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HOW THE ANCIENT OF DAYS WILL SIT ON THE THRONE AND DESTROY  
THE BEAST

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL  
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DANIEL 7:7-11

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We have been studying the four empires which are connected with the cycles of discipline which came to Israel. Now the Book of Revelation is union station for the Bible and all the great principles that have been taught in other sections of the Bible come to their fulfillment in the book of Revelation. This is true with Daniel. Daniel's vision in Daniel 7 is the background for four or five passages in the book of Revelation. We will return to Daniel 7:7 after we pick up some truth about the revived Roman Empire which will flourish during the tribulation.

REVELATION 13:1 "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." This is the same sea we saw in Daniel 7. "I saw a beast rise out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns" and this is a description of the Revived Roman Empire of the Tribulation. The seven heads have to do with the seven empires of the past that had dealings with Israel, and the ten horns have to do with the ten nation federation of the Revived Roman Empire. "And upon his horns ten crowns". During the first half of the Tribulation the revived empire is not an empire at all, but a federation of nations. At the end of the church age and after the capture of the church, the Tribulation begins and it is divided into two parts. The first 3½ years we have the ten nation federation. In the last 3½ years we have a dictatorship and this is the rulership of the little horn. Then comes the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as in the past we had a Roman Republic and then a Roman Empire. The number of nations is ten and each has a horn and a crown suggests that each has a form of government. The confederation of nations will be hostile to all biblical principles. This is described by the word "blasphemies".

The first was like a leopard and this takes us back to Daniel 7 and we saw this was the Empire of Alexander The Great. The feet were the feet of a bear and this we saw was the Persian Empire. The mouth of a lion, and we saw this was the Chaldean Empire. Now we have already studied these empires.

Here is mentioned "The Dragon" and this was described in Revelation 12 and the Dragon is said to be Satan. Rev. 12:4 and 9. "The dragon gave him his power and his seat and great authority" and this simply means that this ruler of the Revived Roman Empire turns into a dictator. Satan will control this dictator and he will give to this dictator exactly what he promised to give to Jesus Christ, the kingdoms of this world. However, Satan was not quite able to deliver all he had promised; he never was, and he never will be able to do it.

REVELATION 13:3 "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." The head which was wounded was the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D. But the head with the deadly wound was healed and this is the revival of that Roman Empire. This is the Revived Roman Empire of the Tribulation. All the world will be astonished at this.

REVELATION 13:4 "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" So here we see the Revived Roman Empire worshipping Satan. The beast here is the dictator of The Revived Roman Empire. He was a powerful and universal ruler.

REVELATION 13:5 "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Here we see that the activity of this blasphemous dictator will last for a period of 42 months, or 3½ years.

REVELATION 13:6 "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." He just defamed everything and he tried to bump God right out of his own world.

REVELATION 13:7 "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." This power didn't come to him because he controlled 10 nations, but this power was given to him from Eccumenical Religion.

REVELATION 13:8 "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Here is a picture of the unbelieving world worshipping this dictator of the Revived Roman Empire.

REVELATION 13:9 "If any man have an ear, let him hear." So here we are commanded to hear and believe God's work.

Now turn to Revelation 17.

REVELATION 17:3 "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns." The scarlet coloured beast represents Eccumenical Religion in the Tribulation. So here we have the same type of language as in Revelation 13. Seven heads and ten horns. The seven heads are nations that dominated Israel in the past. Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, Media, Persia, Greece, and Rome. After the seven heads we have the ten horns and these are the ten nations of the Revived Roman Empire, and here the scarlet coloured beast represents Eccumenical Religion in the empire.

REVELATION 17:4 "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:" Eccumenical Religion will become very wealthy in the Tribulation-- fornication here stands for false doctrine.

REVELATION 17:5 "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." This is the name of Eccumenical Religion.

REVELATION 17:6 "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the

saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." This is Eccumenical Religion in action during the Tribulation. He was shocked with great amazement.

REVELATION 17:7 "And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the women, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns." Here he goes on to explain the activities of this period of the Tribulation which we have already explained to you. This is the religious appeal.

