

# DIAMONDS FROM DANIEL

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## CHAPTER SEVEN

### THE FOUR GREAT BEASTS

#### **In the first year of Belshazzar**

The remaining portion of this most marvelous book consists of Daniel's visions and dreams during a period of about twenty-two years.

#### **A dream and vision**

At sundry times and in divers manners God has revealed his mind to man.

- By angels (Luke 2:10; Daniel 9:21).
- By Urim and Thummim (Numbers 2:21; Ezekiel 2:6).
- By mouth (Genesis 18:3; Exodus 33:9).
- By voice (Exodus 3:4, Matthew 3:17).
- By inspiration (II Peter 1:20— II Timothy 3:16)
- By dreams and visions (Daniel 7:1),

God has made known His will.

#### **Behold four great beasts**

Daniel gives an outline history of the Gentile nations during the time God's ancient people are scattered among them in punishment for their perverse ways.

Nebuchadnezzar's colossus which was composed of precious metals was seen by Daniel as great ferocious beasts. Thus is set forth man's viewpoint compared to God's revelation. These beasts represent the moral character of the four kingdoms as seen by Nebuchadnezzar. They are shown to act without conscience, reason or moral responsibility before God.

The characteristic features of Gentile dominion are clearly outlined by Daniel. Its idolatry, pride and degradation is set forth in Nebuchadnezzar. Its impurity, impiety and licentiousness is pictured in Belshazzar's wild revelry. Its daring blasphemy is shown in the decree of Darius who forbade prayer to be offered to any other being than himself.

## **Four Great Beasts**

(1) The Superiority of Nebuchadnezzar is seen in the fact he was likened unto a lion. The rapidity and unabated strength of his conquests is shown in that the lion had eagles' wings. In due time his conquests ceased and the old king slowed up, for his wings were plucked.

(2) Cyrus and Darius were likened to a bear which is less noble but perhaps more voracious and savage. The three ribs set forth the three kingdoms conquered by the Medes and Persians and which encouraged them to further conquests.

(3) Alexander the Great is symbolized by a leopard and he was indeed exceedingly fierce and surprisingly swift.

(4) The fourth Beast was the dreadful Iron Empire of Rome.

The four world empires are first represented as a mighty metallic colossus and second by four wild beasts. From man's viewpoint the present kingdoms of the world are the concentration of all material wealth, pomp and power. From God's viewpoint they are a set of wild, rapacious, bloodthirsty beasts devouring and destroying one another.

## **Beasts**

The thin veneer of our civilization and boasted evolution has cracked in several parts of the world as well as in several sections of our own country. An ugly monster of mob rule has suddenly reared its head resulting even in lynchings. Mobs more vicious than vipers, and more bestial than beasts have killed men, and politicians applaud the madness of the union mob. Daniel saw worldly governments as beasts and current events prove the inspiration of the prophet. Consider Mussolini and Ethiopia together with the suicidal civil (Satanic) war in Spain.

## **I saw . . . I beheld . . . I considered (7:1-14)**

Standing like a Cedar of Lebanon even in old age Daniel saw; beheld, considered and made known both the coming of the Antichrist and the coming again of the Christ of God. Two apocalypses are clearly made known:

(1) The apocalypse of the Antichrist

(2) The apocalypse of Christ, the final conqueror and future King of Kings.

## **Four beasts came up from the sea**

In symbolic prophecy waters generally denote peoples (Revelation 17:15), and winds the strife and commotion of war (Jeremiah 25:32) out of which rose the four great universal kingdoms, as already described in the prophecy of the second chapter. Here these kingdoms are symbolized by four beasts, as before in Chapter 2 by the four parts of the image. Earthly kingdoms are both human and bestial.

### **A fourth beast, dreadful and terrible**

This verse is a perfect picture of the Roman Empire. It is history in advance of the events. It is interesting to study the different histories in the Bible.

- (1) The Ecclesiastical History of Israel in Leviticus 23.
- (2) The Governmental History of Israel in Deuteronomy 33.
- (3) The Jewish National History in Genesis 49.
- (4) Church History in Revelation 2 and 3.
- (5) Kingdom History in Matthew 13.
- (6) Gentile world History in Daniel 7.

