

Daniel 7
The Vision of Daniel
Part 1

May we all receive the power that we need to overcome the world and the lust thereof. The world has so much to offer for one to slip away from God, so we need to be on guard in all things. We need to watch and pray always that we will escape the pollutions of the world.

As many of you know, I like to just get right down to things in the sermon, but this time, I am compelled to talk about some things that may help you and encourage you in this dark world that we currently live in. Oh, how much trials we are all going through. From living in the parks, from being sent out of their church grounds for preaching the truth, from being homeless with kids, from going to court for no reason, from being attacked with all sorts of lies, living in and out of hotels with all their young kids, and from their loved ones dying all of a sudden are all signs that we are getting prepared for what is coming. We have to have hard times in order to stand in harder times.

1 Peter 4:12, “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.”

We are going to be persecuted, we are going to be lied about, and we are going to go through some of the same things that our Lord went through.

Matthew 5:10, “Blessed [are] they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:11, “Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.”

Matthew 5:12, “Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great [is] your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

If we are all walking with God and striving unto perfection, we are going to suffer in this world. Entering into the gates, into the city of God, will be no easy matter. It is going to be a fight; it is going to be a battle and a march...we are going to have to contend with the devil. We are going to fall down, but we need to get back up and take hold of that helping hand.

Jude 1:3, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

We have to do all we can to overcome the temptations of the enemy and strive to not yield to him. We have to contend for righteousness by yielding to the Spirit and not to the flesh.

Romans 8:1, "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:3, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"

Romans 8:4, "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Romans 8:5, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

We have to fight and fight and fight and contend in the world's ring with Satan and knock him on his feet by not giving place to the devil. Reject him, reject the flesh and the lust thereof and yield our members to the Spirit. Pray for the power to overcome and fight!!!!

1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

Before this last chapter in this world's history closes and we are all standing and looking death right into the eyes, let us go out in victory if we are called to die or not. Let us proclaim what brother Timothy said in...

2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

We are at war dear family. We cannot afford to give up. There is no HOPE in giving up and laying aside the commandments of God for the commandments of men; we cannot shrink into despair and give up on our Lord and Saviour and the prize that will come to all who love Him. What a wonderful gift to have when this is all over with, to be able to see the SAVIOUR in all His true love and righteousness.

We will see with clear eyes just how much he had suffered for us so that we could be with Him and all that the FATHER gave up for us to be with Him and all the Work that the Holy Spirit did in comforting us and caring for us when we were still living in this wicked world. How many times have they saved us from an unseen death? And how many times was Elohim's hand upon us even when we turned our backs to our Maker? We will see the Lord clearly soon coming with clouds and every eye will see Him, and Satan will have nothing more to do with us. He will no longer be able to darken our knowledge of God and the love He has for us.

So, I encourage everyone to stand up, call upon the name of the Lord, take His hand and the power He offers to each of His commandment keeping children to overcome the devil just as He has already for us.

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

We overcome the world by not partaking in, soldiers for Christ. We are called to give no place for the devil.

Ephesians 4:27, "Neither give place to the devil."

We are called to come out of the world and be ye separate...

2 Corinthians 6:17-18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

We are to be not a friend of the world by yoking up with the things of the world. We are not to be worldly. We are not to be looking like the world, acting like, dressing like, talking like the world, engaging in worldly events, entertainments, attractions or what have you. We are to be enlightening the world with the Truth and set it on a hill so all can see the Light. Time is running out, and what are we doing to help out the lost? We need to be found faithful to our Lord. We are to obey our Master who is in heaven by keeping His commandments, and by doing so, it is proving who we are through our works in being doers of the law and not just hearers.

Romans 2:13, “(For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.”

Let us not just profess with our words that we are the sons and daughters of God, but let our deeds be mighty as well.

Acts 7:22, “And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.”

Let us encourage one another to take the next step in our walk to the city of God. Tighten up the law in our minds and hearts, take each other’s hands, look up towards the light that shines so bright and don’t look back. Stay strong in the Lord and continue to progress and move forward.

