

Lesson IV
Part II ciii
Daniel's 70th Week

Introduction:

1. We have looked at Matthew 24 and Luke 21 as an introduction to Daniel's 70th week.
2. We are now looking at Part 2 of Daniel's 70th week
 - a. The "A" part of this lesson dealt with "The Purpose of Daniel's prayers."
 - b. The "B" Part of this shows us the dreams and visions of Daniel in chapter 7 and 8.

II. Daniel's prophecy concerning his 70th week.

C. Interpretations of these dreams and visions

Note: In chapter 7, Daniel had four visions in one night.

- a. The four beasts
- b. A judgment scene
- c. The Son of Man receiving His kingdom
- d. The interpretation is the 4th vision that Daniel has on this particular night.

10. The interpretation of the 1st three visions in chapter 7

Note: In verses 17 and 18, the heavenly bystander in v16 responds with v17-18.

- a. First, let us look at verses 17-18

17) These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. 18) But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

- i. The great beasts are four kings or kingdoms that arise out of the earth, or earthly kingdoms.
- ii. The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom from these kings
- iii. The saints of the most High shall possess the kingdom forever and ever
- iv. Who are the "saints of the most High"

- 1) The “saints” of the most High, in my opinion are the Jewish people.
- 2) They are not the church for the church shall be caught out before the “little horn” makes “war with the saints.”
- 3) The Saints of the Most High wrest the kingdom from the earthly kings during the reign of the “little horn” which is a 3 and ½ year reign according to Daniel 7:25

Note Daniel 7:25

i. KJV...

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 time and times and the dividing of time.

ii. AmpC...

And he shall speak words against the Most High [God] and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change the time [of sacred feasts and holy days] and the law; and the saints shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time [three and one-half years].

- 4) This war between the “little horn” and the saints of the most High takes place on earth
 - a) The most High is the Son of Man, the Messiah of the Jews
 - b) Therefore, the saints in this reference must be Daniel’s people which are the Jewish people
 - c) The Jewish people are the Messiah’s people are the “saints” of the “End Time” who shall with the most “High” take the kingdom.

Note: Again remember that these things are happening on the earth, and we the church are in heaven as the bride of Christ.

i) Look at v21-22...

1] KJV...

21) I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22) Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

2] Nlt...

21) As I watched, this horn was waging war against God's holy people and was defeating them, 21) until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom.

ii) Now look at v27...

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

4) Take another look at v18...

a) The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom

b) The saints of the most High shall...possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

c) The "People" of the "Saints of the Most High" are the Jews and they will be the "Head" of the nations during the Millennium.

Note Deuteronomy 28:13

i. KJV...

And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

ii. NLT...

If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom.

i) What was and is God's plan for His people the Jews?

ii) Has God's plan changed?

iii) Therefore, this Scripture refers to the eternal plan God has for the Jewish nation.

iv) We use the Scripture saying that this is a promise that God blesses us, so let me ask

1] Does this Scripture apply to us?

2] If so, in what context?

Note: Let us continue to remember though, that God has made a promise to Abraham's descendants, the Jews that will be fulfilled, and these Scriptures point to the day that the Jewish people will be the head and not the tail, on top and no longer on bottom which will begin to happen toward the end of the Tribulation Period and be fulfilled during the Millennial here on earth literally and physically..

b. Daniel was not satisfied with the "Heavenly Bystander's" response

i. Daniel was not satisfied, for the response in verses 17-18 did not explain the "Little Horn" that perplexed Daniel

1) The "Heavenly Bystander" did not explain the meaning of the "Fourth Wild Beast"

2) The "Heavenly Bystander" did not explain the "Little Horn" who was to make war on the "Saints of the Most High," Daniel's people.

3) It was the conduct of the "Little Horn" that perplexed and troubled Daniel

ii. Daniel wanted to know the truth of the Fourth Wild Beast in verses 19-20

1) v19...Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast

2) What was it about this Fourth Beast that caught Daniel's attention

a) v19...He was diverse from all the others

b) v19...He was exceeding dreadful

c) v19...He had teeth which were of iron

d) v19...He had nail that were of brass

e) v19...He devoured opposition

f) v19...He brake in pieces those who opposed him

g) v19...He stamped the residue with his feet;

h) v20..He had ten horns on his head

i) v20...A little horn came up and caused three horns to fall

- j) v20...The little horn had eyes and a mouth
- k) v20...The little horn was more stout than his fellows
- l) v20...The little horn spake great things which means that he bragged and threatened

iii. Daniel took notice of the little horn in verses 21-22

- 1) v21...The Little Horn made war with the saints (Jews)
- 2) v21...The Little Horn...prevailed against them (the Saints, the Jews)
- 3) v22...Until...(What?)
 - a) v22...Until the Ancient of days came,
 - b) v22...Until...judgment was given to the saints of the most High (Daniel's people the Jews)
 - c) Until...the time came that the saints (Daniel's people the Jews) possessed the kingdom.

iv. The Heavenly Bystander continues with his explanation in verses 23-27

Note: This additional description of Daniel's Vision of the "Fourth Wild Beast" helps the explanation that the "Heavenly Bystander" had previously given Daniel.

- 1) v23...This fourth beast or kingdom shall be different than all the others
- 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 whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
- 2) v24a...The ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings
- 24) And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise:
 - 3) v24b-25...Another horn or king shall arise that will be different than the others.
 - a) v24b...He shall arise after them
 - b) v24b...He shall be diverse from them
 - c) v24b...He shall subdue three kings.

- d) v25...He shall speak great words against the most High
 - e) v25...He...shall wear out (persecute) the saints of the most High
 - f) v25...He shall...think to change times and laws:
 - f) v25...They shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
- 4) v26-27 shows us that the “Little Horn’s” kingdom shall end
- a) v26...The judgment shall sit
 - b) v26...They shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.
 - c) v27...

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

11. We want to look at three things from verses 23-27

Note: Those three things are

1st. Times and Laws

2nd. The Beast

3rd. The Little Horn

a. Times and Laws

i. The Little Horn of Daniel 7 will “think to change Times and Laws.”

ii. “Times and Laws” will be given into his hand

ii. Times and Laws will be given into his hand until a “‘Time’ and ‘Times’ and the ‘Dividing of Time’” which is three and ½ years. (v25)

iii. Larkin tells us that the Rabbis understood “Times” and “Laws” to be the “Hebrew Sabbaths” and “Festivals” and the “Levitical Law” which regulates them.

1) Strong’s says that the word used here for “Times” is referring to “Holy

Times or Feast days.”

- 2) Strong’s says that the word used here for “Laws” is referring to the Law of God and that they want to change God’s laws.
- 3) The Aramaic word for the second “time” refers to a set time or a year and it is a different Aramaic word used for “times”
- 4) Then you have the word “times” which is the same word as time, but used in plural form is referring to two years.
- 5) Time and times and dividing of time is referring to 3 and ½ years which is how long the little horn will try to change God’s law and feast days.

b. The Beast

c. The Little Horn