



Vision of the Four Beasts

A Study of Daniel 7

Future Kingdoms
and the
Pre-advent Investigative Judgment

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Relationship with Christ

- The Most Important Understanding about our Salvation:
 - We believe eternal life is a gift from God in **Christ Jesus** and we are justified by His grace and His faith who paid the price; death, for our transgressions

Romans 3:21-26; 4:4-5,25; 6:23; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7 (Is 53; Eze 36:25-27; John 3:3-8,16; 16:8; Rom 5:6-10; 8:1-4, 14-17; 1Cor 15:3-4,20-22; 2Cor 5:14-15,19-21; Gal 1:4; 3:13-14,26; 4:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Col 1:13-14; Heb 8:7-12; 1Pet 1:23; 2Pet 1:3-4; 1John 2:2; 4:10)

- God “sent his angel to show his servants” the future (Rev 22:6) “**Do not despise prophecies.**” 1Thess 5:20
 - Purpose: To share the vital necessity of a character transforming relationship with **Christ**, namely the Gospel of **His sacrifice for all who call Him Lord and Savior** (Ps 1:1-2; Matt 20:25-28; Luke 19:17-20; John 20:21; Rom 12:2; 2Cor 3:17-18; Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:19-21; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14; Col 2:6; 1Thess 5:16-23; Heb 10:25; 2Pet 2:9; 3:18; 1John 4:4)

Principles of Bible Study

- Paul's counsel to Timothy:
 - ¹⁶ **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**
¹⁷ **that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.** 2Tim 3:16-17 (Ps 119:105; Prov 30:5-6; Is 8:20; John 17:17; 1Thess 2:13; Heb 4:12)
 - **for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.** 2Pet 1:21
- Bible versions:
 - Use versions with the closest translation to the original language
 - **Recommend comparing NKJV (used here), NASB95, KJV, and ESV**
 - Concordance sources: www.abibleconcordance.com; www.blueletterbible.org
- Use of Expository study methods (versus Thematic study)
 - This method explores the literal meaning of each word in Scripture and its relationship to other words in its context (exegesis)

Principles of Interpretation

- It's important to be consistent by using the same principles, pattern, and understanding of the **Book of Daniel** for the prophecies in **Revelation** (Num 12:6; 2Chron 20:20; Joel 2:28-29; Amos 3:7; Acts 2:14-21; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8-9)
- **Every word deserves careful consideration**
 - **“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”** Isaiah 28:10,13
- The Historicist method of interpretation is used for both Daniel and Revelation
- Some of Daniel and much of Revelation is symbolic; identified based on content
 - Look for definitions elsewhere within these two books first, then the Bible as a whole; then in history
- ✓ The visions of Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, and 10-12 build on each other progressively, amplifying and adding important details; **“repeat and enlarge”**
- ✓ Application of the 1 prophetic day = 1 year rule (**Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:4-6**) is key to the proper interpretation of time prophecies in Daniel and Revelation (Gen 29:27; Lev 25:1-7)

Rebellion or Redemption?



Daniel the Prophet Matt 24:15

- Daniel and his 3 friends were exiled in 605^{BC} when the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar to rule over Jerusalem as foretold by Jeremiah (Jer 25; 27:22) as recorded in 2Ki 24:10-17 (Is 39:6-7; Jer 29; Micah 4:10)
 - Ezra indicates (2Chr 36:15-21) that the 70 year Babylonian exile was directed by God because His chosen people did not turn from evil and false worship
- Much of Daniel is literal, however symbolic language is used such as Dan 1:20 (“**ten times**”), the beast’s descriptions (Daniel 7, 8 & 11) referring to kings and kingdoms, and both literal and spiritual applications in Daniel 11:40-45
- The book of Daniel is written in a chiasm, a double list of related items in which the order of the second list is opposite of the first list:
 - The outer chapters (Dan 1:1-2:4a and 8-12) were written in Hebrew
 - The inner chapters (Dan 2:4b – Dan 7:28) were written in Aramaic

Chronological Overview

The Book of Daniel

- Daniel 1: an account of the first Babylonian exile (605BC)
- **Daniel 2: Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the kingdoms** (603BC)
- Daniel 3: Nebuchadnezzar builds the image of his dream to worship
- Daniel 4: Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great tree
 - Chapter 4 is a letter written by Nebuchadnezzar
- **Daniel 7: Daniel's dream of the kingdoms as beasts** (553BC)
- **Daniel 8: Daniel's vision with further kingdom details** (551BC)
- Daniel 5: an account of the fall of Belshazzar and Babylon (539BC)
- Daniel 6: The lion's den and Darius the Mede (539/8BC)
- **Daniel 9: Gabriel further explains 2300 days/yrs in ch.8** (538BC)
 - Including the 70 weeks (490 yrs) "cut off" of the 2,300 years until Christ's ministry began
- **Daniel 10-12: Gabriel provides specific details of the kings and kingdoms to come through the second coming of Jesus** (535BC)

Daniel 7

- **Daniel 7 Structure:**

- The account in Daniel 7:1-12 is a chronological description of what Daniel was first shown in his dream, paralleling the Daniel 2 image dream, providing additional details

- This passage is further expanded on in Dan 8:1-25 and 11:2-45 (535BC)

