

DANIEL 7

Text: Daniel 7:1

INTRODUCTION: To a large degree this chapter parallels chapter 2 and also Rev. 13:1-10. Note that the word “vision” is plural. Daniel, chapter 7 records two or more separate visions, although, they do tie together to a great extent.

I. DANIEL’S VISIONS, vs. 1-14.

A. Four Beasts, vs. 1-12.

B. The Son of Man, vs. 13-14.

II. THE INTERPRETATION, vs. 15-28

A. Four World Empires, vs. 15-18

1. Babylon, vs. 4. Compare 2:36-38.

2. Medo-Persia, vs. 5 vs. Compare Dan. 2:39a

3. Greece, vs. 6 Compare Dan. 2:39b

4. Rome, vs. 7-12. Compare 2:40-43

5. Kingdom of God, vs. 13-18. Compare 2:44-45

B. A closer look at Rome & its war against the saints.

1. 10 horns, vs. 19-28. May be a “round” number to simply represent all the monarchs of the 4th kingdom. Many conservative scholars believe it depicts the first 10 emperors of Rome. Since some of the “horns” in the next 2 chapters can be clearly identified as individual rulers, this view is at least worthy of consideration.

NOTE: The first emperor of Rome was Augustus, not Julius. Julius would have liked to have been an emperor. If he had not been murdered, he might have become one. But he died before such an opportunity presented itself to him.

1. Augustus, 27 B.C. – 14 A.D.

2. Tiberius, 14-37 A.D.

3. Caligula, 37-41 A.D. (1st to demand worship)

4. Claudius, 41-54 A.D.

5. Nero, 54-68 A.D. (1st severe persecutor)
suicide, June 9, 68
6. Galba, 68 A.D. usurper, June 9, 68-Jan 15, 69
(7 mo.) publicly slaughtered by
praetorian guard under Otho.
7. Otho, 68 A.D. usurper, Jan 15 – Apr 16, 69,
suicide.
8. Vitellius 69A.D. usurper Apr 19 – Dec 20,
69, killed by forces under Vespasian
9. Vespasian, 69-79 A.D.
10. Titus, 79-81 A.D.
11. Domitian, 81-96 A.D. (2nd severe persec.)

2. Time, Times, & ½ a Time, vs. 25.
 - a. Dan. 12:7, scatter power of saints
 - b. Rev. 11:2, temple trodden by Heathen
 - c. Rev. 11:3, God's witnesses in sackcloth
 - d. Rev. 12:6, Woman in wilderness nourished
 - e. Rev. 12:14, Woman in wilderness nourished
 - f. Rev. 13:5, Persecutor speaks great blasphemy

NOTE: Compare James 5:17; 1 Kings 17:1-6. Many attempts to set specific dates, etc. Probably more accurate to accept 3½ years as telling more about the nature of the persecution than its duration.

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