

Lesson 11 – Daniel's Dream

- 1) In Daniel chapter seven, who is it that is having prophetic dreams?

Daniel 7:1 “In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon _____ had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.”

NOTE: In Daniel chapter two it was King Nebuchadnezzar that was having dreams, and now in chapter seven it is Daniel who is having dreams.

- 2) What did Daniel see in his dream?

Daniel 7:2-3 “Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four _____ of the heaven strove upon the great _____. And four great _____ came up from the sea, _____ one from another.”

NOTE: Here Daniel sees four beasts arise from the sea amidst winds. So, using the Bible to interpret its own symbolic language what we see is, SEAS/WATERS = Multitudes of People (Revelation 17:15), WINDS = War/Strife (Jeremiah 49:36-37), BEASTS = Kingdom (Daniel 7:17). So these two verses seen through the lenses of correct prophetic interpretation are understood like this: there were wars amongst the multitudes, and out of those wars emerged four kingdoms.

- 3) How is the first beast in Daniel seven described, and what do the symbols mean?

Daniel 7:4 “The first *was* like a _____, and had eagle' _____: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a _____ _____ was given to it.”

NOTE: As we have seen earlier, the first kingdom that we saw in Daniel chapter two was Babylon. This kingdom stands on its feet as a man, and a man's heart is given to it. This signifies the philosophy of this kingdom. It exalts the human more than the divine. It is a man-centered philosophy. This will become more important as we go along in our studies.

- 4) How do we know for sure that this lion represents Babylon?

Jeremiah 4:7 “The _____ is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.”

NOTE: Contextually speaking the only kingdom that this could be referring to is Babylon, and the findings of archeologists tell us that the winged lion was the animal that represented that nation when it reigned on the earth.

- 5) What is the second beast in Daniel chapter seven and what does it stand for?

Daniel 7:5 “And behold another beast, a second, like to a _____, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* _____ in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.”

NOTE: The second kingdom on the scene was the kingdom of Medo-Persia. Medo-Persia surprised Babylon and overtook it, (as we saw in Daniel chapter two) but we also see three ribs in the mouth of this beast. What does that symbolize? As Medo-Persia rose to prominence it devoured three more kingdoms, Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt. Also, it is of interest to note that the reason this bear was higher on one side than the other, was the imbalance of power with the two nation coalition, the Persian side was the more dominant.

- 6) What is the third beast in Daniel chapter seven and what does it stand for?

Daniel 7:6 “After this I beheld, and lo another, like a _____, which had upon the back of it _____ of a fowl; the beast had also _____; and dominion was given to it.”

NOTE: According to the Bible and secular history, the next kingdom that rose was the Greek Kingdom. This is symbolized with a four winged, four headed leopard. The Greek kingdom rose to prominence very quickly and this is denoted by the leopard with four wings. It took Alexander the Great approximately ten years to rule, and he was also very young when he died. Upon his death, his kingdom was divided amongst his four top generals, hence the four heads on the leopard.

- 7) What about the fourth beast, what kingdom does it represent?

Daniel 7:7 “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great _____ teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* _____ from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.”

NOTE: This of course represents the Roman Empire. Note the iron teeth, which corresponds with the iron legs of Daniel chapter two, and the ten horns also correspond with the ten toes in Daniel chapter two. So, this is the Roman Empire, and the dividing of the Roman Empire, which is known today as modern Europe.

- 8) Would there be another kingdom that would rise after the ten?

Daniel 7:24 “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and _____ them; and he shall be _____ from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.”

NOTE: So, after the division of Rome into the ten kingdoms, another would arise after the ten, and would be different than the first horns.

- 9) What type of nails did the fourth beast have and why?

Daniel 7:19 “Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of _____; *which*

devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;”

NOTE: The nails of the fourth beast (Rome) were made of brass or bronze. As we have already discovered bronze was the metal that stood for the Greek empire. And Rome was built on the philosophy of the Greeks.

10) How much of the earth would the fourth beast (Rome) conquer?

Daniel 7:23 “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the ____ earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”

NOTE: Rome as it was before its division did not take over the whole earth. Many Asian countries were not under its subjection at that time. But, remember that Rome was divided into ten parts, and would last until the ancient of days should come. So the prophecy, could be filled in that wider context.

11) What did Daniel see next?

Daniel 7:8 “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up _____ them another _____, before whom there were _____ of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of _____, and a mouth speaking _____ things.”

