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Daniel 7:26-28 *But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. 27) 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. 28) 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. (NKJV)*

THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SET THEMSELVES, AND THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER, AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS ANOINTED, SAYING, "LET US BREAK THEIR BONDS IN PIECES AND CAST AWAY THEIR CORDS FROM US." HE WHO SITS IN THE HEAVENS SHALL LAUGH; THE LORD SHALL HOLD THEM IN DERISION. THEN HE SHALL SPEAK TO THEM IN HIS WRATH, AND DISTRESS THEM IN HIS DEEP DISPLEASURE: "YET I HAVE SET MY KING ON MY HOLY HILL OF ZION." I WILL DECLARE THE DECREE: THE LORD HAS SAID TO ME, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU. ASK OF ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE NATIONS FOR YOUR INHERITANCE, AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR YOUR POSSESSION." PSALM 2:2-8

Who is now giving this information and interpretation to Daniel? Is it possible to appeal to a higher court than this one? Do we know who the judge is? How long had the defendant been continually committing crime? Is this an eternal sentence? Does the destruction of the Antichrist and his followers make way for those they have persecuted to rule after them? Will this final kingdom exceed the greatness of all those that have gone before it? Who is this kingdom's leader?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- > JUNE 5-7: DANIEL 8:1-7 *THE POWERFUL GOAT OF THE GREEK EMPIRE*
- > JUNE 5-7: DANIEL 8:8-14 *THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION*

Even though Daniel had been given the encouraging news that the "saints of the Most High" would inherit the final kingdom with Christ and it would be forever (Daniel 7:18), he wanted to know more about the fourth beast and all its dreadful blasphemies against God and tyranny against God's people. What horrified Daniel the most was that this Antichrist was "making war against the saints, and prevailing against them." Daniel was astounded that God would allow this to occur and to continue without His immediate judgment upon this evil tyrant. So he asked the angel near him, likely Gabriel, for the truth concerning this fourth beast and its leader, this final "horn." It must have significantly disheartened Daniel to hear from the angel that this most predatory beast would "devour the whole earth." There was no country to escape into and no place to hide from the blind fury of this most unmerciful murderer. Because he had crushed so cruelly the three leaders who had opposed him, the remaining seven leaders were afraid to challenge him. He was so arrogant that he directly attacked God and violently persecuted His saints and even tried to change long established religious holidays and laws. What tortured the heart of Daniel the most was that "the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and a half a time." This specific designation of time is referred to no less than eight times throughout the revelation of the end times.

FOR THEN THERE WILL BE GREAT TRIBULATION, SUCH AS HAS NOT BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD UNTIL THIS TIME, NO, NOR EVER SHALL BE.
MATTHEW 24:21

BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY @ 8:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY – FREDERICKSBURG – 106 CARTER ST & NOON – WOODBRIDGE – BOB EVANS, 14490 SMOKETOWN RD.

THURSDAY @ 8:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY – RICHMOND – SHONEY'S, HULL & COURTHOUSE & 1:00 PM – LYNCHBURG – PANERA BREAD, 3901 OLD FOREST RD.

FRIDAY @ 8:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY – SUFFOLK – CHICK-FIL-A, 6212 COLLEGE DRIVE, NEAR HAMPTON ROADS CROSSING

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I. EVIL DESTROYED

DANIEL 7:26

Here Gabriel seems to be continuing to provide for Daniel the interpretation of the dream. This court has already been described earlier in the chapter, so Daniel knows that *“the Ancient of Days was seated”* (7:9), enthroned as the final Judge of this Universal Supreme Court. This Eternal Justice had seen all that had happened and His judgment is perfect, because everything has been recorded. Thus, *“the books were opened”* (7:10) to provide all the evidence against this evil world dictator and all who followed him. No sinful thought, word, or deed escaped the attention of this court. While he thought that he was getting by with such treachery, he was only storing up wrath against this very day of judgement. The deceit he had used to get by with such sinister schemes against God and His saints, would all be brought to light in perfect justice. Now he would be broken, without any to help, as *“they shall take away his dominion.”* He will be consumed and destroyed *“forever”* in *“the burning flame”* (7:11). There will be no remedy to his pain as he will cry for just a drop of water to cool his tongue as he will be tormented in the fires of hell. Never again will he, or anyone like him, reign on earth again.

THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD HAVE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST, AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER! REVELATION 11:15

II. ETERNAL DOMINION

DANIEL 7:27

The second action of this most powerful of all courts is to rule in favor of those persecuted saints. There is a three-fold emphasis here revealing that this is a physical, earthly kingdom, replacing all the former four kingdoms already mentioned in the dream. *“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.”* Thus, this world empire or worldwide kingdom with all its dominion or authority over the whole earth,

and especially all that was truly great before God in all these previous kingdoms shall be given to His people, the saints. This is not just a spiritual kingdom as today when Christ rules and reigns in the hearts of His people through His Spirit in obedience to His Word. This is a global kingdom where there is no place not perfected by the authority of Christ and His saints who rule with him in greatness *“under the whole heaven.”* There is also more beautiful theology here, such that Jesus Christ’s divinity is again presented as He is equated with *“the Most High.”* Most beautiful is the reality that *“His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.”* This has been the glorious emphasis throughout this vision, remembering that this is a *“kingdom forever, even forever and ever”* (7:18). The focus of all the dominion, even that given to the saints, is upon Jesus Christ, *“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”* (Rev. 13:8), *“all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”*

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 THE WORD OF GOD, WHO HAD NOT WORSHIPPED THE BEAST OR THE 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. REVELATION 20:4

III. EXPOSED DANIEL

DANIEL 7:28

The angel seems to conclude the vision and its interpretation with the words, *“this is the end of the account.”* Daniel then explained his emotional reaction to such traumatic information concerning his people in the years to come. *“My thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed.”* Daniel was so disturbed that he was in shock, just as King Belshazzar when he saw the handwriting on the wall (5:6). But like Mary (Luke 2:19), he *“kept the matter”* and pondered it in his heart.

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Are you prepared stand before the Supreme Court of God?
- 2) Have you asked for the forgiveness of your sins and received Jesus Christ as your Lord?
- 3) Are you among the saints who stand for the truth of the Word of God no matter what it may cost you?