

“THE KING IS COMING!”

Daniel 7 part two

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INTRODUCTION

In the last message we saw earthly kingdoms as God sees them: beastly.

Now we see God’s plans for the kingdom of Heaven on this earth. Things around us may seem out of control and it appears as though the world is under the control of hell and may be going there!

However, Scripture gives us the true perspective on our future—and it looks good:

THE TRUE KING IS COMING ONE DAY AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALLRIGHT!

- I. THE COMING OF THE TRUE KING (9-10)
 - A. Descending of thrones to Earth (9a; cf. **Rev. 20:4-5**)
 - B. Description of the King (9b-10a)
 1. His name—“Ancient of Days”
He has been around since the beginning, has seen all; thus judges fairly. He is not recent, **is eternal**. Thus He is **Majestic** and **Venerable**
 2. His vesture—Like white snow
 3. His hair—like pure wool [cf. **Rev. 1:13-15**—description of Christ!]
 4. His throne—flames of fire, burning wheels (Ezek. 1, 10); river of fire flowing and coming out from before Him.
 - C. Dependents about the Throne (10b; see **Heb. 1:14**)
See Rev. 5:11; Heb. 12:22; Ps. 68:17
 - D. Determination of Sentences (10c)
 1. The Court is in session [Angels to have “thrones”, “dominions”, “principalities,” etc. as according to the description of the “god of this world”, “the Prince of Persia,” “of Greece,” etc. Compare these scenes—angels are part of the divine council, as we see with the “living creatures” and “24 elders” in Revelation.]
 2. The books are opened (See Rev. 20:12; Dan. 12:1) These can include the “Book of Life.”
*God keeps a record of all! **What is on your record?***
IF THE BOOKS WERE TO BE BALANCED TODAY, WHERE WOULD YOU STAND?
- II. THE JUDGMENT OF THE FALSE KING (11-12, 26)
 - A. Boastful Pride Abased (11a)
 - B. Body Destroyed (11b; killed, dismembered, burned by fire from God’s throne); this includes the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20); **the personal Antichrist is included here.**
 - C. The Beast’s Dominion removed (12, 26)
 - Emphatic removal of the little horn’s dominion (v. 26)
 - Fixed fate of the removal of the dominion of the other 3 kingdoms (12); similarly to the destruction of the entire statue in chapter 2 when the stone smashed the feet of the image (Dan. 2:34-35)

- **Christ's kingdom starts fresh; no absorption of its predecessors.**

III. THE INVESTMENT OF THE MESSIANIC KING (13-14; 18, 22, 27)

- A. His Arrival as God—clouds=deity; e.g. Mount Sinai; transfiguration; “Shekinah cloud” with tabernacle and temple; clouds with His chariot
- B. His Appearance as Man—as “Son of Man”—more than a mere man (Phil. 2:6-8; I Cor. 15)

“*Son of Man*” **equals Messiah** [not to be confused with the saints here—cf. vv. 18, 22, 27]

 1. Christ used this title for Himself—His most frequent title (cf. Rev. 1:13)
 2. Represents a Divine person—see the “clouds of heaven”; cf. Matt. 24:30; 26:64; Rev. 1:7.
 3. Receives reverence—v. 14: “all peoples, nations, people of every language” serve Him. Thus, “Son of man” cannot refer to the people, **must be God**—and yet a separate person from the “Ancient of Days”!
 4. Jesus’ NT references must refer to Daniel 7:13-14; **this is the only OT passage used in this way!**
 5. The earliest interpretations we know of this passage were messianic (e.g. Enoch 37-71).
 6. The use of the term “saints” in 18, 22, 27 is in order to **contrast their mistreatment and persecution with their eventual reward and reign**. Note the **persecution** in vv. 21, 25. They share in Messiah’s Reign!
 7. Messiah as the King—compare other Old Testament passages:
e.g. Dan. 2:44-45; Ps. 2:6; Is. 9:6-7; 11:3-5; Mic. 5:2-5; Zech. 14:9, 16-17; Lk. 1:32-33.
- C. His Presentation to the Ancient of Days (13c; **cf. Rev. 5!—takes the book and takes possession of the kingdom for the saints.**)
- D. His Reception of the Kingdom (14; when? Cf. Mt. 28:18; Phil. 2; Rev. 5; Rev. 20)
 1. Dominion
 2. Glory (See vv. 14, 27; **compare the words of the Lord’s Prayer.**)
 3. Kingdom
 - a. Universal scope—“People, nations, languages (14, 27b)
 - b. Eternal in duration (14, 27)
 - Everlasting
 - Won’t Pass Away
 - Indestructible

This is a **real, earthly kingdom**; all the “**sovereignty, dominion, and greatness**” of the **previous kingdoms now become part of this kingdom!!** (v. 27)
- E. His Inheritance in His People
 1. Judgment passed for the saints (22)
 2. Kingdom received by the saints (18)
 3. Kingdom possessed by the saints (18, 22)
 4. Kingdom, dominion, and greatness of all kingdoms given to their kingdom (27)

“**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun . . .**” (# 188)

IF YOU SUFFER WITH HIM YOU WILL REIGN WITH HIM.

FACTS FAVORING A PREMILLENNIAL INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY

1. Messiah's kingdom follows the Gentile kingdoms→they are first destroyed.
2. The final form of the Roman Kingdom which Messiah's kingdom follows has not yet appeared→he uproots 3 horns; v. 24 says "after them"; the 10 rulers must be contemporary if he uproots 3 of them.
3. Antichrist's destruction is **future** according to the NT, and Messiah's kingdom follows this kingdom's destruction.
4. The kingdom of Messiah is established when He comes in Power and glory—not when He comes in suffering and cross bearing.
5. The kingdom Messiah establishes is especially a Jewish kingdom.
6. The **real question** is: Does the chapter affirm that Israel shall have a place in that kingdom as the covenant nation? If so, then there **IS** a national restoration!
 - Cf v. 18—"the saints of the Most High" (& vv. 22, 25); "saints"—v. 22; v. 27: "people of the saints of the Most High"
 - Cf. Ex. 19:6; Lev. 20:7, 26; Dt. 7:6; 14:2, 21—"holy people"—Israel as a covenant nation.
 - See Dan. 8:24: Antiochus Epiphanes (precursor and type of Antichrist) "destroys the people of the saints"—Israel.
 - Daniel 12:7: The "holy people" suffer terribly for 3 ½ years; cf. 12:1—"thy people" (Israel) experience an unprecedented time of distress.
7. **The New Testament may add to the millennial people, but it cannot take away Israel's promises!**

CONCLUSION

The King is Coming. One day He will make everything right!

Therefore, don't be discouraged! Serve the Lord with energy and enthusiasm.