NOTE: The next kingdom that Daniel sees is one that “rises from littleness” into one that is mighty. In the Bible, as we have seen before, a horn represents a kingdom. So, here we see a little horn rise among the ten horns. In other words, its geographic location must be located somewhere on the European continent. Also, the text tells us that there were three horns (of the ten) that were plucked up by the roots in order for this horn to arise into prominence. This little horn would also possess the attributes of the eyes of man, these attributes remind us of the lion with eagles wings (Babylon) that had the heart of man. So, this kingdom has great similarity to Babylon in its philosophy in being man centered.

12) Where and when does this little horn arise?

Daniel 7:24 “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise _____ them; and he shall be _____ from the first, and he shall subdue _____.”

NOTE: This little horn kingdom arises out of the remnants of the Roman Empire, not the Greek Empire. This is very important to note because many say, that this little horn, was Antiochus Epiphanes IV who was a Greek king. But, this is not congruous with what the Bible says. This little horn rose from out of the fourth beast, therefore its roots must be Roman. And in some way, this power was different that the ten horns which preceded it. As we have already said, It also subdues, or plucked up three kings, in order to come up. The first to be removed were the Heruli in 493 A.D., the next horn that was removed was the Vandals in 534 A.D. The Ostrogoths were the last of the three horns that were plucked up and exterminated.

13) What is happening in heaven after the little horn is described?

Daniel 7:9,10,13-14 “I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: _____, and the _____ were opened.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.”

NOTE: The next thing we see after the little horn in Daniel chapter seven is the judgment taking place in heaven. So, the order is: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, the dividing of Rome into ten parts, Little Horn, and Judgment.

14) According to the Bible what must happen first before Jesus can come?

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 “Let no man deceive you by any means: for _____ *shall not come*, except there come a falling away _____, and that _____, the _____;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

NOTE: Before Jesus can come, there must be an apostasy, a falling away from the truth, and the man of sin (antichrist) must also be revealed. This is something that much of modern day Christianity has missed. Many Christians today teach, that the second coming takes place first, then the antichrist is revealed. But, the Bible teaches quite clearly the opposite. The man of sin will be revealed, and then Jesus will come.

15) Was the spirit of antichrist at work in the days of John?

1 John 4:3 “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that _____, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and _____ is it in the world.”

NOTE: Even in the days of John the spirit of antichrist was at work. In others words, the same ideas that would become the foundation of an entire system were beginning even at that time.

16) What was the empire that had to be taken away before the man of sin could rise?

2 Thessalonians 2:5-7 “Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what _____ that he might be _____ in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now _____

will _____, until he be _____ out of the way.” (BBE Translation: “There is one who is keeping back the evil till he is taken out of the way.”)

NOTE: There was something in the way of the man of sin. After it, (whatever it was) was removed then antichrist would rise. Consider the following historical statements, regarding this issue...

“Here we have a point on which Paul affirms existence of knowledge in the Christian Church. The early church knew, he says, what the hindrance was. The early church tells us what it did know upon the subject, and no one in these days can be in a position to contradict its testimony as to what Paul had said by word of mouth only, told the Thessalonians. It is a point on which ancient tradition alone can have authority. Modern speculation is positively impertinent on such a subject.” (H. Grattan Guinness, Romanism and the Reformation, P. 105 1887

“...he who hinders must now be taken out of the way. What obstacle is there but the Roman State; The falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce antichrist...” (Tertullian, “On the Resurrection” Chapters 24, 25 Christian Apologist in North Africa 200 AD)

“Only there is one who restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way, that is when the Roman Empire is taken away, then he [Antichrist] shall come.” (John Chrysostom, Homily on 2 Thessalonians 2, Number 4. Bishop of Constantinople (390 AD)

“We have the consenting testimony of the early fathers, from Irenaeus, the disciple of St. John, down to Chrysostom and Jerome, to the effect that it was understood to be the imperial power ruling and residing at Rome.” (Edward B. Elliot, Commentary on the Apocalypse, volume 3, p. 92 (1862))

17) What are some of the attributes of the little horn?

Arose out of the fourth beast (Daniel 7:7,8) [Roman Roots]

Arose among the ten horns (Daniel 7:8) [European Power]

Arose After the ten horns (Daniel 7:24) [Must Arise after 476 AD]

Different from the first ten horns (Daniel 7:24)

More stout than the others (Daniel 7:20) [Would become stronger than the other kingdoms]

Uprooted three kingdoms (Daniel 7:20) [Would destroy three kingdoms]

Eyes like a man and speaks great words against the Most High (Daniel 7:8, 25) [A man would sit in the leadership of this power, and it would speak against God]

Wear out the saints (Daniel 7:25) [A Persecuting Power]

Will change times and laws (Daniel 7:25) [Will think to change God’s times and laws]

Rule for times, time, and half a time (Daniel 7:25) [1260 Days]

Shall devour the whole earth (Daniel 7:23) [Would Control the World]

Exists till the end (Daniel 7:22)

Dominion taken away at the end of time (Daniel 7:26)

NOTE: Unfortunately, there is only one institution in which all the above mentioned criteria can coincide, and that institution is Papal Rome. Although, there are many dear God fearing individuals that are part of Roman Catholicism (See Acts 17:30), and many of those are sincerely living according to the truth that they have known, and there will be millions of millions of Roman Catholics in heaven, the Bible and history are abundantly clear that the system of Roman Catholicism is fallen, and it is not a system that is built upon Bible truth.