Now turn to 2 Thessalonians 2

This is another description of the Revived Roman Empire.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" Here believers are warned not to believe false doctrine. There will be a great apostasy before the rapture of the church and the Tribulation. That man of sin, the son of perdition, is none other than the little Horn of Daniel 7 and the Beast of Revelation 13. He is the great beast who will be the dictator of the last 3½ years of the Tribulation.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:4 "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." Here we see how he operates. He is a vicious dictator and will erect his statue in the Holy Temple. This is the Abomination of Desolation. (Matt. 25)

2 THESSALONIANS 2:5 "Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?" Paul here reminded them that he had preached about these things when he was with them.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:6 "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time." Why didn't this happen immediately? What holds back the end of the age and the coming of this world dictator? There will be a revival of Eccumenical Religion all over the world and the ten nation federation of the Revived Roman Empire will be a reality before the end of time.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:7 "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." Here we are told that the "mystery of iniquity" which is Eccumenical Religion, is constantly working and the restraining power is the power of the Holy Spirit. This anti-Biblical power will try to take over the world, but the Holy Spirit will restrain this power, until the Holy Spirit is removed from the scene. The Holy Spirit is withdrawn at the point of the rapture of the church.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:8 "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" Here is the revelation of this world dictator and he will be destroyed by Jesus Christ. This is described in Revelation 19.



2 THESSALONIANS 2:9 "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders," This is the description of this dictator again. This dictator is Satan's man, with satanic power. He will have the power of signs and lying wonders. He will be the father of the tongues movement in the Tribulation. The tongues movement today is satanic, only now it is in its mystery form and for that reason believers get confused by it today. The tongues movement in the Tribulation will be satanic and will be led by the dictator of The Revived Roman Empire. With this system he will try to impress many.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:10 "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." In order to be able to understand these things it is necessary to love the truth, in other words, to know Bible Doctrine.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:11 "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:" God is going to send these unbelievers strong delusion--which is a maximum expression of negative volition.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:12 "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." The word for unrighteousness here refers to a system of false doctrine. This is religion in the Tribulation. This is all contrary to the will of God and the Word of God. Now today all of this appears in its mystery form, but in the Tribulation it will all come out in the open.

Now turn back to Daniel 7

The Roman Empire existed until 476 A.D. and then it went underground and existed as a religious organization and it became The Holy Roman Empire and existed up until the time of the Reformation. So we first had the Roman Empire as an organized empire, then we had it in its religious form, the Holy Roman Empire. But we are not yet through with the Roman Empire today, for it will emerge again as the revived Roman Empire of the Tribulation. It seeks to unite church and state and also be a political unit that controls the lives of men. And in the Tribulation it will come out of its mystery form and attempt to rule the world. Once the church is removed and the Tribulation begins the Roman Empire will operate on the earth. Therefore, last time we did not finish Daniel 7:7 for the last phrase of verse 7 says "And it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns". The ten horns are the same as the ten heads in Revelation 13 and 17. The ten heads and ten horns are a confederation of nations and are the same as the ten toes of the great statue of Nebuchadnezzar which he saw in his vision. In Daniel 2 the ten toes were iron and clay. Iron was used to represent the old Roman Empire and the clay represents nations outside the Roman Empire. It is entirely possible that as many as five of these nations are in the Western hemisphere. This would include the U.S.A. and Canada and Mexico and South America. It is quite possible they are a part of this ten nation federation. In the beginning of the Tribulation they have an economic agreement and they form the United States of Western Europe. As it develops, these

western nations won't go along with the European nations so it is necessary for this dictator to conquer these nations and that's what we have here in this next verse.

DANIEL 7:8 "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." The little horn is the man who eventually gets control of this 10 nation federation. He is the dictator of Revelation 13 and Revelation 17 and 2 Thessalonians 2. Here he is called the little horn for he does not represent a nation himself but he becomes so powerful he takes over the nations and eventually is the dictator. Three are plucked up by the roots and this is an idiom for total destruction. So here is a European dominated world.

