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Daniel 7:3



Today's message begins with page 13 of last Sunday's message.



- 1 But in Chapter 7 these same empires are viewed in the form of ferocious animals—showing how God views mankind.
- 2 While the Sovereignty of God is seen in all 12 Chapters of Daniel ... especially to the Gentiles, in the last 6 Chapters, God's Perfect Righteousness is the emphases.
NOTE: Daniel 9:7, 14, 16, 24 and 12:3.
- 3 The last 6 Chapters are concerned directly with the Jews and with the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, while the first 6 chapters are concerned with the nations of the Times of The Gentiles. Therefore, the emphasis is that God is Sovereign over all events of history, the rise and fall of nations and of kings.
- 4 In the first 6 chapters,. Gentiles are having the Dreams and Visions while in the last 6 chapters only believers, namely Daniel.
- 5 In the first 6 chapters Daniel interpreted the various kings dreams while in the dreams of Daniel an angel comes from God to interpret to Daniel the mystery of his dreams. A study of Revelation reveals that an angel comes to John to interpret the various dreams and visions and symbols of John. Angels are so important to the history of man and the work of Jesus Christ. Few people know of the intricate details of the invisible warfare.

Daniel's dream covers the same vision as Nebuchadnezzar's dream in chapter 2. Nebuchadnezzar's dream--a statue of the Times of the Gentiles from man's perspective; while Daniel's dream covers the same nations but from God's perspective.

What is important in verse 1 is that phrase *in his mind*-- this is where we learn the Word of God; you have to think; you need to use your mind, not your emotions, TO LEARN AND GROW IN THE **WORD OF GOD**.

Now you don't want to lay down and sleep and expect to grow in the Knowledge of the Word of God...or any other subject!

then he wrote the dream down under the direction of God through the leading of Holy Spirit.

² Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

This verse introduces the importance of symbols throughout the bible, namely in prophetic books like *Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, and Revelation*, which we have already studied.

The four winds of heaven and the great sea introduces us to a brief understanding of Biblical symbols.

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| 1 | The interpretation, understanding of symbols, is not left to the imagination of the interpreter. They are not to be understood subjectively. |
| 2 | Symbols throughout the bible are to be understood by comparing scripture with scripture. In almost every case, symbols are clarified in the Word of God. |
| 3 | So, Prophetic literature demands knowledge of other scripture. For example, you cannot limit your understanding of the great sea to the book of Daniel. You have to investigate other passages of history. |
| 4 | Symbols are to be interpreted consistently throughout the bible. There are not a multitude of interpretations of these symbols. Therefore, you must be very careful whom you listen to in the teaching of the Word of God. |

- 5 We have seen how the bible is purposefully written to reveal and conceal. Well, this is particularly seen in prophetic passages. These are designed by God for believers only, and those who are filled with The Holy Spirit. So, it is deliberately written for the unbelievers to be confused, and uncertain.
- 6 For an extended look at symbols see our introduction to the book of Revelation.

The four winds of heaven

- 1 Four, introduces the completeness of this chaos, The wind comes from all four directions of the compass.
- 2 But it is obvious that this does not refer to 4 literal winds for the literal winds do not blow human history, do not blow one nation down and another up.
- 3 First, let us look at the Hebrew word for wind. It is "**ruach**". But this is The same word for 'spirit'. Remember that the Hebrews thought in terms of concreteness not abstractly
- 4 So when it says the **four winds of heaven**, they were thinking in terms of **Spiritual Forces** stirring up The Great Sea. So this is a reference to the acting of God, the Sovereignty of God acting in history.
- 5 This also introduces the Invisible Warfare. In some of these passages as in Revelation 7, the four winds from heaven refers to angelic forces at work in human history. You should be seeing by now that angels are very much involved in human history. As in Daniel 7 where an angel gives interpretation of Daniel's dream to Daniel . Secular history basis this turmoil in history on military forces, economic forces, religious forces, etc. They, of course, cannot see the angelic participation in the 4 winds of heaven. The rise and fall of nations is from the Sovereignty of God in directing these angelic forces. There is so much to continually learning about the invisible warfare.