Are there any historical statements that back up this assertion?

“Out of the ruins of the Roman Empire there gradually arose a new order of states whose central point was the Papal See. Therefore, inevitably, resulted a position, not only new, but very different from the former.” *The Church and Churches* p. 42, 43

“When the Roman Empire had disintegrated and its place had been taken by a number of rude, barbarous kingdoms, the Roman Catholic Church not only became independent of the state in religious affairs but dominated secular affairs as well.” *The Papacy and World Affairs* p. 1

“If a man consider the origin of this great ecclesiastical dominion, he will easily perceive that the papacy is none other than the ghost of the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned on the grave thereof.” *Leviathan* p. 457

18) How is Papal Rome (Little Horn) different from the first ten?

NOTE: Not only is the Roman Catholic Church religious, but it is also political. It is different because it is a religio-political kingdom. It combined church and state.

19) According to Roman Catholicism, how far does there dominion go?

“We define that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff holds the primacy over the whole world.” *The Most Holy Councils* vol. 13 col. 1167

“The vicar of the incarnate Son of God, anointed high priest, and supreme temporal ruler [the pope], sat in his tribunal, impartially to judge between nation and nation, between people and prince, between sovereign and subject.” Henry Cardinal Manning “*The Temporal Power of the Vicar of Jesus Christ,*” (1862) p. 46.

20) What is blasphemy, and does Papal Rome speak blasphemy?

John 10:30-33 “*I and my Father are one.*

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus answered them, *Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?*

The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for _____; and because that thou, being a _____, makest thyself _____.”

Luke 5:20-21 “**And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, *Man, thy sins are _____.***

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh _____? Who can _____, but God _____?”

NOTE: The biblical definition of blasphemy is double sided. A man who claims to be God is committing blasphemy, Jesus of course could make that claim because He is God (See Matthew 1:21-23) The second side of blasphemy is when a man claims the power to forgive sins, again Jesus could forgive sins because He is God, but a mere man does not have the power, nor the right to forgive the sins of the sinner. Please note these statements from the Roman Catholic Church...

“This judicial authority will even include the power to pardon sin.” Catholic Encyclopedia vol. 12 article “Pope” p. 265

“Seek where you will through heaven and earth, and you will find one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell. That extraordinary being is the priest, the Roman Catholic priest.” The Catholic Priest, p. 78

“Thou art a priest forever says the ordaining bishop...He is no longer a man, a sinful child of Adam, but an “Alter Christus,” another Christ...forever a priest of the most high, with power over the Almighty.” “The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh.” The Catholic National, July, 1895

“God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priests, and either not to pardon, or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution...The sentence of the priest precedes, and God prescribes to it.” Dignities and Duties of the Priest, vol. 12 p, 27.

Cardinal Bellarmine says, “All names which in the scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope.” “On the Authority of Councils,” Volume 2, p. 266

“Given in Rome from our palace, the 10th of February, 1817, the XIV Jurisdiction of the most holy Pontiff and Father in Christ, and our Lord our God the Pope, Leo XII...” Rome as it is, p. 180

“We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.” The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical Letter, June 20, 1894

“We define that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff holds the primacy over the whole world.” “The Most Holy Councils” Volume 13, Column 1167

Thomas Aquinas wrote: “Secular power is subject to the spiritual power as the body is subject to the soul, and therefore it is not a usurpation of authority if the spiritual prelate interfere in temporal things concerning those matters in which the secular power is subject to him...”(Thomas Aquinas, Quaestiones Quodlibetales 11.19)

The council of Trent declared: “All temporal power is his; the dominion, jurisdiction, and government of the whole earth is his by divine right. All rulers of the earth are his subjects and must submit to him.”

21) Did Papal Rome wear out, or persecute the saints?

“The Catholic Church is a respecter of conscience and of liberty...Nevertheless, when confronted by heresy, ... she has recourse to force, to corporal punishment, to torture...She lit in Italy...the funeral piles of the inquisition.” Catholic Professor Baudrillart “The Catholic Church, Renaissance and Protestantism” p. 182, 183

22) What would the little horn power think or intend to do?

Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to _____ and _____ : and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

NOTE: Does Papal Rome claim to have such power to change the times and the laws of God? Consider the following historical evidence:

“The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.” Decretal De Translat, Episcop. Cap.

“The Pope can modify divine law.” Prompta Bibliotheca, papa, article 2

“The church...after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath, or seventh day of the week, to the first, made the third commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord’s Day.” Catholic Encyclopedia Volume 4, pg. 153

“QUESTION: Which is the Sabbath Day?

ANSWER: Saturday is the Sabbath Day.

QUESTION: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Sabbath?

ANSWER: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sabbath.”

The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, page 50, by Peter Geiermann

23) How long would the little horn (Papal Rome) reign?

Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a _____ and _____ and the dividing of time.”

NOTE: In the bible a “time” is equal to one literal year. (See Daniel 4:16) The Hebrew year consisted of 360 days. Therefore, a time = year (360 days) , times = two years (720 days), and half a time is = to half a year (180 days). In the prophetic context as we have already seen, time is also symbolic. (See Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6, Psalm 77:5) So, if you add up the days in this verse you come to 1260 prophetic days, or 1260 literal years. Are these 1260 years significant as we look back into the annals of history? Let’s find out...

“With the conquest of Rome by Belisarius...commences the history of the Middle Ages.” Greece Under the Romans, p. 295.

“Vigilus...ascended the Papal chair (538 A.D.) Under the military protection of Belisarius.” History of the Christian Church Volume 3, p. 327

NOTE: So we see from the pages of history that Papal rule began in 538 A.D. What took place 1260 years later?

“Berthier entered Rome on the tenth of February, 1798, and proclaimed a republic...Half of Europe thought that Napoleon’s veto would be, and that with the Pope the Papacy was dead.” The Modern Papacy, Rev. Joseph Rickaby p.1

NOTE: So the Bible once again proves to be precisely accurate! In 538 A.D. Papal rule commences and exactly on time in 1798 A.D. the papal power suffered a deadly wound.

24) Was this deadly would in 1798 predicted in Bible Prophecy?

Revelation 13:3 “And I saw one of his heads as it were _____; and his _____: and all the world wondered after the beast.”

NOTE: This same power that received a deadly wound in 1798 will rise again, and the entire world will wonder after it, and be subject to it.

25) What kind of power would the Papal system possess?

Revelation 13:7 “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over _____ kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”

NOTE: According to the Bible all nations will be subject to the Papacy. Consider the following statement from the Papacy:

“It is our duty, therefore, to strain every muscle in working for the time when all war will be completely outlawed by international consent. This goal undoubtedly requires the establishment of a universal public authority acknowledged as such by all and endowed with the power to safeguard on behalf of all, security, regard for justice, and respect for rights.” Second Vatican Council Document (Gaudium et Spes)

Pope Paul VI wrote in a section entitled: “Toward and Effective World Authority”
“This international collaboration on a worldwide scale requires institutions that will prepare, coordinate, and direct it until finally there is established an order of justice which is universally recognized...Who does not see the necessity of thus establishing progressively a world authority capable of acting effectively in the judicial and political sectors.” Paul VI Popolorum Progressio (1967) pg. 78

26) What did George W. Bush say about Pope John Paul II?

“The best way to honor Pope John Paul II truly one of the great men, is to take his teaching seriously; is to listen to his words and put his words and teaching into action here in America. This is a challenge we must accept.” www.catholic.net

27) What did the Protestant Reformation believe in regards to this issue?

“Many of the great Christians of Reformation and post-Reformation times shared this view of prophetic truth and identified antichrist with the Roman Papacy. Among adherents to this interpretation were the Waldenses, the Hussites, Wycliff, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Melancton, the Baptist theologian John Gill, the martyrs – Cranmer, Tyndale, Latimer and Ridley.” The Blessed Hope pg. 33

“I know that the Pope is Antichrist, and his seat is that of Satan Himself.” Martin Luther

“The Papacy is a general chase, by command of the Roman Pontiff, for the purpose of running down and destroying souls.” Martin Luther

“We call the Roman Pontiff Antichrist.” John Calvin

“He is in an emphatic sense, the Man of Sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure.”
John Wesley

John Knox declared that the Pope should be recognized as “the very antichrist.”

28) According to God’s Word, what will ultimately happen to this Papal Power?

**Daniel 7:26-27 “But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his _____,
to _____ and to _____ it unto the end.
And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole
heaven, shall be _____ to the _____ of the _____ of the most High, whose kingdom is an
_____ kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”**

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

I realize that word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, and I choose to
Stand not on the traditions and rules of men, but by the authority of God’s Word.
Yes or No