



The Best is Yet to Come But, It's Not Here Yet!

PART 3

TODAY: "HEAVENLY VICTORY!"

CH 7 - "OUR FUTURE AT A GLANCE"

Daniel 7:15-28

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CHAPTER 7 REVIEW (SO FAR)

- Daniel 7 predicts the rise and fall of five kingdoms: The Babylonian, Medes and Persians, Greek, Roman and the Kingdom of Satan (led by the Antichrist).
- We have already seen, historically, the beginning and end of the first four of these kingdoms.
- The Antichrist has yet to establish his earthly kingdom—that will come.
- Daniel also predicts that God will establish His kingdom on the earth to restore—once and for all—the Earth to its original splendor.
- We also learned that each of us will one day stand before the Throne of God. We saw ourselves...
 - Standing before the "Seated One"
 - Looking around the "Seated One"
 - Looking at the three books before the "Seated One"
- We also learned that the Antichrist will "use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them." - 2 Thessalonians 2:10ff

STUDY SECTION

The Interpretation of the Dream

1. The Four Beasts *in General* (vv. 15-18)

- Their Rise** (Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome; vv. 15-17)
- Their Replacement** (They will give way to God's glorious kingdom; v. 18)

2. The Final Beast *in Particular* (vv. 19-28)

- The Confusion** (Daniel desires more information on the cruelty and conquests of this vicious beast; vv. 19-22)
- The Clarification** (He is given three facts concerning the fourth beast and the Antichrist that will follow; vv. 23-27)

The Antichrist will:

- Devour the Earth** (vv. 23-24)
- Defy the Lord** (v. 25)
- Be destroyed by God Himself** (vv. 26-27)

c. The Concern (Daniel was terrified by all of this; v. 28)

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

A. Five Things You Can Count On in The Future:

- Earthly kings and kingdoms will all pass away—including the US.
- The kingdom of the antichrist will soon be established on earth.
- Human History will again see the direct intervention of God.
- All evil will eventually be destroyed.
- Christ will establish His Eternal Kingdom ("Heavenly Victory!").

B. Five Trends You Can Look For in The Future:

- The rise of spiritual counterfeits and false authorities. (Matt. 24)
- More hatred and violence among the nations—especially Israel.
- Increasing hostility to Christians and to the gospel message.
- Massive rejection of traditional morality.
- Falling away from the truth and the church.