

GODLESS KINGDOMS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Daniel 7

“And four great beasts came up from the sea ...” (Dan 7:3)

“Behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds ...” (Dan 7:13)

Kingdom	Symbol	Representative
Babylon (7:4; 2:37-38)	A Lion	Nebuchadnezzar
Persia (7:5; 2:39)	A Bear	Cyrus
Greece (7:6; 2:39)	A Leopard	Alexander the Great
Rome (7:7-8; 2:40-43)	A One-Horned Monster with Terrible Teeth	Historical: Roman Caesars Prophetical: Antichrist
Everlasting Kingdom (7:9-14; 2:44-45)	The Son of Man	The Lord Jesus Christ

THE HORNS OF THE HEATHEN

Daniel 8

Kingdom Medes and Persians	Symbol A Two-Horned Ram (8:1-4, 20)	Representative Darius III
Greece	A One-Horned Goat (8:5-8, 21-22)	Alexander
Past Syria	Two Little-Horned Kings (8:9-20, 23-27)	Antiochus Epiphanes
Revived Roman Empire		Antichrist

Comparing Daniel's "Little Horn" with Revelation's "Antichrist"

- Both would conquer much (Dan 8:9; Rev 13:4).
- Both would magnify themselves (Dan 8:11; Rev 13:15).
- Both would be masters of deceit (Dan 7:25; 2 Thes 2:10).
- Both would offer a false "peace program" (Dan 8:25; 1 Thes 5:2-3).
- Both would hate and persecute Israel (Dan 8:25; Rev 12:13).
- Both would profane the Temple (Dan 8:11; Matt 24:15).
- Both would be energized by Satan (Dan 8:24; Rev 13:2).
- Both would be active in the Middle East for about seven years (Dan 8:14; 9:27; Rev 12:14).
- Both would speak against the Lord God (Dan 8:25; 2 Thes 2:4; Rev 13:1).
- Both would be utterly destroyed by God (Dan 8:25; Rev 19:19-20).

THE SECRET OF THE SEVENTY SEVENS Daniel 9

Daniel: The Prayer of a Prophet

Time of the Prayer	First year of Persian rule, 538 BC (9:2)
Occasion for the Prayer (9:2)	Daniel's understanding of Jeremiah's prophecy
Basis for the Prayer	The promise of God (9:4) The mercy of God (9:9, 18)
Confession in the Prayer	"We have sinned" (9:5, 8-9, 11, 15-16)
Requests in the Prayer	That God would bring them out of Babylon as he once did out of Egypt (9:15) That God would forgive (9:19) That God would allow the Temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem (9:16-17)
Answer to Prayer	"Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer ... Gabriel ... touched me" (9:21)

Gabriel: The Prophecy of An Angel

Questions

Answers

To Whom Does the Prophecy Refer? Israel ([9:24](#))

What Are the Seventy Weeks?

They refer to 490 years.

When Would This Period Begin?

At the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls.
March 14, 445 BC

What Are the Three Time Periods within the Seventy Weeks? What Happened During Each Period?

Seven "weeks" or forty-nine years
From 445-396 BC. Walls of Jerusalem to be rebuilt in troublous times.

Sixty-two "weeks" or 434 years
From 396 BC–32 AD. Messiah to be crucified

Church Age

One "week" or seven years
From Rapture to Armageddon
Ministry of Antichrist and return of true Christ.