### **Ten horns**

These ten horns and also the little horn are yet to arise. After the rapture of the saints the world will be governed by ten kings or rulers. Out from these ten kings there shall arise the Antichrist who will assume full responsibility and who will finally declare himself the Dictator of the World. He will become the superman of the Evolutionists, a Pope, Mussolini, Hitler, Kaiser, Napoleon, Caesar, Nero and Kemal Pasha all in one. (See "*Riches from Revelation.*")

### **Another little horn (7:8)**

The Antichrist is to be revealed after the coming of Christ to catch away His Church.

Immediately after the rapture, the world will be controlled by a league of nations composed of ten great rulers. Just about the middle of the Great Tribulation the Antichrist will declare himself as World Dictator. The minds of all mankind are now being prepared for just such a super-lord. God Almighty will be politely bowed out of His own world and man's day will culminate in hell let loose on earth. The expression "**Another little horn**" sets forth one more outstanding event yet to take place. Some of the most important events of the future will be:

- (1) The Rapture of the Church.
- (2) The Great Tribulation.
- (3) The Apocalypse of the Antichrist.
- (4) The Coming of Christ to the Earth.
- (5) All Israel saved.
- (6) Satan confined in the bottomless pit.
- (7) Christ's millennial reign.
- (8) A new Heaven, New Earth and New City.

A comparison of this fourth beast with the little horn with the man of sin as portrayed by Paul in II Thessalonians 2 and John's beast (Revelation 13) proves beyond any reasonable doubt that they are all one and the same person, the last enemy of the Jews, the last dictator of the Gentile times, the Antichrist.

### **Three of the first horns plucked**

The central figure of coming days will be the Antichrist. The outstanding, epochal event and personage of the age to come will be the apocalypse of the Antichrist. Slowly but surely he shall overcome all opposition. Three of the ten kings and kingdoms will be overthrown and after three and one-half years of subtle scheming, he will declare himself Dictator of the world and Hitler's past persecution of the Jews will be child's play compared to that of the Antichrist.

### **In this horn were eyes**

“**Eyes like the eyes of man,**” sets forth the wisdom, uncommon sense and sagacity of the coming superman. The world now awaits the coming of this knot-disentangler, this super-Lloyd George, this master-Roosevelt, this Lenin-Stalin, Mussolini-Hitler iron man.

### **And a mouth speaking great things**

The Antichrist will be noted for his wonderful eloquence. He will capture the imagination and attention of the world. He will be a Melanchthon, William Jennings Bryan and Gladstone all in one. He will become the world's boaster and blasphemer. Every little soap box prattler against God, the Bible, and Bible religion is a forerunner of the coming Antichrist. The blood-curdling denunciation of God and Bible religion which have emanated from Russia and other places are all forerunners of the coming mouth speaking great things. It is astonishing to notice how the minds of men are being prepared before our very eyes for the Apocalypse of just such a personage as is described by Daniel in these inspired words. Antichrist will be Satan's masterpiece.

### **The ancient of days**

“**The ancient of days**” in this verse refers to the eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. His purity, wisdom and justice are set forth in verse nine which speaks of his garment being white as snow (purity) the hair of his head like pure wool (wisdom) his throne like the fiery flame (righteousness and justice) and his wheels as burning fire (beneficent providences).

### **“Thousand, thousands, ministered unto him”**

What a scene that will be, when the holy, wise God of heaven sets up his righteous fiery throne, surrounded by the millions of bright shining angelic attendants. When that day dawns, as it certainly shall, I want to be on God's side.

One thousand thousand is a million. Thousand thousands however ministered unto him. These billions of holy, unfallen, spirit intelligences minister unto God, Christ and His saints.

### **Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him**

Here are another 100,000,000 ministers standing at attention and awaiting orders. What a day of days the judgment day must be.

Thus is represented the solemn assemblage of mankind awaiting their sentence from the supreme Judge. Each man, woman and child of Adam's race must give account to God. As a missionary the writer has often heard it said that the heathen will be a class among themselves and will be judged according to their light.

The fact is, we shall each give an account of himself to God.

Each individual is in a class by himself as each individual is a world in himself. Alone, we came into the world, and alone, we must depart, and alone, we shall stand before God to be judged. There is no such thing as mass salvation or mass judgment.

### **The ancient of days did sit**

The future is as clear to God as the past is open to man's investigations. That which has been so minutely fulfilled assures us that all else shall be as minutely accomplished in God's good time and way. The Bible is a Divine record of Truth. It is absolutely reliable and in fullest accord with the known facts of 20th Century knowledge and discoveries.