Ephesians 6:11-18, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. And your feet shod with the preparation of

the gospel of peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Be that soldier that God is preparing you to be so you can stand in that great and final day. Put on the armor of God and take your place and be prepared to withstand the enemy's attack. Never fall into lukewarmness and never fall into backsliding because time is running out. Martial law is on the horizon, and Sunday laws will soon follow in America and then around the world. The stage has been set, and the men at their posts who are standing as watchmen for the house of Israel are sounding the alarm. Blow the trumpet oh Zion. Sound the cries. The enemy is fast approaching. The greatest test of all tests stands in our midst. What are we going to do with these little trials now that are but for a moment? Give up or keep fighting? Keep fighting and be of good cheer...

2 Corinthians 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding [and] eternal weight of glory."

I leave you with these Words of encouragement from our Lord and Saviour...

Revelation 22:12, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen."

So, as of now, let us go ahead and begin. This looks to be a multiple part sermon series for Daniel chapter 7. We have a lot to talk about and learn today. Again, we will be breaking down each verse by reading each verse of the chapter.

Many of you may be wondering why we are not starting with chapter 5 of Daniel first and why I have skipped over to chapter 7 of Daniel instead. This is the order in which the life of Daniel had in captivity. Daniel 7 is actually the introduction for the time and reign of king Belshazzar, which I would like to talk a bit for the intro to better understand who Belshazzar is. Belshazzar was

actually the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar. The Bible will only use father or fathers, fathers...or son's son...example:

2 Kings 15:38, "And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead."

Jeremiah 27:7, "And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him."

So historically speaking in the realm of genealogy, anyone who is born in that particular family will all be called sons or fathers, etc....what have you. Nebuchadnezzar was actually the grandfather of Belshazzar, but the Bible will only say father. It is not important to know that, but it is a Spirit of Prophecy fact that this is truth. Continuing...Now...

Towards the end of Daniel's life in captivity in Babylon, there were great changes that were taking place. Nebuchadnezzar, "the terrible of the nations" (**Ezekiel 28:7**), the servant of the Most High God (**Jeremiah 27:6**), had passed away and gone to sleep after his repentance was found in Daniel 4, and Babylon who was "the praise of the whole earth" (**Jeremiah 51:41**), had been passed to the unwise rule of his successor Belshazzar. Belshazzar was no Nebuchadnezzar, which we will find out more about in Daniel 5. Honestly, nowhere in chapters 7 and 8 do I see a relationship taking place between king Belshazzar and Daniel. It is only after the feast that was conducted by this reckless king Belshazzar where Daniel had to come in and read the writing on the wall. Again, we go over this in Daniel 5 and we will know more about this towards the time of the end for this reckless king Belshazzar.

So, let us begin and learn about what happened in Daniel's captivity in the 1st year of king Belshazzar after the passing of Nebuchadnezzar. So, sometime after the passing of king Nebuchadnezzar, we read, where...

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

Daniel 7:2, "Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea."

Let's break this down so we can connect the dots later. Daniel had a night vision upon his bed. This was taking place at night where he said, "The four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea".

We have actually three things going on here. Allow me to explain. The verse said four winds of heaven. We all need to understand that there are actually 3 heavens. We have the atmospheric, planetary and the third heaven. This is where we can find how Paul was saying in...

2 Corinthians 12:2, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven."

The verse goes on to use the number 4, which is the four corners of heaven, that is the first heaven which is the atmospheric heaven because the wind is blowing on the sea. These four corners area sign or Biblical meaning of a compass, a direction in which the wind is coming from. The wind is beating upon the sea of the earth from the first heaven. So this is taking place on earth and it is coming from all directions. Take a look at the book of Jeremiah that Daniel was so familiar with. In chapter 49:36 of Jeremiah we read...

Jeremiah 49:36, "And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come."

So, now that we know that the wind is coming from the four corners, the direction of North, South, East and West, what does the word "wind" Biblically symbolize here?