We also have Four empires here and in each case a wind destroys them, and the

wind acts upon the sea of nations.

The four winds of heaven as these nations become more and more perverted the winds from heaven will come and destroy that nation.

Winds violation of the Plan of God

Great Sea If we stay with the fact that the Bible explains the symbols then we have both a literal and figurative application.

All through the bible 'the great sea' refers to the Mediterranean Sea, (Numbers 34:6) around which all these empires will predominately rise and fall. The Mediterranean is the center all through the Bible with Palestine as the center of human history in the Eyes of God. Note how much we hear and read about the countries around the Great Sea or the Mediterranean. Then in the bible, 'great sea' also is used to refer to people or nations of the world, the mass of humanity. (Revelation 17:15)

But *Stirring up* requires a little insight:

First note what is going on: **F**our winds of heaven were stirring up the **G**reat **S**ea---that is The four winds of heaven were acting on the people and nations of the world.

The <NIV> were stirring up the great sea

<KJ> strove upon the great sea

<NASV> churning up the great sea

But *Stirring up* requires a little insight:

Stirring up; strove upon; churning up

This Aramaic word does not mean to stir up or even to strive; The word means *to break forth –bursting forth* –as the sea is calm then comes the great 4 winds of heaven—to bring forth a new power to rule in the Times of the Gentiles. A new empire breaks forth in history of man, among the great sea of humanity.

- 1 The study of the sea is so vital throughout the Bible. Not long ago we spent a great deal of time on Ancient Near Eastern Mythology where we saw that the sea was always chaos against God.
- 2 You will recall that in Genesis 1:2 the sea is called ‘the deep’ into which The fallen angels of the prehistoric battle were cast.
- 3 Then we spent some time on four great sea monsters throughout the Bible, beginning with Leviathan a mythical picture of the serpent of old, who is Satan, The Seven Headed dragon, in Job 3:8, 41:1; Psalm 104:26; Isaiah 27:1; and Rahab in Job 9:13; 26:12 and Psalm 89:10. Also Behemoth; and Tan-nim translated ‘sea monsters’ or as <NIV> ‘the monster of the deep’ but if you look at the Hebrew **tanniyn** you will find this is a name of a mystical 7 headed dragon in Near Eastern Mythology.
- 4 And if we see this Leviathan as to who he is, Job says “who rouses Leviathan”—tells us that it is God who arouses these various nations out of the Sea—mass of humanity.
- 5 Then in Job 38:11, we read where God is in control of just how much these nations (sea monsters) shall move about and conquer. Job 38:11

¹¹ and I said “thus far you shall come but no farther, And here shall your proud waves stop”

Note again the emphases on the arrogance of the monsters and of mankind.

6 Then in Revelation 7 we have a pertinent Scripture: Revelation 7:1

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth those who dwell on the earth, or on the sea, empire of Revised Roman Empire or on any tree refer to believers on earth. And the reason for holding back the four winds is until all believers were sealed on their foreheads.

7 Then in Revelation 13:1 The beast comes out of the sea.

And finally in Revelation 21:1 we saw that in the eternal state ‘there is no longer any sea’. Now you have any a better understanding as to why there will be no sea in the new heaven and earth!

So the deep or the sea is vital to the study of the bible, where here in Daniel 7 it refers to the mass of humanity, out of which these nations shall rise in history. But always remember only by the permission of God, and they go no further than allowed by God.

³ And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

1 These animals are all ferocious man-eating animals and are not known to be tamed.

2 Don't forget that Daniel has a foundation for this dream from Nebuchadnezzar's dream

in chapter 2.

3 It is significant that the Holy Spirit spends only 2 verses on the interpretation of the first 3 beasts. (12 and 17) whereas most of the chapter is concerned with the interpretation of the 4th Terrible Beast. That is on the Revised Roman Empire and the Anti-Christ and the return of Jesus Christ to crush the Revised Roman Empire and set up His own kingdom.

The first 3 will be further described in Daniel 8.

The first 3 empires will cover hardly 900 years while the fourth beast will cover already some 2000 years.