The first eleven chapters of the Bible cover a period of at least 2000 years, a third of human history and includes:

- (1) The orderly series of creation from the lesser to the greater
- (2) The origin of the human family
- (3) The beginning of languages
- (4) The rise of nations
- (5) The fall of man
- (6) The universal flood
- (7) The primeval creation, ruin and restoration of the earth.

These and numerous other and equally interesting truths are recorded in the first eleven chapters of the first book of the Bible.

Every man-made book of science needs revision as fuller knowledge is gained but the Mosaic account of creation has never been retouched and does not need retouching although written 3500 years ago.

### **His wheels as burning fire**

Dominion and power in the earth and in the heavens is to be taken from Satan and beasts and transferred to Christ and His saints. All thrones in opposition to God and holiness are to be cast down and thrones in harmony with God and holiness are to be set up.

The Ancient of Days shall ascend His throne of fiery, flaming justice and righteousness and his wheels (goings . . . conquests) shall be irresistible, all subduing and all conquering. The day of God and God's saints is yet to come.

## **The thrones were cast down**

Satan is the prince (ruler) of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2). He is at the head of a fully organized empire of darkness and evil. He not only has access to the earth—going up and down (north and south) and to and fro (east and west) in it but with his fallen angelic followers he also has access to the heavens and rules from his seat above the tree tops. He is not only the god of this age (II Corinthians 4:4) and the prince of this world (John 14:30) but he is also the prince of the power of the air [or sky] (Ephesians 2:2).

According to Revelation 12:7-10 God is to declare war on Satan and Michael the archangel is to give him battle and overcome him and cast him out of the heavens or sky above into the earth and thus the heavens shall be purified and made new (See “*Riches from Revelation*”).

The expression “**the thrones were cast down**” has thus a double significance:

- (1) Satanic thrones or seats of power shall be cast down
- (2) thrones of Christ and his glorified saints shall be set up and there shall be a new Heaven (Revelation 21:1).

## **The thrones were cast down**

The day is coming when all satanic seats of power and dominion both in the earth and in the heavens shall be overturned and swept away and God’s saints shall be given dominion and sway. God’s Israel shall yet be the head of the nations of earth and God’s glorified saints of this church age shall be given dominion and power in the heavens. God’s saints shall yet reign and rule. Israel, God’s earthly saints shall reign over the earth while the glorified saints of this age shall rule in the heavens.

## **The judgment was set**

Every living son and daughter of Adam’s ruined race ought to be intensely interested in these stupendous events for they have each and all a case pending before the court of everlasting justice.

There are several judgments mentioned in the Bible:

- (1) Satan has been judged
- (2) Sin has been judged
- (3) The believers’ sins have been judged
- (4) The believers’ works will be judged after the rapture and before the revelation
- (5) The nations as nations will be judged by Christ just prior to the setting up of His Millennial Kingdom
- (6) The world including both Jews and Gentiles will be judged during the Great Tribulation
- (7) The wicked dead shall be judged at the close of the Millennium when all the wicked shall stand before the great white throne.

Daniel saw clear down to this judgment of the wicked dead. The judgments of God may seem painfully slow but they are absolutely sure and they grind exceeding small. It was as Paul reasoned of righteousness and judgment that Felix trembled (Acts 24:25). Secret sins (Romans 2:6), idle words (Matthew 12:36), conduct (II Corinthians 5:10), desires and unbelief (John 3:18), shall all be dealt with when God judges mankind.

### **And the books were opened**

How different the end of the world or age as made plain in God's word and as it is generally believed in the world today. World progress, prosperity, better times, the triumph of Christianity, the spread of Christian civilization, and the conversion of the world are great topics for a gullible public. How few realize that the whole colossus of man—the whole of man's day enterprise, inventions and greatness—is to crash and end in dust and ashes! Thrones are to be cast down, Christ is to sit on the Throne of the universes, judgment is coming, the crack of doom is about to be heard, the beast is to be burned, man's dominion is to pass and man, boastful man, proud man, haughty man, high-minded man is to give an account of his deeds. The Books were opened.

### **The books were opened**

- The Old Testament scriptures will be there. (Book one).
- Our attitude to God's truth as revealed in the Old Testament will be placed in the balances. The New Testament scriptures will be there. (Book two).
- Our attitude to Christ's Word in the Gospels and to Paul's word in the Epistles and to John's word in the Revelation will all be placed upon the scales. The books of memory and conscience will also be there. (Books three and four).

