

***“UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES” Series***

Message #1 of 6

**“Boastful Words Against God & His People”**

*The battle for God’s kingdom in you is strong,  
And Christ will win that battle for you.*

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, 28

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Introduction of Daniel 7-12

- It’s different from Daniel 1-6
- These are Daniel’s dreams vs. the King’s dreams

Brief Chapter Overview:

- Chapter 7 - 1st year during Belshazzar
- Chapter 8 - 3rd year of Belshazzar
- Chapter 9 & 11 - 1st year of Darius
- Chapter 10 - 3rd year of Cyrus
- Chapter 12 - ?

The Nature of Hebrew Prophetic Writings -

- Very natural that prophecies are fulfilled at that time in Israel’s history, at a later time in their history, and then ultimately at the end of times. (This is true for Daniel.)

Daniel’s Attitude / Feelings (from each chapter)

- Ch. 7:28 - “deeply troubled, face turned pale, kept matter to myself”
- Ch. 8:17 - “terrified, fell prostrate”
- Ch. 8:27 - “exhausted, lay ill, appalled”
- Ch. 9:17 - prayers, petitions, fasting ... REMORSE
- Ch. 10:12, 19 - “do not be afraid”

- Ch. 10:15 - “bowed my face, was speechless”
- Ch. 10:16 - “Overcome with anguish / helpless”
- Ch. 10:17 - “my strength is gone, I can hardly breathe”
- Chapter 12:8 - “I heard but did not understand”

Abomination of Desolation - runs through all of these 6 chapters

New Testament References:

- Matthew 24, 25, 26
- Luke 21
- Revelation

Current Text:

- What are “the four winds”? – the entire world

**1. THE FOUR BEASTS / WORLD DOMINATION –**

- The Lion - Babylon Empire
- The Bear - Mede-Persians
- The Leopard - Greek Empire
- The 10 Horned Beast - Roman Empire

**2. ANCIENT OF DAYS –**

***“And the Ancient of Days took his seat.” - v.9***

Isaiah 43:11, 13 – “I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. Yes, and from ancient days I am he.”

### **3. SON OF MAN –**

*“And there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.” - v.13*

Matthew 24:30 – The sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky ... they will see the son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.”

Luke 21:27 – “they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

### **4. THE SAINTS –**

*“The saints of the Most High ...” - v.18, 21, 22, 25, 27*

#### ***THE WAR AGAINST THE SAINTS ...***

- “Waging war against the saints” - v.21
- “He will speak against the Most High and oppress ...” - v.25

“a mouth that spoke boastfully.” – v.8, 20

“the boastful words the horn was speaking” – v.11

“He will speak against the Most High” – v.25

Revelation 13:7 – “He was given power to make war against the saints.”

#### ***THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS...***

- “The Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.” - v.22
- “Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High” - v.27

- “But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever.” - v.18

Matthew 25:34 – “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

### **5. DEEP TROUBLE / OUR RESPONSE –**

*“... was deeply troubled, my face turned pale, but kept the matter to myself.” – v.28*

Luke 21:14 – “But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.”

Luke 21:18-19 - “But not a hair of your head will perish. Standing firm you will gain life.”

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