One of the important reasons for so much time spent on this fourth beast, here in Daniel and in Revelation, is that it's destruction by Jesus Christ is to give the Jews and Gentile—Christians hope in regard to where history is going.

The Wisdom of Daniel is how to live under Gentile rule, under the arrogant violence of Gentile rule. We are to continue in faith, in trusting the Holy Spirit and the Plan of God. We have here in Bible prophecy the fulfillment of the first three beasts and the first part of the fourth in Ancient Rome and therefore have full assurance that Jesus Christ is in control of all history. And that Jesus Christ will put down this Satan and all who follow him, angelic or human

4 Why this change from gold...silver, etc. to 4 beasts?

Man's view...chapter 2and.....chapter 7 –God's view of man

Man's view is that of a glorious statue to be worshiped, that is man is to be worshiped.

The glory of man! But now in Chapter 7 God shows the true nature of this ignoble mankind.

People become animals ---nations become animals –like Nebuchadnezzar

5 Each of these 4 beasts come up from fallen, rebellious, unstable humanity—the sea.

(Americans are looking more and more like animals—

dress like Animals—compatible with no norms and standards; immorality, no thinking; whenever you have a large mass of people who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior, who have no Biblical Truth, are acted upon by demonic forces and doctrines of demons, you have animal behavior in all areas from morality to mob-like mentality) Same image as of Daniel 2; only different picture...lessons

6 NOTE verse 17...tells us that these 4 beasts represent **four kings who will arise from the earth—the great sea.**

7 These 4 kings are represented by man-eating animals because man-killing animals and kings who are driven by a one world government are both destructive to mankind.

8 Of The four beasts: the lion, the bear, the leopard, and a terrible beast, two are most familiar to Jewish history, namely the lion and the bear.
1 Samuel 17:34-37; Hosea 13:8, Amos 5:19 and Proverbs 28:15⁵

¹⁵ *Like a roaring lion,
and a rushing bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people.*

To see how ferocious the lion can be look back at Daniel 6:24.

²⁴ The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

9 Man will devour man! This is true of Christians not the filled with the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:15 Man's philosophy starts with man and man always kills man.

The bible starts with God, who always elevates man.

Man's view of one world government, starts with man who always destroys man. The Muslims plan on killing everyone who does not believe in Allah. Again we turn to Revelation during the 7 years.

The Dictator of the Revised Roman Empire and the false prophet(s) of Israel will be responsible for multitudes of death...both believers, Jews and even unbelievers Gods view in the millennium starts with Jesus Christ and the welfare of man.

10 A formula has been developed by someone:

Out from the sea—fallen humanity plus the 4 winds of demonic influence acting on fallen humanity – that is upon the seas out of which come the beast = animal behavior –pictured in Daniel 7.

Fallen humanity plus demonic influence = **animal behavior**.

Different as to its origin

1st –Chaldean 2nd Medo-Persian 3rd over to Macedonia 4th Rome

Verse 4 Rise of The Chaldean Empire

4th “The first *was* like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

Chaldean-warriors –Nabopolasser—united the 5 tribes then he turned against Nineveh.

His son—Nebuchadnezzar (606-605 bc) taking Daniel to Babylon.

Then from Nebuchadnezzar down, rulers were weaker than the one before
Evil Merdoc—Nebuchadnezzar – Nabonidus – Belshazzar.

The lion is a combination of power and speed (some have power,
Some have speed), but a **LION**—combines both—**King of Beast**

The **lion** has great power in its mouth—its jaws, its teeth.

You will recall that the Anti-Christ in the Tribulation will have a mouth like a **lion!**
Powerful mouth—it's jaws and teeth will soon conquer the world to set up
it's one world government.

The **Chaldean Empire** —one of the great empires of all time,

1st in Time of Gentile

With wings of an eagle swift fighters –swoops and hits and kills;

(Ezekiel 17:3) When you combine power and speed of a lion with
the swiftness of an eagle you have why the Chaldean Empire rose
so quickly and became the first empire of time of the Gentiles.

What is interesting is that today, in the British Museum one can
see the winged lions carved in stone that once guarded Babylon.

