"Daniel's Visions Interpreted" Daniel 7: 15-28

Verse 15 - 18

The vision grieves Daniel

Visions from God:

Sometimes are disturbing and unpleasant

- Daniel
- Peter (Acts 10: 9-16)

Sometimes they warn

- Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 4
- Abimelech Genesis 20

Sometimes they encourage

- Abraham having a son Genesis 15: 4

Visions from God:

Sometimes gives direction

- Paul to Macedonia - Acts 16: 9

All the time they have a <u>purpose</u>; they are important, <u>not trivial!!</u>

An angel explains the visions:

Four beasts are four kings that come from the earth (verse 17)

These will trodden down Israel - Why?

IDOLATRY

Who are the saints that receive the Kingdom?

Believers, Jews and Gentiles throughout time

Christ is the King, and we have the privilege of reigning under Him Revelation 5: 10

What an amazing and glorious future we have!!

We have no idea!! 1 John 3: 2

Verse 19 - 22

Daniel wants to know more

The fourth beast is the most troubling - *ROME!*

Remember:

Rome continues to today and will eventually become 10 kingdoms with 10 kings

Another horn which came up is antichrist, who subdues 3 horns

When antichrist gains exclusive power, his focus of attack will be the tribulation saints

What is the absolute focal point of antichrist's attack?

Israel

Why has Satan sought to destroy Israel throughout history?

<u>Genesis 3: 15</u> - the first Gospel promise

Kill the Jews and they cannot accomplish 2 requirements for Christ's return:

- 1) They must confess their national sin of rejecting Messiah Hosea 5: 15
- 2) They must plead for Jesus Messiah to return Matthew 23: 37-39

These 2 things will be accomplished at the end of the Tribulation

Satan will have his way until judgment is made in favor of the saints of the Most High!!

Most High = "El Elyon" = the elevated, True, Omnipotent Most High God!!!

Verse 23 - 28

The angel's interpretation

Verse 23 - antichrist's rule will be global, the entire earth

This cannot be Rome proper - Rome never conquered the entire earth!!

Antichrist makes no pretense - he hates God and he hates you who follow God!

Antichrist changes time and law:

- 1) Passes laws contrary to the believer
 - Could be not to teach in His name
 - We must obey God rather than man Acts 5: 29
- 2) Forces the mark of the beast; a counterfeit sealing Revelation 13: 6

Antichrist's win is short-lived, "the court will be seated, and they shall take away his dominion" (verse 26)

Satan mimics the Godhead:

Satan - - - - - - - - - - - Father
Antichrist- - - - - - - - Son
False Prophet- - - - - - Holy Spirit

Book of Life:

- contains the names of every person who was ever born Psalm 139:16
- Those who believe have their names retained in the Book of Life -

Revelation 3: 5

- The unsaved have their names blotted out of the Book of Life -

Psalm 69: 28

CONCLUSION: DANIEL'S VISIONS INTERPRETED

Daniel's visions are interpreted so that through all the epochs of time believers can study and know what is coming

Recall:

- 28% of Scripture is prophecy
- Many prophecies have been fulfilled exactly as predicted
- Based on this, we can *know* that what is predicted to occur in the future *will happen!!*

You are living in a time when many future events are coming to a head

Have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches!

MARANATHA! EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS!!