

Here's what you can be Sure of!

Intro Daniel 7:1-14

Daniel is given a panoramic dream and vision of the future history of mankind on this Planet. He receives a dream and vision of 4 Kingdoms which will rise from the earth, beginning with Babylon, then Medo Persia, then Greece, and then Rome. From the Remains of Rome a 10 future kings/rulers will arise which gives rise to Anti-Christ and his rule which God will destroy and then establish the His eternal Kingdom.

Explain Handout: Prophetic Symbols in the book of Daniel.

Exegesis: The crux of this passage concerns Daniel 7:9-14. It is commonly referred to as the Apocalyptic Son of Man passage. It is a picture of Christ coming before the throne of the father "Ancient of Days." Three major facts concern this portion of Scripture.

1. It is A vision of Heaven at the time of final Judgement. Vs. 9-10. Now **Dan 7:9** corresponds to **Revelation 4-5**. (NIV) 9 "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.
 - a. Thrones are most likely a reference to the Trinity. The Ancient of Days reference in this passage is used in reference of God. The depiction of the White clothing and hair refer to God's holiness, eternal nature and purity. The fire of the throne is represented in **Ezekiel 1:13-21**. A common representation in Scripture concerning the presence of God and his judgement **Psalms 97:2-3** (NIV) 2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. 3 Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. **In description of Jesus Christ the Apostle writes in Rev 1:14-15** (NIV) 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. It is no contradiction that the Son of Man should share the same glory since he is God the Son.
 - b. Books are opened depicting the judgement. **Rev 20:11-12** (NIV) 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **Matthew 25:31-46** corresponds to this passage as well but concerns primarily the judgement of the world. **Read on Ipad. Mal 3:16** (NIV) 16 Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

2. The little horn representing the the last ruler of the times of the Gentiles was destroyed along with his empire. Vs. 11-12
 - a. The beast is destroyed at the final judgement. **Rev 19:19-20 (NIV)** 19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.
 - b. The judgement of the nations which follows is confirmed by **Matthew 25:31-46**. And also Revelation 20:11-14 **Rev 20:11-15 (NIV)** 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
3. The fifth kingdom—the Kingdom of the Son of Man who comes with the clouds of heaven is brought in, beginning the everlasting dominion of God. These three things represent a catastrophic and radical change in History. Vs. 13-14.
 - a. The Son of Man pictured here is Jesus Christ. Jesus frequently used this title of Himself in the New Testament. **Matt 8:20 (NIV)** 20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." **Matt 16:13 (NIV)** 13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **Matt 25:31 (NIV)** 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. (**Matthew 9:6; 10:23; 11:19; 12:8, 32, 40; 13:37, 41; 16:27, 28; 17:9, 12, 22, etc.**)
 - b. He will rule the nations and receives worship. **Rev 19:15-16 (NIV)** 15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
 - c. The Son of Man coming in the clouds implies His Deity. Parallels appear in **Rev 1:7 (NIV)** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. **1 Thess 4:17 (NIV)** 17 After that, we who are still

alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **Acts 1:10-11 (NIV)** 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." **Exodus 13:21-22, Matt 24:30 (NIV)** 30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. **Isaiah 19:1; Jeremiah 4:13; Ezek 10:4 (NIV)** 4 Then the glory of the Lord rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the Lord.

d. This passage refers to the millennial reign of Christ. **Psalms 2:6-9 (NIV)** 6 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son ; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will rule them with an iron scepter ; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." **Isaiah 11:1-9 Read. Revelation 20. Graph.**

Conclusion Part 1.

Acts 1:7-8 (NIV) 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Application

The Principles of this prophetic vision!

1. God is Sovereign—He is in Control!
2. The Lord knows what will take place in the Future! He is omniscient!
3. God's Plan will prevail!
4. The Enemy's rule of evil on this planet is not forever!
5. The Bible is the divinely inspired word of God! **2 Tim 3:16-17 (NIV)** 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Peter 1:19-21 (NIV)** 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must

understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

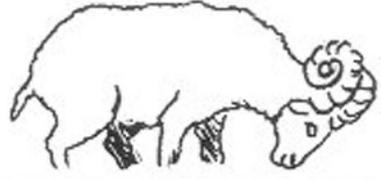
6. There will be a Day of Judgement!
7. The saints will reign with Christ! **1 Cor 6:2-3 (NIV)** 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!
8. God speaks to his people through dreams and visions! **Acts 2:17-21 (NIV)** 17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.[3]
9. Jesus is Lord always—He deserves all the glory, all the honor, all the praise, all of our worship! Worship of Jesus is what happens in heaven and on earth forever!

Conclusion Part 2.

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2 Peter 3:11-14 (NIV) 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

Prophetic Symbols in the book of Daniel

		DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	
BABYLON					
MEDO-PERSIA					
GREECE					<p>A NOTABLE HORN (V.5)</p> <p>4 HORNS ARISE (V.8)</p>
ROME				<p>THE EXCEEDINGLY GREAT HORN</p> 	
DIVIDED ROME		 <p>10 HORNS</p>	<p>THE LITTLE HORN</p> 		
GOD'S KINGDOM		STONE CUT OUT	SPEAKS GREAT WORDS (V.25)	HORN MAGNIFIES HIMSELF (V.11)	
		STONE DESTROYS IMAGE	PERSECUTES SAINTS (V.25)	HOST AND STARS CAST DOWN BY THE HORN (V.10)	
		BECOMES MOUNTAIN	TRIES TO CHANGE LAWS (V.25)	DAILY SACRIFICE REMOVED PLACE OF SANCTUARY CAST DOWN, TRUTH CAST DOWN (V.11, 12)	
		JUDGEMENT SITS (V.26)	CHRIST RECEIVES KINGDOM (V. 14)	THE SANCTUARY CLEANSED (V.14)	
		BEAST DESTROYED (V11)	SAINTS INHERIT KINGDOM (V.22)	HORN BROKEN WITHOUT HAND (V.25)	