Each act performed, every word spoken, together with every thought harbored in the mind will be weighed in the balances of eternal justice and holiness and a righteous verdict rendered. My God! What will poor sinners do? How about holiness fighters, Holy Ghost rejecters and Christ despisers THEN? The judgment was set and the books were opened.

### **The beast was slain**

The little horn with eyes like the eyes of man had become a beast. His reign of terror, cruelty, and persecution of God's saints on the earth had run its course, his cup of iniquity was full, the time of judgment had come, and seized by the lion-lamb of the Tribe of Judah whose name he had blasphemed and whose followers he had slain, he is flung headlong into the lake of fire, his final and proper doom. Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. Hell is always at the end of sin's road.

### **His body destroyed**

The Antichrist is to be a real person with a real body. He is to control the whole antichristian system. He is to be the head, the climax and culmination of all sin, wickedness, deviltry and hellishness.

He is to be a man. He is to be a man of sin. He is to be a superman. He is to be Satan incarnate, a complete counterfeit of Christ. He is to reign supreme over men for three and one-half years and then he is to be violently destroyed and his whole antichristian-Babylon-system is to collapse and be swept for ever from the earth.

### **And given to the burning flame**

Antichrist will be flung with violence into the lake of fire. The lake of fire will be the final hell. He will be the first person to be cast into the burning flames of the future endless hell. Men and devils are endless beings. Sin, once committed can never be uncommitted and hence sin is endless. A lie once told can never be untold and hence becomes an endless lie. An endless lie told by an endless sinner merits endless punishment. Not until God is dead, will endless sin cease to merit endless punishment. There is no possible escape from the fact of an endless hell for endless, sinful men and devils.

### **The rest of the beasts**

The ten kings are here described as beasts, i. e. senseless, quarrelsome, ferocious, selfish and unclean. The kingdoms and kings of earth may be considered by worldly Nebuchadnezzars as gold, silver and other precious metals, but as seen by God and his prophets they are beastly and must be finally destroyed.

### **One like the son of man**

Daniel here sees the conquering Christ taking possession of the kingdoms of earth. He beholds the son of man and Saviour of sinners approach the everlasting Father and receive from Him dominion and glory and a kingdom.

### **Son of man**

The expression “**SON OF MAN**” sets forth the Head of restored humanity. “**SON OF DAVID**” sets forth his royalty, “**SON OF GOD**” his deity and “**SON OF MAN**” his headship of humanity. The seed of the woman shall not only destroy Satan, but shall crush the Antichrist, the seed of Satan.

### **There was given him dominion**

The population of the world is now 2,000,000,000 souls. This is an increase of about 20,000,000 a year for the past twenty years, a total increase in population of 400,000,000 for only twenty years. Asia alone has a population of 950,000,000, Europe has 550,000,000, America has 130,000,000 and Africa 150,000,000. When one considers how difficult it is to keep peace even in one family or a small community or church, the problem of preserving the peace of the world becomes a problem of pyramidal proportions. Here is a job too big for the puny hands of man to handle. This mass of mankind is too big a job for even a Mussolini, Hitler, Roosevelt or the League of Nations.



The situation now needs and loudly calls for one who is King of kings and Lord of lords. Such a one is coming and there is to be given Him dominion and glory and a kingdom.

### **There was given him a kingdom**

Daniel foresaw and prophesied the coming of Christ with his saints in glory to rule the world. The mystery of Christ's Body, the Church, was not revealed to Daniel and hence the rapture of the Church was not seen by the Prophet.

The second coming of Christ FOR his saints is plainly taught in John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; Acts 1:10-11; Hebrews 9:28; Luke 17:34-35; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:13; I Thessalonians 5:5-7; I Corinthians 15:51-52.

Any theory that muffles the word "WATCH" is out of harmony with the teaching of the scriptures as to the second coming of Christ. After the rapture of the Church, the great Tribulation, the Apocalypse of the Antichrist and the destruction of Gentile World dominion, Christ shall take the kingdom and all people, nations and languages shall serve Him. Daniel 7:14 sets forth the Millennial kingdom of Christ.

