DANIEL – The Key to Revelation

Week 7 – "Daniel's Visions" – Part 2

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TEXT: Daniel 7:13-28

I. The Great Kingdom and Its Interpretation (vs. 13-14)

a. Two specific titles / two specific personages
   i. The Son of man (Jesus Christ)
   ii. The Ancient of days (God the Father)
      1. Both titles also refer to the Lord Jesus Christ, because Jesus Christ IS God (John 10:30)

b. Kingdom authority (vs. 14)
   i. Here we observe the coming Millennial kingdom of Christ and its description
      1. Supernatural – "without hands" – Daniel 2:44-45
      2. Glorious
      3. Universal – "all people, nations, and languages"
      4. Everlasting – although the kingdom of Christ on earth will only last 1000 years, it will never e destroyed. This kingdom will continue on forever in the new order (Revelation 21:1-2, 24)
   ii. These events follow a "PREMILLENNIAL" order:
      1. Gentile rule
      2. Antichrist
      3. Divine judgment
      4. Everlasting kingdom

II. Daniel's Questions (vs. 15-27)

a. Daniel is grieved and troubled (vs. 15)
   i. He who had interpreted for others, now needed divine help

b. His first question (vs. 16)
    i. Daniel consults with an angel about what he had seen. There were at least two present ("unto one of them that stood by").
        1. The ministry of angels as interpreters and messengers is a key feature of the prophecies of the Book of Daniel (8:15-16, 9:21-22, 10:10-14, 12:8).
        2. The interpretation (vs. 17-18)
c. The second question (vs. 19-22)
    i. The interpretation
        1. The "fourth beast" (the last king) is described in great detail. (vs. 7, 19)
            a. Dreadful, terrible, strong, teeth of iron, a devourer, it broke in pieces, it stomped the residue, it was diverse, it had 10 horns, it had nails of brass.
        2. The "little horn" (vs. 20-26)
            a. Daniel saw the little horn make war with the saints. These are not the "church saints", because the church is called away before the little horn is revealed. These "saints" are the Jewish remnant found in Revelation 12:13-16.
            b. The little horn symbolizes the Antichrist.
                i. His rise – There will be violence, as he will uproot three kings (vs. 20)
                ii. He will arise out of the future 10-kingdom confederation, and will usurp their power. Revelation 17:11, 13, 17.
                    1. He is anti-God (Rev. 12:5-6, 2 Thessalonians 2:4)
                    2. He will be antisemitic (Rev. 12:13,16)
                iii. His reign – vs. 25 contains a key prophetic phrase also referred to in Daniel 9:27,

Revelation 11:2, Revelation 12:6, 14, and Revelation 13:5. The phrase "time, times, and the dividing of times" means 3 ½ years, or "42 months", or 1260 days.

iv. NOTE – Daniel's "70th week" (Daniel 9:27) is a seven-year period that begins with the rapture in Heaven and the Day of the Lord on earth. During the first half of this week (3 ½ years) the Antichrist will appear as Israel's longed-for Messiah, finally ushering in peace to the Middle East. In the middle of the week, Satan will be cast down into the earth (Revelation 12:7,9) and the Antichrist will set himself up as God in the temple. Then will begin what is called the Great Tribulation (the time of Jacob's trouble) the 3 ½ years spoken of in Daniel – (Matthew 24:15-21).

v. The "little horn's" (antichrist's) demise is specified in verses 22 and 26. (Rev. 19:11-20).

3. The Glorious Kingdom (vs. 27)
    a. It is everlasting
    b. All dominions shall serve and obey the most High

4. Daniel is troubled (vs. 28)
    a. "cogitations" means "deep thinking" or "careful reflections"
    b. His countenance changed – "white as a sheet"?
    c. He kept the matter – didn't discuss it with anyone.

Study references and commentaries used in this lesson:

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