

Lesson IV
Part Iicii
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 this lesson, we are going to discuss the antichrist kingdom as described in Daniel.

- i. The ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image
- ii. The beast with 7 heads and 10 horns in Revelations 13
- iii. The little horn in Daniel that speaks great things.

Note: Remember that the fourth beast in Daniel 7:7-8 represents the Roman Empire.

- i. Look at v7.

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

- ii. The iron teeth and ten horns correspond to the iron legs and ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's vision in Daniel 2, thus representing the Roman and revised Roman Empire.
- iii. The little horn in v8 mystifies Daniel, and that is where our lesson begins.
- iv. Up to now, the visions Daniel saw corresponded with Nebuchadnezzar's vision of the great image, but the little horn is something that was not revealed in Nebuchadnezzar's vision.
- v. This little horn represents the Antichrist

- vi. Let us remember that the visions that Daniel saw in the last six chapters of Daniel are showing us God's dealings with the Jewish People in the Latter days.

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

- i. The four beasts that rise out of the sea are Gentile nations as described before and also represented in Nebuchadnezzar's dream
 - ii. These Gentile nations are described as they relate to Israel, Daniel's people.
 - iii. In the 1st vision, we see four beasts which represent Babylon, Persia, Greece, Roman empire, Revised Roman empire, and the rise of the Antichrist.
6. The rise of the Antichrist is seen in v8 as part of the 1st vision

Note v8...

- i. KJV...

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

- ii. NLT...

As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.

- a. A horn rises up among the ten horns
- b. This little horn plucks three horns up by the roots
- c. This is showing us that the antichrist will overthrow three kings
- d. When the three kings are overthrown, the other kings will submit to him
- e. Description of this little horn
 - i. In this little horn are the eyes like the eyes of man
 - ii. In this little horn is a mouth speaking great things (boasting arrogantly)

Note: Daniel considers the horns and before he can ask for an explanation, he has another vision

7. Daniel 7:9-12 is the 2nd vision and introduces the “Ancient of Days.”

Note verses 9-14...

i. KJV...

9) 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. 10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 11) I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 12) As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

ii. NLT...

9) I watched as thrones were put in place
and the Ancient One sat down to judge.

His clothing was as white as snow,
his hair like purest wool.

He sat on a fiery throne
with wheels of blazing fire,

10) and a river of fire was pouring out,
flowing from his presence.

Millions of angels ministered to him;
many millions stood to attend him.

Then the court began its session,
and the books were opened.

11) I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn’s boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. 12) The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer.

a. These verses introduce a judgment scene and a vision of Christ receiving the Kingdom

b. This vision is for the purpose of showing Daniel and us that judgment would fall on “Gentile Nations”

c. These verses also show us the manner in which shall receive His kingdom.

i. In Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, we see a stone cut out of the mountain without hands that will break in pieces the kingdoms of this world.

ii. Look at Daniel 2:44-45

- 1) In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom
- 2) The kingdom that God sets up will never be destroyed
- 3) God's kingdom will not be left to other people
- 4) God's kingdom will break in pieces and consume the Gentile kingdoms
- 5) God's kingdom will stand forever
- 6) The stone cut out of the mountain without hands is God's kingdom in Christ rolling over the kingdoms of this world
- 7) Remember that what Nebuchadnezzar saw in his night vision as a dream
 - a) Will come to pass
 - b) Is certain
 - c) And the interpretation is sure.

iii. God is showing Daniel in his 2nd vision on this night events that will take place in the "latter times" or "time of the end" which is the end of this dispensation or the end of Daniel's 70 week.

d. Some thoughts about this judgment scene

- i. It is not the "Great White Throne Judgment" in Revelations 20:11-15 for it takes place after the Millennium.
- ii. It is not the "Judgment Seat of Christ" depicted in 1st Corinthians 3:11-15 and 2nd Corinthians 5:10 for it takes place before the Millennium right after the Rapture.
- iii. This judgment scene is that of the Gentile Nations as represented by the Four Wild Beasts."
- iv. This judgment scene is about the destruction of the fourth beast which depicts all the kingdoms wrapped into the revised Roman Empire or antichrist kingdom.
- v. Verse 11 tells us that Daniel kept watching until the beast was destroyed, but notice that the "little horn" was not destroyed.