### **An everlasting kingdom**

The Millennial kingdom of Christ will end in a worldwide rebellion led by Satan after his release out of prison for a little season. The rebellion will be ruthlessly stopped by the appearing of Christ, who, in flaming fire will destroy the wicked, fling Antichrist into the everlasting flames and the millennial reign of Christ will merge into the everlasting kingdom of Christ which shall enjoy perpetual increase and peace on the New Earth. The Millennial reign may cease but not the kingdom.

### **And all nations shall serve Him**

A new monarchy is coming! A new head of humanity is near! The beast kingdoms and nations of earth have long written their histories in blood and tears. The long rule of sin and Satan has saturated the earth with blood and piled up the bones of the slaughtered sons of men. A new day is about to dawn and a new kingdom is about to come. In a universal, unending, righteous and peaceful kingdom Christ shall reign and all nations shall serve Him. Speed on, glad and glorious day.

### **I Daniel**

How willful, wayward and wicked, men must be to deny that Daniel wrote the book which bears his name. The heart of man is unquestionably deceitful and desperately wicked. Notwithstanding the fact that Christ Himself has set his seal on the book (Matthew 24:15) and that Daniel himself here declares his own authorship, the critics and infidels inside and outside of the Church still persist in their denunciations and denials.

To what depths of stubbornness and stiffneckedness may mankind sink when they will dare to put a lie on the lips of God, of Christ and His holy people. Daniel here declares that he was grieved. Daniel here says that the visions (not the histories) troubled him. Daniel here affirms that he received the truth directly from headquarters. Daniel here emphatically declares that not only the vision and dreams but also the interpretation of the things were all made known to him by revelation (Daniel 7:15-16). We cannot be Bible Christians and modernists, evolutionists or higher critics.

### **My spirit in the midst of my body**

The word body may also be translated *sheath*. Daniel regarded his spirit as altogether distinct from his body. As a sword in its sheath so was his spirit in his body. The tripartite nature of man is clearly revealed In the Bible.

I Thessalonians 5:23 distinctly mentions spirit and soul and body. Hebrews 4:12 **“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

That there is a distinction and a difference between the soul and the spirit is here plainly revealed. The same distinction may be seen in the expression **“My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Saviour.”** Thus the threefold nature of man is clearly established. There can be no appeal from the clear statements of the inspired scriptures.

### **The visions of my head troubled me**

Awed and dazzled by the remarkable revelations he was troubled because he understood not their meaning. Bent beneath the burden of these tremendous visions he was most anxious to know what they all meant.

### **The truth**

Truth not opinions, ideas, reasons, suppositions or assumptions. The writer once read Dean Farrar’s *“Eternal Hope”* and he found on every page expressions such as “we may suppose” “we may assume” and “it is not unlikely.” How different from **“Thus saith the Lord.”** Between the covers of Darwin’s *“Origin of Species”* which is headed for the Museums of the World, he assumes and supposes no less than 800 times. His ideas and conclusions he could not and knew he could not prove. That which was revealed to Daniel was the truth.

### **These great beasts**

Nebuchadnezzar saw the imposing outward power and pomp of the times of the Gentile. Daniel, God’s prophet, saw the true inward character of Gentile rule as rapacious and ruinous. It is remarkable that the heraldic insignia of the Gentile nations are mostly beasts or birds of prey. Even to this day we are reminded constantly of the power of the American Eagle, the British Lion, the Russian Bear, not to mention the yellow peril such as the Chinese Dragon. Selah!

## **These Great Beasts**

- (1) Beasts keep their own at any cost.
- (2) They quarrel over that which rightfully belongs to another.
- (3) Fly easily into a murderous rage.
- (4) Kill for any coveted pleasure or possession.
- (5) Are greedy; ruthless and bloodthirsty.

The kingdoms of earth are all bestial. Some day rule is to be transferred from beasts to saints.

## **The saints shall possess the kingdom**

Daniel, a slave, is the representative of the nation of Israel in its servitude, solitude and sorrow. His insight into dreams and his wonderful wisdom sets forth the superiority of the people of God over their pagan overlords, while his exaltation to high office is a prophecy of the future glory of the people of the Lord. **“The saints shall possess the kingdom.”** Daniel’s personal history was thus a type and prophecy of the future of his own people Israel.

## **Whose look was more stout than his fellows**

The Antichrist will be a Mussolini, Hitler, Kemal Pasha, Lenin, Stalin, Kaiser, Napoleon and Pope all in one. It is striking and startling to notice that the Antichrist comes out of the ten kings who come out of the fourth monarchy. Not out of China, Japan, India, Africa, or the so-called heathen world, but out of the so called Christian nations of the earth.