Now this isn't hard for us to understand, for today European thinking is dominating the world. Universal education is a European concept and we have swallowed it. And what is worse, the college mind of America is worshipping at the shrine of European philosophy. Descartes and Spinoza and their anti-biblical philosophy has become our philosophy today. And even worse Europe is ultraliberal concerning the Bible. Now our forefathers broke from European culture and founded this free nation and under the Industrial Revolution we moved out in front of the world. We had freedom and free enterprise and then toward the end of the Industrial Revolution about 1900 we were submerged by European thought again and European thinking became the order of the day. A good part of that thinking in American class rooms is European thinking. We have even allowed their thinking to get into our military and have fought the Korean and Vietnam wars without any idea that we were going in to conquer and win. They say "Now we must fight so as not to intimidate the enemy". Liberalism came from a German rationalist named Julius Wellhausen and he said the Bible is not the Bible at all. He said it is a compilation of sources D--J--P--E. So we have all these different sources for the Bible material. This liberalism swept through our theological schools and this for many destroyed the authority of the Bible. We go to Europe and bow at their shrines and we are deeply impressed with all these things. These same people in Europe despise us and they run us down and have a malicious attitude toward us. So in some tomorrow we will be conquered by the Revived Roman Empire. So these three nations will be plucked up by the roots and this dictator will rule us. "Eyes like the eyes of a man" is an idiom for a genius. This is the man described in 2 Thess. 2:8-11 and Rev. 13:8. A mouth speaking great things is described in Revelation 13:5. Now there is someone who is going to stop that dictator and stop the whole works.

DANIEL 7:9 "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." "The thrones that are cast down" refers to the Armageddon Campaign. We will study this in Daniel 11. "The ancient of Days" is Chaldean for the Eternal One and here it refers to The Lord Jesus Christ. He will return to the earth to judge the nations. This is the same description of Jesus Christ as is given in Revelation 1:14 and is a description of him at the 2nd Advent as the Judge. It

mentions here "wheels." In the ancient world most kings had thrones on wheels and they would haul that throne around and set it up where they wanted to use it for their king.

DANIEL 7:10 "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." Here we have the baptism of fire which must come before Christ will return again. Jesus is now going to judge. This is the baptism of fire. All unbelievers who are alive at the Second Advent will be removed from the earth. This fiery stream is mentioned in Matthew 3: 11-12 and Luke 3:16-17 and 2 Thess. 1:7-9. The analogy to it is Matthew 24:36-41. There are many parables on this event. "The wheat and the tares" of Matthew 13. The good and the bad fish of Matthew 13. The 10 virgins of Matthew 25 and many other passages indicating that before Christ will set up his kingdom of perfect environment on the earth, all unbelievers, pardon the expression, must be segregated, must be excluded. There will be no unbelievers on the earth at the beginning of his Millennial reign. Christ is the perfect contrast to this dictator of the Revived Roman Empire who is the quintessence of evil. Both are dictators. One is perfectly bad and one is perfectly good. Satan must go when this kingdom is set up, so Satan is cast into the pit. Religion must go, so all demons are removed from the earth. All unbelievers are removed from the earth. You can't have perfect environment on the earth with Satan present, and demons and unbelievers there. All of them will be removed. So the fiery flame is something they cannot handle. But the liberal theologians love to emphasize the humanity of Christ and they play down this element of his deity and his power.

This fiery stream will eliminate the unbeliever. Those who minister unto him are the believers of the Church Age. It means a thousand times infinite thousands. Each one will take on a demon and throw him off the earth. The unbelievers will stand before him and the books will be opened.

DANIEL 7:11 "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." Here we have the death of the dictator. He has persuaded everybody that God is dead and that he is the new God and that he has taken over the world. The books that were opened were the books of works. Rev. 19:20-21 describe the killing of this beast. His body is destroyed and given to the burning flame.

DANIEL 7:12 "As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time." Now we have some retrospect about the three first empires. The lion is Chaldea. The bear is the Persian empire. The leopard is the Macedonian or Grecian Empire. These were the great empires that dominated the Jews before the Romans. Even though these empires were destroyed, their people continued to exist in the earth. Chaldea was destroyed in 539 B.C. but Chaldeans continued to live in the earth. Persia was destroyed at the battle of Arbella, but Persians continued to live in the earth. Macedonians went down in 323 B.C. but Greeks have continued to live in the earth ever since. But when God gets through with the Roman Empire it will be different from the empires that have gone before them. There are no Assyrians on the earth today



historians is this fact. But though Chaldeans, Persians, and Greeks will continue to live in the earth, but when the Revived Roman Empire is blotted out at the second advent there will be no Romans left in the earth. The first Roman Empire went down in 476 A.D. and then the Holy Roman Empire went down before the Reformation. And this Revived Roman Empire will go down before the second advent and it will never rise again. God has yet to deal with this final Roman Empire and he will do it conclusively. A remnant of believers will be spared. These will go into the Millennium and this we will study next time.