the devil himself, is so drunk with power and desires to be what satan has always wanted to brand that is the usurper of God’s throne.

(Usurper meaning: Someone who seizes an office or position of power by force or without legal right, or who is perceived to have done so.)

And is going to attempt to do what only God can do which is to changing the times and the law and we don't know how exactly he is going to try and change the times and the law but we do know its is going to turn out badly for him.

V26-27

'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

This is a fancy way of saying what the Bible says many times that we will reign with him, the Bible says that the saints will come and reign with the Lord. So the kingdom is given to the saints of the most high, then we are told once again that his kingdom should be an everlasting kingdom and all dominoes shall serve and obey him. Now is that cool or what?

We are basically seeing here the end of the great tribulation Jesus comes You'll notice that Daniel isn't really given a picture the battle of Armageddon, thats not in the vision that's not in his sight right here.
John was given that information and frankly some of the other prophets were given that concept but not Daniel, he just goes right to the dominion of the Lord Jesus and the saints of God along with him,

Verse 27 Reference:

Isaiah 54:3
For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

Revelation 20:4
And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

V28

“This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

Verse 27 Reference:

Daniel 8:27
And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king’s business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

Luke 2:19
But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:51
Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

These were statements made concerning the last days and you know Daniel was given these revelations but he was given so little to go on, as far as how they were all going to play out.

Daniel didn’t know anything about the church because the church doesn’t appear in the Old Testament.

Daniel didn’t understand how these things were going to play out, he didn’t understand you know necessarily about the Son of God as we understand it from the New Testament perspective.

He sees this son of one like the Son of Man who's given rule and dominion for ever and ever who comes before the ancient of days.

Well you might think well maybe Daniel could have guessed but it wasn't a full revelation, but we have been given a much much fuller revelation when we understand these chapters of Daniel alongside the book of revelation we're given a much fuller picture of these events and we understand that they had to do with this period of time bcalledthe great tribulation.

Now remember something very important the great tribulation is that seven year period. Now its is the personal belief of many what ushers in the great tribulation are two very important events first it's the catching away the church the bride will be caught away in what we call the rapture.

and then the next thing is the appearance of the antichrist he will be made know at that point in time and then we enter into that seven year time of the great tribulation, but remember the first three and a half years really aren't going to look all that bad, and aren't going to look all that different in fact a lot of the world is going to think that there is peace going on.

and the antichrist seems to usher in this period of peace for three and a half years and then turns his back on this covenant he made with the Jews

He demands worship of the entire world and that is when he institutes the mark of the beast.

Whereby people must take the market buy and sell okay, so when does the mark of the beast happen? At the midpoint of the great tribulation.

We are not at the midpoint of the great tribulation, for one we are still here , the antichrist has not been revealed, they have not started rebuilding the temple that has to be built and all of these things which are going to happen during that first three and a half years of the great tribulation.

I do believe this that has happen in the last year or so is a preparation if you will a dress rehearsal for what's going to be controlling the world. (Fear will be the controlling force in the world during the great tribulation.The antichrist will rule by fear.

We are getting primed for that right now. Thats why we was the body of Christ are urged not to live by fear, we've not been given a spirit of fear but of faith and a sound minded we are to walk by faith not by fear.

Some people may think its about a shot or a virus, No its about not living in such a way that you can be controlled.

We are to live and be controlled by God, He doesn't rule by fear. the Bible says it is his kindness that leads us to repentance.

So the Lord our God leads by love and by example by the conviction of the Holy Spirit and by by his tender urgings and things through.

His word and so forth that's the complete opposite of the way the antichrist is going to rule.

So it is vitally important that the body of Christ hears and understand we must never ever give in to fear to live by fear.
We can't do it. I will not live by fear, I'am to live by faith and so are you because we are children of the living God.
Amen.