- Dan 7:13 steps back, providing additional details to Dan 7:9-10; the beginning of the judgment (1844) in the most holy place in Heaven

- Dan 7:14, provides additional details about the end of judgment, expanded on in Dan 12:1a (20xx)

- Dan 7:15-27 records the interpretation given to Daniel when he asked the meaning of the first part of his dream recorded in Dan 7:2-14

- There are important clarifying details contained in these verses

- ✓ **Just as the Daniel 2 image from head to feet represented the continuum of time, the beast configuration represents time passing, starting at the tail, progressing through the body to heads, then horns. This principle is consistently applied in Revelation 12, 13 and 17.**

Daniel 7:1-3

- ¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. ² Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.
 - **King Nabonidus (556-539BC)** placed his son, Belshazzar, as king over the city of Babylon in 553BC, 50 years after Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the image (Dan 2:1-49)
 - **4 winds: Strife from all directions of the compass** (Dan 8:8; Jer 49:36; Zech 2:6)
 - Angels holding back strife in Rev 7:1 are given a voice in Dan 7:5
 - **Great Sea: Mediterranean** (Num 34:6-7; Josh 1:4; Eze 47:10,15,19-20), also people and nations (Is 17:12; Rev 17:15)
 - **The kingdoms to come would arise from existing peoples around the Mediterranean Sea region**
 - **4 beasts: Civil powers that would persecute God’s people**

Daniel 7:4

- The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
 - **Lion: Babylon (609-539BC)** (Is 21:8-9; Jer 1:13-16; 2:15; 4:7,13; 5:15; 6:1,22; 10:22; 49:19; 50:17; Dan 2:37-38; 2Ki 24:10-14; 25:1-7)
 - **Eagle's wings: Complete conquest** (Deut 28:49-50; Is 8:8; Jer 48:40; 49:22; Lam 4:19; Dan 9:27)
 - **Like a man: The loss of its nobility (Dan 4)**
 - **Man's heart:** After Nebuchadnezzar died expansion ceased; Babylon became more wicked with Belshazzar using the holy temple goblets to entertain (Dan 5:1-4)
 - Never to be inhabited again (Is 13:19-22)
 - **“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked...”** Jer 17:9



Daniel 7:5

- “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’
 - **Bear: Medo-Persia (539-331BC)** (Is 13:17-22; 21:2,7-9; Dan 2:39a; 8:3-4; 11:2)
 - **Raised up on one side: Persia was the dominant power over Media**
 - **3 ribs: Babylon (539), Lydia, and Egypt were conquered by Medo-Persia** (Is 45:1-2)
 - **Cyrus the Great captured Lydia at the Battle of Thymbra in 547BC**
 - **Cambyses II captured Egypt at the Battle of Pelusium in 525BC** (Dan 11:2)
 - **They: Angels allowing strife** (Rev 7:1)



Daniel 7:6

- “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.
 - **Leopard: Greece (331-168BC)** (331BC Battle of Arbela) (Dan 2:39b; 8:5-8,20-22; 11:3-19)
 - **4 wings: Alexander the Great conquered territory very rapidly** (Deut 28:49; Hab 1:8)
 - **4 heads: In 301BC, 4 generals entered into an agreement to split the empire into 4 separately ruled areas (Macedonia, Pergamum, Egypt, Syria)**
 - **Dominion: Vast areas were placed under the Hellenistic influence of Greek culture and language**



Daniel 7:7

- “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.
 - **Dreadful beast: Imperial Rome (168BC-AD476)** (Dan 7:19; 8:9,23a; 11:20-22)
 - **Iron teeth: Forceful rule** (legs of Dan 2:33)
 - **Devouring/breaking: Erased past culture**
 - **Trampling residue “remainder”:**
Remnant persecuted (Rev 2:10)
 - **“Different”:** Enforced religion emerged
 - **10 horns: Symbolic; dozens of tribes and kingdoms following the Roman Empire**
(Rev 8:7-13) Horns: Ex 38:2; Lev 4:25; 2Sam 22:3; Ps 18:2; 75:10; 89:24; 92:10; 112:9; 148:14; Eze 29:21; Hab 3:4 KJV; Mic 4:13; Zech 1:18-21; Rev 5:6; 17:12

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Daniel 7:8

- I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.
 - **Little horn: Papacy/sea beast** (Dan 8:10-13,23b-25; 11:23-45; Rev 13:1-10; 17:1-11,18)
 - **3 plucked out: Barbarian tribes eliminated** (¹Vandals/Alans, ²Ostrogoths, ³Rugians). These Arians, opposed *and* warred against the **papacy**. (Rev 8:8-9)
 - **Eyes and mouth of a man: Represents popes acting in place of God** (Dan 11:24,28-37,45a; Rev 13:1,5-7)
 - **Pompous words: Pronouncing changes to times and God's law** (Dan 7:11,20,25)
 - **Changed the creation Sabbath to Sunday**



Identity of the Little/Talking Horn

The reformers, Luther, Calvin, Wycliffe, and the Wesleys all taught that the **little horn/antichrist/sea beast power** was the **Roman Catholic papal system**, which is specifically foretold in Daniel 7 & 8, 2Thessalonians 2, and Revelation 12, 13, 17 & 18

This interpretive approach, historicism, assigns prophecy to actual events

- Response #1: Priest Luis De Alcasar created the concept of preterism
 - Biblical prophecy has already taken place
- Response #2: Priest Francisco Ribera created the concept of futurism
 - Biblical prophecy is assigned to the future, right before the second coming

The membership of the Roman Catholic Church has and continues to be made up of faithful people, many of which have submitted to and had their characters transformed by Jesus. We can be assured these will be saved.