Note: Why was the “little horn” not destroyed?

vi. The “little horn” is called the beast in Revelations and he is not destroyed but cast alive into the “Lake of Fire” in Revelations 19:20.

e. Larkin says that between this present “Dispensation” which is the “Church age” and the “Millennial” there is a “Dispensation of Judgment” involving three different judgments.

i. First is the “Judgment of Believers” for their works at the “Judgment Seat of Christ”

1) Look at 2nd Corinthians 5:10...

i. KJV...

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

ii. AmpC...

For we must all appear *and* be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil [considering what his purpose and motive have been, and what he has achieved, been busy with, and given himself and his attention to accomplishing].

2) Doesn't this correspond with the parables of the pounds and talents in Luke and Matthew.

3) Now look at 1st Corinthians 3:10-15

a) KJV...

10) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

b) NLT...

1) Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now

others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. 11) For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. 12) Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13) But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. 14) If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15) But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

ii. Second the “Judgment of the Jews” during the “Great Tribulation.”

- 1) We need to understand that the Jewish people are an earthly people
- 2) All the promises made to them are earthly.
- 3) Therefore, their judgment must be of an earthly character.
- 4) This judgment is called by
 - a) Jeremiah as the time of “Jacob’s Troubles.”

Note Jeremiah 30:4-10

4) And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. 5) For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 6) Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7) Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. 8) For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: 9) But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. 10) Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

- b) Daniel as a “time of trouble.”

Note Daniel 12:1

i. KJV...

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

ii. Nlt...

“At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued.

c) Christ as “The Great Tribulation.”

Note Matthew 24:21-31

21) For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 21) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23) Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25) Behold, I have told you before. 26) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28) For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29) Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31) And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

5) The result of this judgment will be the conversion of the Jews.

iii. Third is the “Judgment of Nations”

Note Matthew 25:31-46

31) When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32) And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto

you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43) I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44) Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45) Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

- 1) This judgment takes place at Christ's physical return to earth
- 2) This judgment will take place in the "Valley of Jehoshaphat."

Note Joel 3:1-2

1) For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2) I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

- 3) The purpose of this judgment will be to separate the "Sheep and Goat nations"
 - a) The Sheep Nations may enter the "Kingdom prepared for them from the Foundation of the Word," which is the Millennium.

Note: This is also the "Stone" Kingdom from Daniel 2.

- b) The Goat Nations will be destroyed.
- c) Dake says that the nations blessed or cursed is based on how they treated Israel in fulfillment of Genesis 12:1-3.

Note Genesis 12:1-3

1) Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Note: Larkin says that the Judgment Scene that Daniel saw in this second vision is a general description covering the whole Dispensation of Judgment" period.

f. Commentary on verses Daniel 7:9-14

i. v9... I beheld till the thrones were cast down,

- 1) This is referring to the thrones of the kingdoms being removed and possibly could be referring to the 10 kings with the antichrist.
- 2) Dake says that this is referring to the judgment of nations in Matthew 25
- 3) This could also refer to the thrones that are occupied by the principalities or powers of the air.
 - a) Ephesians 6:12

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.

b) Revelations 12:7-9

7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Note: Regardless of the thrones and powers that are cast down, one thing remains and that is that powers and thrones and names are removed before the “Ancient of Days” for He sits on His eternal throne.

ii. v9...Ancient of Days

- 1) I feel that this is God the Father.”
- 2) In v13, one like unto the Son of Man, Jesus came to the Ancient of Days

8. Daniel 7:13-14 records Daniel’s third vision on this night

Note Verses 13-14

i. KJV...

13) 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. 14) 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.

ii. Nlt...

13) As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. 14) He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Note: What do you think is happening in this third vision?

a. In this vision, we see the Son of Man receiving the Kingdom

Note: Who is the Son of Man?

b. There are some who think the “Ancient of Days” in the previous vision was Jesus, and here the “Ancient of Days” is the Father.

i. Can the Title “Ancient of Days” be used interchangeably between the Father and the Son, and if so, Why and How?

ii. The Eternal Son can also be called and Identified as the “Ancient of Days” because He has always co-existed with the Father until He became “God in the flesh.”