This is seen in Isaiah 8:8

Wings were plucked **Introduces the decline and fall of the Babylonian
Empire. Two things happened:**

1st Military broke down by weakness, pleasure, prosperity; and arrogance.

2nd Dismantling of the empire....economic disasters loss of wealth by economic arrogance

It was lifted up from the ground...a picture of the restoration of Nebuchadnezzar

Man's heart was given to it restoration by the gospel and by advance doctrine given to Nebuchadnezzar

Verse 5 The Bear—Medo-Persian Empire

5 “And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear.

And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’

Bear—power and agility – BIG...difficult to deal with.

Powerful paw –formation of great power.

Again the final Anti-Christ will have feet of a bear—great power and agility in overtaking the world.

Persia—became great –objective thinking in education...

Raised up on one side this bear is different from all other bears;

he has a hitch—lopsided; indicating that the Persian Empire

became more powerful than the Medes and was therefore lopsided – 3 ribs in his mouth

three ribs in its mouth between its teeth the mouth and teeth of a bear are large and powerful and frightening.

The three ribs refer to the 3 great conquest of Cyrus the Great

1st rib—Conquest of The Medes –549 bc

2nd rib—Kingdom of Lydia (now Turkey and Greece) –invention of coined money is credited to Croesus, the last king of Lydia to fall to Cyrus in 546 bc

3rd Conquest of Babylon in –539 bc

and thus they said to it this is being said to Cyrus, but who is doing the talking? Most likely it is one of the demonic angels of the four winds who causes a new empire to break forth.

Devour much flesh This empire conquered Greece to India...and Arabia in The south.

Most of all this came under the believer Cyrus: Isaiah 41:1-

In 24 years Cyrus conquered all this.

verse 3 he--Cyrus

verses 1-8

Isaiah 44:28

Under Cyrus—great. period of evangelization of the gospel

He understood the importance of the Temple as a means of communicating God's message...

Isaiah 45:1 His Shepherd...now His anointed

Isaiah 45 verses 1-13—Rebuild Jerusalem

God Uses Cyrus

Isaiah 45

¹ Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed,
Whom I have taken by the right hand,
To subdue nations before him
And to loose the loins of kings;
To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

² “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth;
I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.

³ “I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden wealth of secret places,
So that you may know that it is I,
The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

⁴ “For the sake of Jacob My servant,
And Israel My chosen *one*,
I have also called you by your name;
I have given you a title of honor
Though you have not known Me.

⁵ “I am the LORD, and there is no other;
Besides Me there is no God.
I will gird you, though you have not known Me;

⁶ That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
That there is no one besides Me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,

⁷ The One forming light and creating darkness,
Causing well-being and creating calamity;
I am the LORD who does all these.

God's Supreme Power

⁸ “Drip down, O heavens, from above,
And let the clouds pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open up and salvation bear fruit,
And righteousness spring up with it.
I, the LORD, have created it.

⁹ “Woe to *the one* who quarrels with his Maker—
An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth!
Will the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’

Or the thing you are making *say*, ‘He has no hands’?

¹⁰ “Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’
Or to a woman, ‘To what are you giving birth?’”

¹¹ Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:

“Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons,
And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

¹² “I who made the earth, and created man upon it.
I stretched out the heavens with My hands
And I ordained all their host.

¹³ “I have aroused him in righteousness
And I will make all his ways smooth;
He will build My city and will let My exiles go free,
Without any payment or reward,” says the LORD of hosts.