Daniel 7:9

- “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;
 - ✓ **Verses 9-10 are an expansion of the Stone being “carved” in Daniel 2:34a**
 - Daniel is taken in vision to view heaven itself noted in Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
 - Describing the preparation for the start of the pre-advent “investigative” judgment on 10/22/1844*, taking place in the heavenly sanctuary of which the earthly tabernacle was patterned after (Heb 8-10, especially 8:1-6)
 - **Thrones put in place:** Imply preparation for the pre-advent judgment (Ps 9:7; Dan 2:44; Rev 11:1; 14:7)
 - **Ancient of Days:** **God the Father** presides while **Jesus** judges (1844-20xx) (Ps 90:2)
 - **White as snow:** Sinless, purity, righteous acts (Is 1:18; Rev 19:8)
 - **Wheels of fire/fiery stream:** Note Ezekiel’s (a contemporary of Daniel) description of God’s throne while in vision (Eze 1:1-28), and John’s vision (Rev 4:1-11)

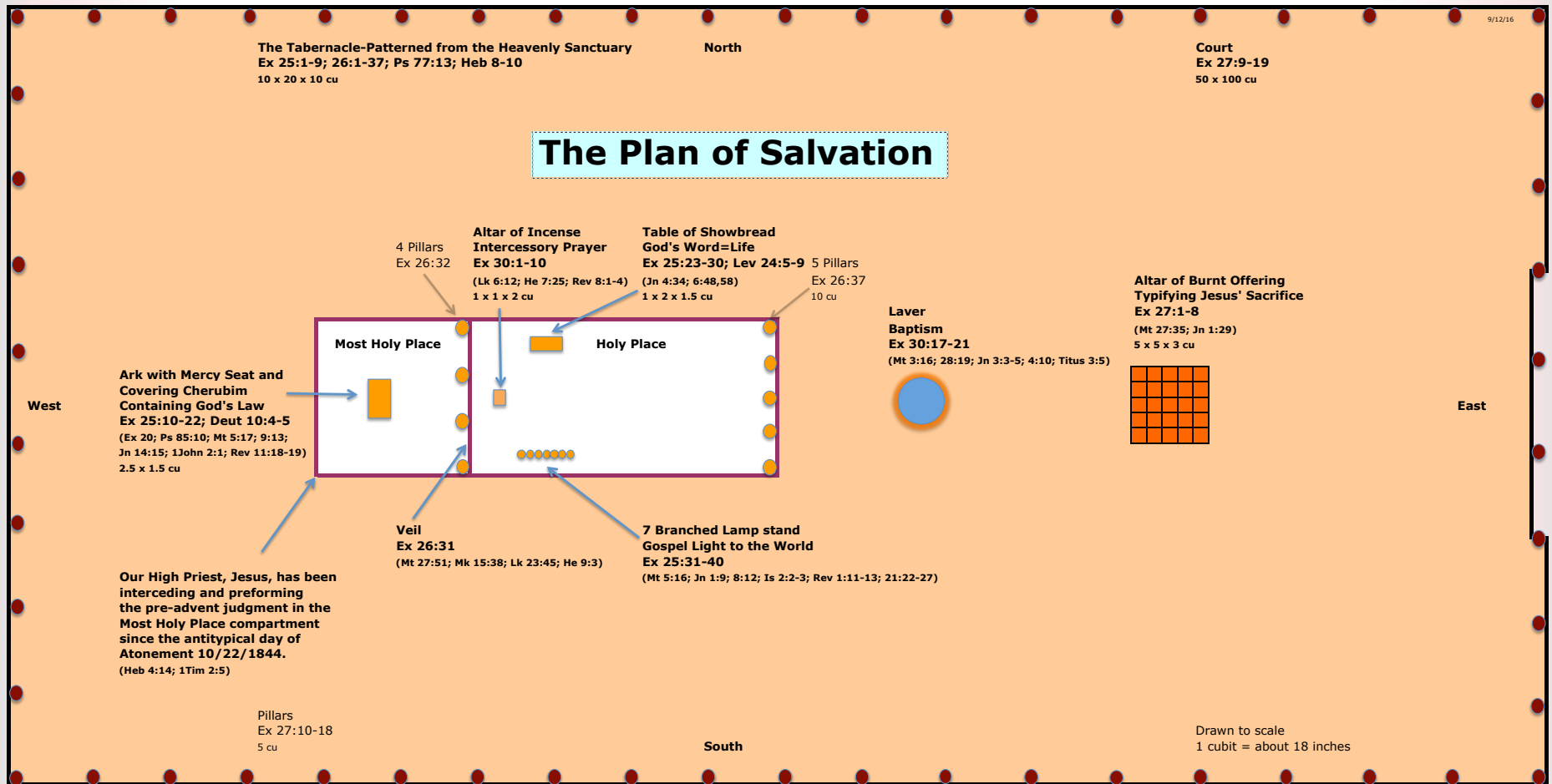
* ^{1726/18} The judgment timing is described in Daniel 8:13-14,26; Dan 9:24