1) John 10:30...I and my Father are one.

Note: What does Jesus mean by this?

2) 1st Timothy 3:16...

a) KJV...

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

b) AmpC

And great *and* important *and* weighty, we confess, is the hidden truth (the mystic secret) of godliness. He [God] was made visible in human flesh, justified *and* vindicated in the [Holy] Spirit, was seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, [and] taken up in glory.

3) John 14:6-10

6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the

Father, but by me. 7) If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8) Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? 10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Note: How can this be?

4) John 1:1-3

a) KJV...

1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) The same was in the beginning with God. 3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

b) AmpC...

1) In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. 2) He was present originally with God. 3) All things were made *and* came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

iii. We believe in one God existing in three persons namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

1) God has to be omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient

2) The Father, the Son, and The Holy Ghost are jointly and individually omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient

3) Therefore, they are each singularly God and also collectively as the Triune Godhead, God.

iv. Look back at v9 in Daniel 7

1) KJV..

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.

2) Niv...As I looked, “thrones were set in place,...

- 3) Nlt...I watched as thrones were put in place...
- 4) AmpC...

I kept looking until thrones were placed [for the assessors with the Judge], and the Ancient of Days [God, the eternal Father] took His seat, Whose garment was white as snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame; its wheels were burning fire.

- 5) We saw this “Ancient of Days” as the Father, but I never noticed that other versions put “thrones” being set up instead of cast down.
 - a) The Aramaic for “cast down” can be read as “placed or set up”
 - b) Therefore, this phrase “Ancient of Days” could refer to both the Father and the Son taking a seat together with the Son doing the judging as He receives His kingdom from the Father.

Note Matthew Henry’s...

Matthew Henry tells us that this Scripture in Daniel 7:9 could read this way. “I beheld till thrones were set up” which is referring to Christ's throne and the throne of his Father. One of the rabbin confesses that these thrones are set up, one for God, another for the Son of David, and in this, we see that judgment is here set.

- c. Regardless, we see Jesus in verses 13-14 receiving His kingdom
 - i. Jesus told Pilate that His kingdom was not of this world in John 18:33-37.
 - ii. In these verses in Daniel, Jesus receives His Kingdom from the Father which shows us that Jesus’ Kingdom is from Heaven not of this world.
 - iii. In Luke 19, Jesus gives a description of Him receiving His kingdom.

1) Look at verses 11-12...

11) And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.
 12) He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

- 2) Jesus gave them this parable because they were looking for Him to establish an earthly kingdom at that moment
- 3) Jesus would go away into a “far country (Heaven)” to receive for Himself a kingdom, and then He would return.

- iv. Daniel's vision in verses 13-14 is Jesus receiving the Kingdom from the Father and then returning for the Millennial reign
- v. The kingdoms of this world are cast down and the kingdom of Christ rises, and the kingdom of Christ fills the whole earth.
- vi. The time for Jesus to receive His kingdom is still future and we see this being fulfilled in the future in Revelations 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

- 1) The location of the time Christ receives His kingdom at the blowing of the 7th trumpet which is in the middle of Daniel's 70th week.
- 2) The Elders or church are speaking in anticipation of Revelations 20:3

1) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Note: Notice that the Scripture says "kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." In my opinion, this is referring to the Father and the Son. Notice also that the 24 elders are speaking about what will happen in Revelations 20:3 three and one half years from this point.

9. Daniel is perplexed

- a. Look at Daniel 7:15-16

15) I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16) I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

- b. These first three visions gave Daniel a troubled spirit

- i. Daniel already knew from Nebuchadnezzar's vision that there were to be four great world-wide empires.
- ii. What seemed to trouble Daniel was the character of the "Four wild Beasts" and the meaning of the "Little Horn."

- c. Therefore, Daniel approached one of those that stood by in v16.
 - i. The bystander was not a human
 - ii. Daniel was still was still in a “Vision State.”
 - iii. This bystander is a celestial messenger that was present for the purpose of interpreting the Visions