These so-called Christianized nations are represented by the prophet Daniel to be the most God dishonoring of all and climaxing their pride and blasphemy by producing the stout looking, wicked and willful king, the Antichrist. The Bible thus reveals the Christ as coming out of the East and the Antichrist as coming out of the West. When Antichrist arrives he shall not substitute himself for Christ and act in Christ’s name as does the Pope. **HE SHALL DENY CHRIST, OPPOSE CHRIST, AND EXALT HIMSELF ABOVE CHRIST.**

## **The saints of the most high shall take the kingdom**

The second coming of Christ is one grand event with two distinct parts. In the first part Christ is coming for His Saints and in the second part He is coming with His Saints. His coming is **CERTAIN** (John 14:1-3) **PERSONAL** (Acts 1:10-11) **PREMILLENNIAL** (Matthew 24:36) and **VISIBLE** (Revelation 1:7). Read Matthew 24:36-44 and Revelation 19:1-20, and also Revelation 20:1-10. That it does not refer to death is plainly seen from First Thessalonians 4:15-17, which declares that a portion of the human family shall never die. Death, therefore, cannot be the second coming of Christ. At the coming of Christ to the earth the saints shall receive and possess the kingdom. The Jewish Saints shall be the earthly people while the Church saints shall be the heavenly people during Christ’s Millennial Reign.

See also Luke 17:34-35; I Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:13; I Thessalonians 5:5-7.

### **The horn made war with the saints**

Full of hellish hatred against God and God's saints the Antichrist will make war against them. The persecution of the Jews by the German Chancellor and his government is child's play compared to the coming persecution by the Antichrist.

### **Think to change times and laws**

All dictators think to, and, like Hitler and Mussolini do actually change times and laws. This change has to do not only with ordinary affairs of government but with religion and worship. The coming world Dictator or Antichrist will institute new modes of worship, impose new articles of faith, order and enjoin new rules of practice and enact, annul or reverse at pleasure, the laws both of God and man.

### **The horn made war with the saints, and prevailed . . .**

This will be Satan's last attempt during the great Tribulation to destroy the Jewish race. There are today about 18,000,000 Jews living in the world. Their very existence is a standing miracle and mystery. A race without a country, a people without a government, a nation without a home, hated, despised and persecuted, yet powerful, rich and indestructible. They Submitting to neither assimilation, annihilation, nor elimination they are the miracle nation of the ages. Antichrist may war with them and prevail, but only *until* (7:21-22).

### **The saints of the most high shall take the kingdom**

The saints mentioned here are the Jewish saints who shall become God's earthly ruling people during the millennium. The Church is a heavenly people whose eternal home is in the New City, New Jerusalem.

### **The saints possessed the kingdom**

Wonderfully does this Old Testament prophetic book of Daniel and also the New Testament prophetic book of Revelation span the history of mankind from the creation of the world to the dawn of the world to come.

The Book of Daniel gives the Alpha and Omega of all human history. The centuries have borne witness to the veracity of the Prophet and the Divine authorship of the Book which bears his noble name. Empires rise and fall exactly as foreseen and foretold. Flinging their colossal shadows across the pages of scripture we behold the giant forms of world empires on the way to oblivion.

Daniel clearly forecasts the march of history through the ages.

Not only do we behold mankind moving across the stage of time and sense but we also see the mighty hand of living God ruling and overruling until at last His will is done in earth, as it is done in heaven, for **“the saints”** the meek, the lowly and the holy, **“possess the kingdom for ever and ever.”** These are indeed and in truth precious pictures of a sinless world that open and close the blessed Book of God.

Between the opening page of the Bible where we behold a sinless world (Genesis 1:1) and the closing page where we behold a new sinless world (Revelation 21:1-22-21) there is spread out the sad, painful panorama of six thousand years of sin, suffering, sorrow, sighing, conflict, warfare, turmoil and death. Nevertheless we are assured that “the saints,” God’s faithful few “shall possess the kingdom.” (See *“Riches from Revelation”*).

Fear not little flock, the promises will be fulfilled. For the trusting and toiling, poor and suffering saints and servants of God, there is a good time coming. Possessing the divine nature and enjoying the divine inheritance they shall soon possess the divine kingdom.