Daniel 7:10

- A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.
 - Describing the initiation of the pre-advent “investigative” judgment on 10/22/1844, taking place in the most holy place, heavenly Sanctuary
 - ✓ **We are living in the antitypical day of atonement (1844-20xx)**
 - Court seated: See the same consecutive sequence in Dan 7:25-26
 - Books opened: An examination of all who haven’t rejected **Christ, His Law** and His **prophets** will be made based on heavenly records (Deut 6:5; Is 8:20; Matt 5:18; 22:36-40; Acts 10:42; Rev 11:1-2; 12:17; 14:7; 19:10) **Note: Jer 31:33-34**
 - Daniel’s contemporary, Ezekiel is shown the “hidden” sins of people claiming to worship the Lord in Eze 8:2-18, followed by a judgment and sealing of God’s people in Eze 9:1-6
 - Ezekiel 9:6 indicates that the judgment of the living will start with people professing to be (seventh-day) Sabbath keepers (Is 10:11-12; Mal 3:1-6; 1Pet 4:17)
 - The judgment process is described in Dan 2:34 as the cutting out of the **stone**

The Tabernacle

Moses was given Exquisitely Detailed Instructions



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Daniel 7:11

- “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.”
 - **Pompous words: The papacy blasphemes God** (Dan 7:8,25; 8:10-12,24-25; Matt 24:21-22; Mark 13:19-20; Rev 13:1,5-6; 17:3)
 - **Blasphemy: Claiming to be God** (John 10:33); **to forgive sins** (Mark 2:7); **persecuting God’s people** (1Tim 1:13)
 - **Horn: The papacy** (Dan 7:8,20-21,24-25; 8:9-13,23-25; 11:23-45; Rev 13:1-10; 17:1-11)
 - **Beast slain: The “Horn” becomes a “Beast,” obtaining persecutory powers from the nations; the “man of sin”, the “lawless one”, the “666 man”, the “8th king”** (2Thess 2:3-9; Rev 13:18; 17:8-11)
 - Daniel is shown the **anti-Christ individual slain by Jesus’ second coming**
 - **“Body” destroyed: Sea beast/papal system will be destroyed during the 6th plague of Rev 16:12-16** (Dan 7:11b,26b; 11:45; Rev 16:12; 17:16; 18:9-24)
 - The **papal system** will be destroyed by the very people (**apostate Protestant religions**) who once adhered to its doctrines when they realize they have been deceived

Daniel 7:12

- As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.
 - Other “beasts”: Refers to the “Ten” horns (apostate Protestant leaders, during their persecution phase) on the sea beast (Dan 2:42; Rev 13:1; 17:12-17)
 - These “Ten” are religious leaders as they are seen as extensions of the sea beast/papacy (apostate Protestants claim Sunday sacredness [the “image” of Rev 13:12,14-17] as established by the papacy)
 - These “Ten kings” receive power (Rev 17:12) becoming *beasts* by advocating for legislation to enforce Sunday sacredness, in the **United States**, then joining with the **papacy and Europe** in extending it to the whole earth
 - ✓ The designation “beast” is associated with religious persecution of the saints
 - Dominion: The “beasts” are prevented from killing the saints after the judgment is complete (Dan 12:1b), during the **7 plagues** of Rev 16
 - These plagues fall on the wicked after the pre-advent “investigative” judgment is finished; probation has closed with everyone making an informed decision concerning worship according to the 1st angel of Rev 14:7
 - Lives prolonged for a season and a time: Could this be literal time referring to 15 months after the fall of the **papal system**? (Dan 4:16,23-24,32)

Daniel 7:13a

- “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.
 - **Son of Man** coming with clouds: **Jesus** starts the pre-advent “investigative” judgment 10/22/1844, offering His Blood for the sins of all the **saints** (Rev 14:12), surrounded by angels (clouds) (Ps 9:7-8; 101:2-7; Matt 25:31-33; John 5:22-30; Acts 1:9; 2Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27; 1Pet 4:6; Rev 10:1; 11:1)
 - Referenced in Dan 8:14; Mal 3:1; and the coming of the **Bridegroom** (Matt 25:1-13)
 - Characterized by the parable of the Minas, Luke 19:11-27 (Matt 25:14-30)
 - Judgment: Have our characters been transformed? (Rom 12:1-2; 1John 2:1-2 **or** Rom 2:4-7)
- ✓ **“⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”**
Matt 27:51-53
 - These were then taken to heaven as “first fruits” of **Jesus’** sacrifice

Daniel 7:13b

- “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.
 - **Brought near before Him: Countless angels accompany Jesus from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary to the Father** (Is 66:15-16; Dan 12:1)
 - The completion of this scene is described in Rev 14:14-16. This 4th angel repeats the **three angel’s messages** under the **latter rain of the Holy Spirit** in Rev 18:1-3
 - **Ancient of Days: God the Father, whose movable throne is now above the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place** (Eze 1:16,26; Rev 8:4)