Jeremiah 25:31-33, "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."

So winds or whirlwinds mean strife. It is a time of destruction, or a time of executing the judgments of God, God's wrath, which will soon be taking place in America for all her departure in being that Lamb like beast at first but is now speaking like and acting like a dragon or Satan (see **Revelation 12:9**).

Next, we have the sea which consists of water. Prophetically speaking, we understand what waters mean. Take a look at...

Revelation 17:15, "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

So water, Biblically speaking in the prophetic sense of it means "people, nations and tongues". Amen.

Now, let us continue to Daniel 7 verse 3 where it goes on to say...

Daniel 7:3, "And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another."

Symbolically speaking, what does the word beast mean?

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 whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces."

So, a beast represents, prophetically speaking, a kingdom or nation. Daniel said that four nations would come up out of the sea (where there would be a lot of people, nations and tongues). Now, historically speaking, we understand that most of the people on the earth lived in the Asia and Europe area of the earth. How do we know this? The Bible speaks of a beast that would rise up not out of the sea as we see in Daniel 7:3 but would rise up out of the earth. We would naturally understand the meaning to be the opposite. Take a look at...

Revelation 13:11, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

So the word "earth" being used in the Bible, in its prophetic meaning, would naturally mean the opposite of sea. The sea means people, nations and tongues whereas the earth would be less inhabited like what we find in America when it was finally discovered. And so, Daniel said in chapter 7 verse 3 that these four beasts or nations would be diverse from one another. Let us move on and see how Daniel will symbolically describe these beasts or nations.

Daniel 7:4, "The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings: 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 man's heart was given to it."

The first beast was like a lion and had eagle's wings. Then the beast lost his wings because they were plucked and then lifted up from the earth, and it would stand like a man on his feet but not on the ground. This means that it was suspended off the ground, and a man's heart was given to it.

Now, this verse deserves great attention here. Look closely at this and you will see what it means. This nation (beast) had eagle's wings. What do eagle's wings represent? See...

Habakkuk 1:6-8, "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat."

The verse said that they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth. So this beast would be fast and powerful as represented of a lion, but in time, the beast or nation would lose his wings or speed and he would lose the power of a beast and become a man where this man would be lifted up off the ground. When something is lifted up off the ground, he has lost his foundation, the kingdom was lost, or removed from. It is the same thing as being plucked up. So this nation was removed

and given a heart of a man. The beast was humbled and realized that they/he were just men and they have no control of what God can do because HE IS GOD, HE IS THE KING OF kings.

Daniel 2:21-22, “And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what [is] in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.”

Now watch this. Do you remember what happened to Nebuchadnezzar when he was lifted up in pride and was on probation in Chapter 4? Well, at the end of that year, he had said the following in...

Daniel 4:30, “The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?”

And what happened to the king whose kingdom was likened to a lion and was lifted up in pride?

Daniel 4:31-32, “While the word [was] in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, [saying], O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling [shall be] with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”

This nation went from a powerful beast in prideful spirit as Babylon was, and even their king Nebuchadnezzar was sent forth to live with the beast of the field so that he may know and be humbled to understand that he is just a MAN, to know and understand that he is just a little king on the earth that was set up by the King of kings to serve His purpose.

Psalms 9:19-20, “Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O LORD: [that] the nations may know themselves [to be but] men. Selah.”

Now, what we need to understand is that in the book of Daniel, it records the future kingdoms which started with Babylon. Babylon is the first recorded kingdom in all these prophetic nations mentioned. The 1st beast of a lion who would lose his wings and would stand like a man and be removed from the earth and given a man's heart as it was for Nebuchadnezzar is the same kingdom that was mentioned in Daniel 2.

Daniel 2:37-38, “Thou, O king, [art] a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou [art] this head of gold.”

So, we have just discovered who the first beast was, which Babylon was under the rulership of Nebuchadnezzar. Now for the remaining beast and this chapter, we will go after that next time in part two. God bless you all and have a wonderful Sabbath and week to come. Peace dear family.