### **He shall speak great words against the most high**

Present events are rapidly paving the way for the coming **“man of sin.”** STALIN OF RUSSIA speaking great swelling words against God! the Bible! And Religion! HITLER OF GERMANY hating and persecuting the Jews, who, while scattered, peeled and chastised are nevertheless God’s people. MUSSOLINI OF ITALY willing to shake hands with and make a covenant with either God or the devil if either will prosper Italy. All modern dictators have some characteristics of the coming Antichrist who will be an atheist (Stalin) a hater and persecutor of the Jews (Hitler) and who will speak not only against God, but also against all things sacred and Divine (Lenin).

Think of a creature of earth speaking against the Creator of the Universe, a creature of a day criticizing the eternal Creator. Man is capable of terrible blasphemy. The coming Antichrist will speak marvelous things against God. His inferior predecessors have been and are many. The Pope of Rome is a blasphemer, for who can forgive sins but God alone?

Roman priests are likewise blasphemers for the forgiveness of sins is the prerogative of the Godhead. Public speakers both past and present have been and are guilty of the heinous sins of blasphemy.

Mrs. W. M. Hack Congresswoman-at-large from the State of Illinois once declared “The next fifty years will see an end of all war. Women and mothers will accomplish that, and again, “It is they (the women and mothers) who will usher in the millennium.”

Here is a twofold blasphemy which ascribes the work of God alone to women. If wars ever cease it will be the Lord who maketh wars to cease and not women (Psalm 46:9). When the millennium comes it will be the zeal of the Lord of hosts who will perform it and not woman. Who can bring in the millennium of peace and righteousness, but God alone? It looks to some of us that women may bring in a millennium, but it will be Satan’s millennium.

With their nudeness, haughtiness, stretched forth necks, wanton eyes, spiked heels, tinkling ornaments, chains, bracelets, earrings, headbands, rings, permanent waves that are not permanent, paint, poodle dogs, cigarettes and satanic brazenness and immodesty, it looks to some of us that, unless God steps in and cuts His work short in righteousness, the world is on the brink of irreparable ruin.

### **All dominions shall . . . obey Him**

In his foreview of the future, Daniel beholds the Ancient of Days taking the kingdoms that all people, nations and languages should serve him.

The prophet assures us that His kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom and that all men shall serve and obey him. Sincere statesmen everywhere are agreed that the world today needs a superman who is able to grapple with and find a solution for the mighty intricate and international problems of the world.

World problems are bigger than the brains of the greatest of earth statesmen and thinkers. The world is in need of some one with both wisdom and power. The world in fact is looking for him AND HE IS COMING. CHRIST who is both the wisdom of God and the power of God is coming.

After man's day has run its course, after Monarchies have failed and democracies have gone to dust, after the Church age has run its course and the elect has been called out, after the Antichrist has done his worst THEN the Smiting Stone shall descend and fill the earth. Earth's rightful King, President and Dictator, shall ascend the throne and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. For such a Coming One all creation waits and groans, and to such a Coming One we say "**Come, Lord Jesus.**"

### **Everlasting kingdom**

The millennial reign and kingdom of Christ will merge into His Everlasting Dominion on the new Earth after the final doom of Satan and destruction of all the wicked.

The metallic man gives us the human view of world governments whereas the vision of them as fierce, devouring beasts sets forth the Divine view. Man thinks of the kingdoms of the world in terms of gold, silver, brass and iron whereas God views them as cruel, ferocious, wild, selfish, vicious beasts. Such government is to continue in some form down to the second coming of Christ.

Not until Christ returns as King will the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

An everlasting God with his everlasting Christ is to set up an everlasting kingdom.