Daniel 7:14 (1 of 2)

- 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.
 - **“Then”**: Refers to the completion of the pre-advent judgment (20xx)
 - **Him**: **Jesus**
 - ① **Dominion (everlasting)**: The earth
 - ② **Glory**: The **Mountain (Godhead)** fills the earth (Dan 2:35,45)
 - ③ **Kingdom (Bride; New Jerusalem)**: **The living saints** with God’s seal (including the **144,000/great multitude** of **Rev 7:3-4,9-14; 14:1-12,14-16**), including the saints that continue to sleep in their graves until after the **7 plagues**, when **Jesus** returns (Eze 9:4,6; Rev 7:2-4; 21:2)
 - The Parable of the Minas: The kingdom (the saints) is given to **Jesus** when He rises from judgment, *before* He returns (Luke 19:11-27; Matt 25:14-34; Gen 7:4,16)
 - ✓ **Ancient of Days**: **God the Father** will give the kingdom (the saints) to His **Son, the marriage of the Lamb**: Rev 11:15b (**This signals the end of the pre-advent “investigative” judgment, Dan 12:1**)

Daniel 7:14 (2 of 2)

- 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.
 - ✓ This initiates **tribulation #2**, the **time of Jacob's Trouble** and the **7 plagues**
 - Jacob's Trouble (Jer 30:6-7; Dan 12:1b)
 - 7 plagues (Rev 16:1-21)
 - Results of the plagues: (Is 34:1-11; 63:1-6; Jer 46:10; Lam 2:21-22; Eze 9:5-11; 10:2; 39:17-21; Zeph 1:7-18; Matt 13:30,39-40; Rev 14:18-20; 18:9-24)
 - ✓ Probation has closed, meaning all of God's people have been sealed (Eze 9:3-6; Rev 7:1-4; 14:14-16)
 - Our **High Priest/Intercessor, Jesus** throws down the golden censor, leaves the Ark of the Covenant, and the temple (Rev 8:5; 15:8)
 - ✓ **The earthly indication that judgment is finished will be when the first plague of sores appear on people that have agreed to accept the beasts' mark in order to continue commerce** (Rev 13:16-17; 16:2) **As when Jesus was crucified, darkness will**

Daniel 7:15-17

- ¹⁵ “I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶ 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:
¹⁷ ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth.
 - ◆ **The 4 beasts are 4 kings: The beast’s bodies are equivalent to its heads, representing kings, kingdoms, and/or nations**
 - **“kings” represent a series or line of kings that ruled these kingdoms** (Dan 2:38b)
 - **These positions were usually inherited and are political leaders and powers** (Rev 13:11)
 - **Arise out of the earth: Unlike the beast “nations” in Dan 7:3, these *kings* don’t arise out of the “waters” because they are not a nation formed by wars between nations. They are individuals arising, usually from royal families, *within* the nations. This links to “kings of the earth” in [Rev 1:5; 6:15; 16:14; 17:2,18; 18:3,9; 19:19; 21:24](#). These are political/civil, not religious leaders.**

Daniel 7:18

- But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’
 - **Receive the kingdom:** The saints, as kings and priests, take part in the judgment of the wicked during the 1,000 years after Christ’s return, thereby becoming part of God’s spiritual kingdom (Ex 19:6; 1Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 19:1-8; 20:4,6)
 - The **144,000** are described as the “**great multitude**” made up of the living and the saints of the special resurrection during the **7th plague earthquake** before Jesus’ return (Dan 12:2; Rev 7:1-15)
 - **Possess the kingdom:** Referring to the act of settling the land/territory of God’s literal kingdom, the earth made new, after sin and death are destroyed (Is 60:12-14; Rev 21:1,3,10-27; 22:1-5)

Daniel 7:19

- “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;
 - **4th beast which was different, dreadful: Ruthless, destroyed icons and cultures of prior kingdoms**
 - Imperial/pagan Rome (Dan 2:40; 7:7; 8:9,23a; 11:20-22; Rev 8:7-12)
 - Example: The destruction of Jerusalem in AD70 (Matt 24:2)
 - **Iron teeth: Forceful rule** (legs of Dan 2:33)
 - **Bronze nails: Reference of the Hellenistic/Greek influence within Imperial Rome** (Mic 4:13)
 - **Trampling residue “remainder”:** **Remnant persecuted** (Rev 2:10)

Daniel 7:20

- 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.
 - “Ten” horns: **Symbolic; the dozens of tribes and kingdoms following the Roman Empire** (Jer 48:25; Eze 34:21; Zech 1:18-21; Rev 8:7-13)
 - As these horns are seen on the beast’s head of Imperial/pagan Rome, continuing after AD476, they are political, not religious kings/kingdoms
 - Little horn “came up”: The power of the **papacy** grew within Imperial Rome, adopting many of its **pagan customs and practices** (Dan 8:10-12,23-25)
 - Little horn appearance greater than the other “horns”: Aramaic most often translated “greater” or “master”, certainly fitting for the relationship between the **papacy** and the European states (Dan 11:23-45; Rev 13:1-10)
 - 3 horns removed through **papal** influence: (¹Vandals/Alans, ²Ostrogoths, ³Rugians) allowing Justinian to enforce his code, *Corpus Juris Civilis* (538)
 - Eyes and a mouth: Alludes to an *individual* leading a “power” (horn)
 - **Pompous**: Refers to **blasphemy**, which is **claiming** to be **God** (Dan 7:8,11,25; 8:10-12,24-25; Rev 13:5-6; Mark 2:6-7; John 10:33; 1Tim 1:13)

