

Daniel's Vision

Daniel 7:13-28

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I. Introduction

A. Key players

1. The *"Son of Man"* and the *"Ancient of Days"* – v. 13
2. Angels *"one of those who was standing by"* – v. 16
3. Four beasts = four kingdoms = four kings – v. 17
4. *"The Highest One"* – vs. 18, 22
5. *"The Most High"* – v. 25
6. *"saints of the Highest One"* – vs. 8, 22, 25, 27
7. *"ten horns"* – v. 20, 24
8. *"ten kings"* – v. 24
9. *"another (horn)"* – v. 24
10. *"the court"* – v. 26

B. A quick overview

1. Daniel tells the same story over and over again, adding more details each time.
2. John adds to these details even more in Revelation.
3. The fourth kingdom is the main focus and the ten horns-kings
4. The eleventh horn – the little horn is the antichrist

II. Daniel's Vision Continues

A. *"I kept looking in the night visions"* – vs. 13-15

1. *"Son of Man"* – Jesus
2. *"Ancient of Days"* – Father
3. Jesus is equal to but different from the Father
 - a. Deuteronomy 6:4; John 1:1-3, 14 and 14:9
4. The kingdom's dominion is given to King Jesus – v. 14
5. This vision *"distressed"* Daniel i.e., it pierced-alarmed him – v. 15

B. Daniel seeks help – v. 16

1. *"one of those who were standing by"* – v. 16
 - a. *"Gabriel"* – Daniel 8:16; 9:21
 - b. *"His angel"* – Daniel 6:22
 - c. *"Michael, the great prince"* – Daniel 12:1

C. The interpretation – vs. 17, 18

1. The four beasts

a. *"lion"* – v. 4

b. *"bear"* – v. 5

c. *"leopard"* – v. 6

d. *"dreadful and terrifying"* – v. 7

2. It is under the reign of this fourth kingdom that the Father chose to send His Son

a. Galatians 4:4

3. Unlike the other three kings, His kingdom will not be destroyed – v. 14

D. The interpretation expanded – vs. 19-22

1. The fourth beast is *"different from all the others"*, i.e., not like any beast of the field; huge and powerful. – v. 19

2. *"ten horns"* and *"the other horn"*, an eleventh horn who supplants three of the ten horns – v. 20

a. It is called a *"small horn"* in Daniel 8:9

- i. Daniel 11:16, 41

3. This small horn has a big mouth – v. 20

4. He wages war against the saints and for a while overpowers them – v. 21

5. *"until the Ancient of Days"* steps in – v. 22

6. *"the saints took possession of the kingdom"* – v. 22

- a. The millennium in Revelation 20

E. The interpretation expanded yet again – vs. 23-28

1. A revised Roman Empire? – v. 23

2. An eleventh horn-king – v. 24

3. He-it will be against *"the saints of the Highest One"*. His dominion will be for three and a half years. – v. 25

4. He will be destroyed forever – vs. 26-28

5. God and His people will reign forever