**“THE SUM OF THE MATTERS”**

Key: **“These great beasts, which are four, are four kings.”**

**The Vision of Daniel (Chap. 7)**

**THE VISION**

7:1-14

**The Four Beasts**

**THE INTERPRETATION**

7:15-28

<b>“Four great beasts came up from the sea.”</b>	The sea represents the world of mankind while the four great beasts set forth the four great world empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome.
<b>“The first was like a lion”</b>	Nebuchadnezzar, majestic and mighty.
<b>“And had eagle’s wings”</b>	Swift and powerful in conquests.
<b>“The wings thereof were plucked”</b>	Conquests were stopped
<b>“It was lifted up from the earth”</b>	Insanity of Nebuchadnezzar.
<b>“Made stand—as a man”</b>	Restoration of Nebuchadnezzar.
<b>“A man’s heart was given to it”</b>	Reason returned and conscience awakened, Nebuchadnezzar lifted up his eyes to heaven and praised the Lord God.
<b>“Another beast”</b>	The Medes and Persians.
<b>“Like to a bear”</b>	Ponderous, powerful, cruel and avaricious.
<b>“It raised up itself on one side”</b>	Cyrus was higher than Darius.
<b>“It had three ribs in the mouth of it”</b>	Defeated and destroyed three kingdoms.
<b>“They said thus unto it, Arise devour much flesh”</b>	The victories of the past urged them on to greater conquests and worse cruelties. Success goaded them on to greater conquests.
<b>“Lo, another like a leopard”</b>	Alexander the Great, handsome, but cruel, stealthy and merciless.
<b>“Four wings of a fowl”</b>	Rapid conquests.
<b>“Four heads”</b>	The division of the empire under four generals after the death of Alexander.
<b>“And dominion was given unto it”</b>	World dominion of Alexander.

<b>“Behold a fourth beast”</b>	Rome.
<b>“It devoured and brake in pieces”</b>	Roman militarism.
<b>“and stamped the residue with the feet of it”</b>	Oppression and cruelty. What greed cruelty and rage is here foreseen by the prophet.
<b>“It was diverse from all the beasts that were before it”</b>	Rome crucified Peter, beheaded Paul, banished John, burned the Christians and butchered both men, women and children. Truly it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it. It is instructive to note the devolution from gold to mud and from the noble lion to the nondescript monstrosity.
<b>“It had ten horns”</b>	The ten horns correspond to the ten toes of the great and terrible image as seen by Nebuchadnezzar. These ten horns set forth ten kings which shall arise after the Church has been raptured and during the great tribulation and just before the Coming of Christ to reign as King of Kings.
<b>“Another little horn”</b>	The Antichrist, who shall make war with the Saints and prevail against them until Christ descends and destroys him.
<b>“Before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots”</b>	The Antichrist will brook no delay in his plans and no opposition to his policies. He forthwith destroys three of the ten kings who shall arise just previous to his own apocalypse.
<b>“By the roots”</b>	The merciless, murderous, ruthless activities of the Antichrist are thus foreseen and foretold.
<b>“Eyes like the eyes of man”</b>	The Antichrist is to be a human being with human sagacity and intelligence but charged, surcharged and controlled by Satan. The Antichrist will become an incarnation of Satan as Christ was God-incarnated.
<b>“And a mouth speaking great things”</b>	The Antichrist will be an egotist, boaster and blasphemer.



<b>“I beheld till the thrones were cast down”</b>	During the great tribulation, war shall be declared and waged against Satan and at that time the Satanic powers in the heavenlies will be cast down. See Revelation 12 and “ <i>Riches from Revelation.</i> ”
<b>“The Ancient of Days did sit”</b>	The Everlasting Lord God.
<b>“Whose garment was white as snow”</b>	Purity.
<b>“Hair of his head like pure wool”</b>	Wisdom.
<b>“His throne was like the fiery flame”</b>	Justice.
<b>“His wheels as burning fire”</b>	Providential judgment in righteousness.
<b>“A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him”</b>	The Lord God is to have the last word.
<b>“Thousand, thousands ministered unto him”</b>	Millions of unfallen angelic spirit intelligences wait upon the Lord.
<b>“The Judgment was set”</b>	The Great White Throne Judgment of Almighty God.
<b>“The books were opened”</b>	(1) Memory (2) Conscience (3) Old Testament (4) New Testament (5) A movie-talkie-panoramic-picture of one’s whole life. Selah!
<b>“The beast was slain”</b>	The blasphemous lips of the Antichrist are sealed in death.
<b>“His body destroyed”</b>	Just previous to the setting up of the millennial kingdom of Christ, Antichrist will be arrested and cast into the lake of fire.
<b>“As concerning the rest of the beasts”</b>	The empires of man.
<b>“Behold one like the Son of man”</b>	The Lord God—Jesus!
<b>“Came with the clouds of heaven”</b>	The apocalypse of Christ WITH his saints is herein set forth.

**“And there was given him dominion and glory”**

Here is the universal, everlasting, kingdom of Christ, a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.

**“The saints of the most high shall take the kingdom”**

The meek shall thus inherit the earth and God’s people Israel shall once more be the head of the nations.

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