Daniel 7:21-22

- ²¹ “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² 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.
 - Horn warring against the saints: The **little/talking horn** persecuted the saints during **tribulation #1, 538-1798 (1,260 years)** (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5; Matt 24:21, Mark 13:19-20)
 - **Tribulation #2** begins when **Sunday legislation** is initiated
 - Ancient of Days: **God the Father** (Dan 7:9,13)
 - Literally “judgment was **given** to the saints” KJV: The saints serve as priests and kings in judgment during the **1,000 years in heaven** (Dan 7:18; 1Cor 6:3; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:4,6)
 - Possess the kingdom: The saints are given uncontested possession and will settle the new Jerusalem/new earth after the 1,000 years; after the wicked are resurrected, acknowledge the justice of God’s law, and receive their final punishment (Is 60:12-14; Rev 21:1,3,10-27; 22:1-5)

Daniel 7:23

- “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.
 - **Fourth kingdom: Imperial/Pagan Rome was indeed different...**
 - **by initially established as a republic (ruled by the people through elected representatives)**
 - **by evolving several different forms of governments from 509BC-AD476**
 - **by destroying past history and supplanting its culture in place of historical tradition; a tyranny**
 - **Equivalent with “rewriting” history**

Daniel 7:24

- 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.
 - “Ten” kings: A symbolic number representing the dozens of tribes and kingdoms (ruled by *lines* of kings) that arose during the decline of Imperial/Pagan Rome
 - “Another shall rise” He, the “different” horn/king: The **papacy**, a religious leader without its own army; a very different power that ruled the **kings of earth**, persecuting the saints (Dan 7:8,11; 8:10-12, 23-25, Rev 13:1-10)
 - 3 “subdued” kings: Vandals/Alans, Ostrogoths, Rugians
 - These “kingdoms”, holding Arian beliefs, strongly opposed the **papal** church which, in turn, orchestrated their demise through other “kings” armies
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vandalic_War
 - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rugii>
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/6th_century
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall_of_the_Western_Roman_Empire
 - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/530s>
 - http://www.666man.net/Three_Horns_Study_of_Daniel_7.html

Daniel 7:25

- 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: The **talking horn** that blasphemed **God**
 - Speak: To legislate, to define law
 - Pompous, a “command”: Refers to blasphemy (Dan 7:8,11,20; 8:11-12,24-25; Rev 13:5-6; Mark 2:6-7; John 10:33; 1Tim 1:13; Rev 13:1,5-6; 17:3)
 - Words against the Most High: Replacement of **God’s law**
 - **Shall intend to change times and law**: **God’s law** cannot be changed (Mal 3:6; Matt 5:17; Heb 13:8; James 2:10; Rev 13:12)
 - The **papacy** eliminated the 2nd commandment and “**7th day**” from the **4th**, dividing the 10th into 2 commandments
 - Time and times and half a time ($360+[360 \times 2]+180=1,260$): Referencing the **538-1798 (1,260 years)** persecution of the saints (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 11:2,3; 12:6,14; 13:5) (**Great tribulation #1** of Matt 24:21, Mark 13:19-20; Luke 21:24) (Dan 4:16,23-25,32)
 - **The saints** (those who worship **God the Creator Ex 20:8-11; Rev 7:3; 14:7-12**)

Change Times and Law

- "We Catholics do not accept the Bible as the only rule of faith. Besides the Bible we have the living Church, the authority of the Church, as a rule to guide us. We say, **this Church instituted by Christ, to teach and guide men through life, has the right to change the Ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and hence, we accept her change of the Sabbath to Sunday.** We frankly say, yes, **the Church made this change, made this law,** as she made many other laws, for instance, the Friday Abstinence, the unmarried priesthood, the laws concerning mixed marriages, the regulation of Catholic marriages, and a thousand other laws. **"We also say that of all protestants, the Seventh-day Adventists are the only group that reason correctly and are consistent with their teachings.** It is always somewhat laughable to see the Protestant Churches, in pulpit and legislature demand the observance of Sundays of which there is nothing in the Bible. **With best wishes, Peter R. Tramer, Editor"** [of The Catholic Extension Magazine, in response to a letter May 22, 1954.]
- ✓ **Contrary to nearly universal Protestant doctrine, it was the papacy, not the New Testament apostles, who changed the sacred day of worship**

Daniel 7:26-27

- ²⁶ ‘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.’
 - **Court seated: Just after the “time, times and half a time” (1,260 years) ended in 1798, at the precise end of the 2,300 day/year prophecy of Dan 8:14, the “investigative” judgment started in heaven (10/22/1844) (Dan 7:9-10; Rev 11:1)**
 - **Take away “his” dominion: This implies that sometime after 1844, the little horn/papacy will again become a persecuting “beast” having “dominion” over the saints; ruling the kings of earth (Rev 13:12-17; 17:11)**
 - **The saints are given the kingdom after the 1,000 years (Rev 20-22)**
 - **His kingdom: Christ’s kingdom is the saints at the **close of probation** (7:14)**
 - **All dominions serve: People from all nations will be saved (Jer 27:6; 28:14; Dan**

Daniel 7:28

- “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.”

God's Plan Revealed in Scripture

Study Guide (SG) Symbol Chart

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The Symbols of Kingdoms and Religious Powers in Bible Prophecy

Daniel 2 Statue: 603bc	Daniel 7: 553bc	Daniel 8: 551bc	Daniel 11: 535bc	Revelation 12: AD96	Revelation 13: AD96	Revelation 17: AD96	Meaning
SG B15	SG B18, B19, B43	SG B20, B22, B23, B43	SG B28,B32,B33a,B41,B43, SG B46,B47,B49,B54a,B55	SG B33b	SG B51a & B54a	SG B54b-B54e	
Gold Head	Lion/2 Wings						Babylon (609-539BC)
Silver Chest & Arms	Bear/raised side	2 horns of the Ram	Dan 11:2				Media/Persia (539-331BC)
Bronze Belly & Thighs	Leopard/4 Wings 4 Heads	Goat/1 horn to 4 horns	vs 3: Alexander vs 4: 4 generals King of the South King of the North				Greece (331-168BC) Ptolomies, Seleucids (Dan 11:5-19)
Iron Legs	Beast/iron teeth	Little horn growing horizontally	Dan 11:20-22 King of the North				Pagan Rome (168BC-AD476)
Iron portion of the Feet & Toes	'10' Horns						Civil kingdoms (AD476-xx)
				Woman with sun & moon and 12 stars			Pure Christians/light/ Bible/12 apostles
Beast of the Bottomless Pit/Abyss of Revelation 11:7-13 equated with Sodom (Immorality) and Egypt (Atheism, Secularism): French Revolution and following (1789-20xx)				Red Dragon with tail that swept 1/3 stars 7 heads/crowns, 10 horns			Satan deceived 1/3 of the angels and empowers apostate Christianity
Miry Clay of the Feet (Compare KJV & NKJV)	Talking Horn with eyes of a man	Little horn growing vertically	Dan 11:23-45 King of the North¹		Sea beast with 7 heads/ blasphemous names	Scarlet woman on scarlet beast²>7heads	Papal Rome (Spiritual Babylon)
			Dan 11:25-43 King of the South				Arab/Ottoman/ Radical Islam (AD612-xx)
Brittle Clay of the Toes			King of the North¹		Earth beast with 2 horns '10' horns/crowns	'10' horns	USA/civil & religious freedom apostate Protestants
Stone cut out of the Mountain							Jesus
Mountain filling the earth							God the Father/Son/Spirit

The 'pure woman', the 'scarlet woman', the 'talking horn', the 'little horn' (when growing vertically), the 'sea beast' with '10' horns, and the two types of 'clays' are religious in nature.

¹ The King of the North = apostate Christians (those who renounce God's law) and 'Christian' nations. An imposter of the true King of the North (Is 14:13).

² The scarlet beast with blasphemous names represents the empowering nations being directed by religious authorities, both papal and apostate Protestant.

Our Mission as the Remnant

- **“Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”** (Rev 19:10)
 - The understanding of prophecy is a call to action; to share the gospel of everlasting life through a relationship with Jesus, proclaiming the 3 angels’ message of **Rev 14:6-12**
- **“...obey God’s commandments”** (Rev 12:17) and **“Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”** (Rev 14:7)
- **“...Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer.** (Is 56:6-7)
- **“Be holy...blameless”** (1Pet 1:16-19; 2Pet 3:10-14)

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20

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For an excellent verse by verse commentary see: <http://www.bibleexplained.com>

For a deep perspective of how Revelation represents the spiritual fulfillment of much of the Old Testament see: Louis F. Were, The Certainty of the 3rd Angel's Message, 1945

Ellen Gould White was a prolific author and an American Christian pioneer. Along with other Sabbatarian Adventist leaders such as Joseph Bates and her husband James White, she formed what became known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Smithsonian magazine named Ellen G. White among 100 Most Significant Americans in an acknowledgement of her influence on religion. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_G._White

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:9-10

- ✓ “Thus was presented to the prophet’s vision the great and solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before the **Judge** of all the earth, and to every man should be rendered “according to his works.” **The Ancient of Days is God the Father**. Says the psalmist: “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.” Psalm 90:2. It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment. And holy angels as ministers and witnesses, in number “ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,” attend this great tribunal.” {GC 479.2}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:10

- ✓ “There is an unerring register kept of all sins committed. All man’s impiety, all his disobedience to heaven’s commands, are written in the **books of heaven** with unerring accuracy. The figures of guilt rapidly accumulate, yet the judgments of God are tempered with mercy, until the figures have reached their appointed limit. God bears long with the transgression of human beings and continues through His appointed agencies to present the **gospel message** until the set time has come. God bears with divine patience with the perversity of the wicked; but He declares that He will visit their transgressions with a rod. He will at last permit the destructive agencies of Satan to bear sway to destroy.” {Ms17-1906.24}
- ✓ “Accurately recorded in the **books of heaven** are the sneers and trivial remarks made by sinners who pay no heed to the call of mercy when Christ is represented to them by a servant of God. As the artist takes on the polished glass a true picture of the human face, so God daily places upon the books of heaven an exact representation of the character of every individual.” {Ms105-1901.15}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:13

- ✓ “This coming is foretold also by the prophet Malachi: “The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3:1. The coming of the Lord to His temple was sudden, unexpected, to His people. **They were not looking for Him there.** They expected Him to come to earth, “in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel.” 2 Thessalonians 1:8.” {GC 424.3}
- ✓ “The coming of **Christ** as our **high priest** to the **most holy place**, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the **Son of man** to the **Ancient of Days**, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the **Lord to His temple**, foretold by Malachi, **are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25.**” {GC 426.1}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:13-14

- ✓ “Daniel 7:13, 14. The coming of Christ here described is *not* His second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator. It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. Attended by heavenly angels, our great **High Priest** enters the **holy of holies** and there appears in the presence of **God** to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man—to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits.” {GC 479.3} {CIHS 116.1}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:13-14

- ✓ “Those who would share the benefits of the Saviour’s mediation should permit nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God. **The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display, or to gain seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the word of truth.** The subject of the **sanctuary** and the **investigative judgment** should be clearly understood by the people of **God**. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days.” {GC 488.2}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:13-14

- ✓ **“All who have received the light upon these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them.** The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ’s work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects and be able to give an answer to everyone that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them.” {GC 488.3}
- ✓ **“The intercession of Christ in man’s behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross.”** {GC 489.1}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:13-14

- ✓ “In the parable of Matthew 22 the same figure of the marriage is introduced, and **the investigative judgment is clearly represented as taking place before the marriage**. Previous to the wedding the king comes in to see the guests, to see if all are attired in the wedding garment, the spotless robe of character washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Matthew 22:11; Revelation 7:14. He who is found wanting is cast out, but all who upon examination are seen to have the wedding garment on are accepted of God and accounted worthy of a share in His kingdom and a seat upon His throne. This work of examination of character, of determining who are prepared for the kingdom of God, is that of the investigative judgment, the closing work in the sanctuary above.” {GC 428.1} “When the work of investigation shall be ended, **when the cases of those who in all ages have professed to be followers of Christ have been examined and decided, then, and not till then, probation will close**, and the door of mercy will be shut. Thus in the one short sentence, “They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut,” we are carried down through the Saviour’s final ministration, to the time when the great work for man’s salvation shall be completed.” {GC 428.2}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:13-14

- ✓ “Then I saw that Jesus’ work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the **head of the Scape Goat**. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the **plagues** will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud....” {SpM 2.1}
- ✓ “The great white cloud I saw was not the holy place, but entirely separate from the holy and most holy place, entirely separate from the sanctuary.” {SpM 2.2}

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Dan 7:13; 8:13-14

- ✓ “I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. **Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God.** I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, “Father, give us Thy Spirit.” Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; **in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace.** Satan’s object was to **keep them deceived** and to draw back and **deceive God’s children.**” {EW 56.1}
 - Referring to 1844 when **Jesus** moved to the Most Holy Place

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:14

- ✓ *"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the **Ten Commandments**, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:11." {SR 402.2} (Note: Rev 8:5)*
- ✓ "Every case had been decided for life or death. While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living. **Christ had received His kingdom**, having made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. The subjects of the kingdom were made up. **The marriage of the Lamb was consummated. And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, was given to Jesus and the heirs of salvation,** and Jesus was to reign as **King** of kings and **Lord** of lords." {SR 402.3}

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Dan 7:17; Rev 13:11

- ✓ “But the **beast with lamblike horns** was seen “coming up out of the earth.” Instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented must arise in territory previously unoccupied and grow up gradually and peacefully. It could not, then, arise among the crowded and struggling nationalities of the Old World—that turbulent sea of “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” It must be sought in the Western Continent.” {GC 440.1}
- ✓ **The “Earth” refers to nations that arise, not from overthrowing other nations, but formed organically, *followed* by acquisition of broader territory and conquering nations**

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:17

- ✓ “Every nation that has come upon the stage of action has been permitted to occupy its place on the earth, that the fact might be determined whether it would fulfill the purposes of the Watcher and the Holy One. Prophecy has traced the rise and progress of the world’s great empires—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. With each of these, as with the nations of less power, history has repeated itself. Each has had its period of test; each has failed, its glory faded, its power departed.” {PK 535.1}

Ellen White Comments Dan 7:25

- ✓ “The detector of error having been removed, **Satan** worked according to his will. Prophecy had declared that the **Papacy** was to “think to change times and laws.” Daniel 7:25. This work it was not slow to attempt. To afford converts from heathenism a substitute for the worship of idols, and thus to promote their nominal acceptance of Christianity, the adoration of images and relics was gradually introduced into the Christian worship. The decree of a general council finally established this system of **popish idolatry**. To complete the sacrilegious work, Rome presumed to expunge from the law of God the second commandment, forbidding image worship, and to divide the tenth commandment, in order to preserve the number.” {SR 328.1}
- ✓ “Vast councils were held, from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. **In nearly every council the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted.** Thus the **pagan festival** came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed.” {SR 329.2}