Captives go free—end of 70 years of captivity

Ezra 1

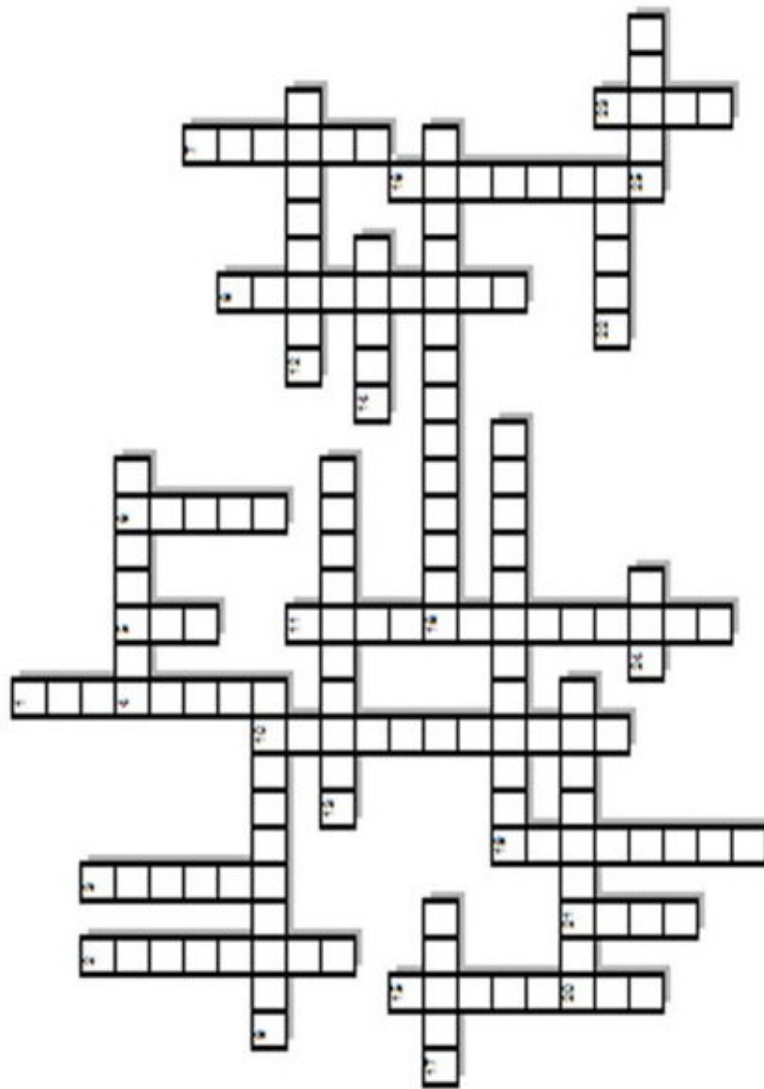
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DANIEL

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The LOGO of †CROSS (of Christ) † plus †WORD (of God) † is no shadowy puzzle. Everything is made very clear in the LIGHT of the Cross, Jesus Christ.

It is written "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

.....drawing created by James Webb

ACROSS

- 4) The King spoke to Daniel. "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself () you."
- 9) Galatians 5:22-23 tells us "But the fruit of the spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, (), self-control, against such things there is no law."
- 12) We are to walk by faith and no matter what happens, keep on () God.
- 13) Like each of us can have, Daniel had an extraordinary spirit, filled with the Word of God and empowered by () 2words)
- 14) And therefore we should live each day for Christ, knowing that death is gain, in being with JESUS CHRIST It is unfortunate that some believers want to go home before God's perfect timing because they have not found THE () THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING, while others try to hold on to this life because they have not discovered in the Word of God the joy of being face to face with JESUS CHRIST
- 14) Galatians 5:22-23 tells us "But the fruit of the spirit is Love, Joy, (), Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law."
- 18) Daniel's four visions included 1) the three beasts, 2) the fourth beast with 10 horns and the little horn, 3) The Ancient of Days and Judgment, and 4) The Son of Man and His Kingdom; These came the visions of an angel, to give () of the visions.
- 20) We are to continue to grow in the Word of God to stand against the schemes of Satan as said in Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the () 2words) of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."
- 22) "He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the ():"
- 24) Galatians 5:22-23 tells us "But the fruit of the spirit is Love, (), Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law."
- 25) At the end of seven years of Tribulation Jesus Christ comes as the Crushing () of Daniel 2.

DOWN

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- 2) Galatians 5:22-23 tells us "But the fruit of the spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, (), Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law."
- 3) In our study, () was captive in a foreign land; je not a Mead or Persian; he not even a Babylonian; yet God placed him over the 120 heads of State.
- 5) To entrap Daniel they used the King's (), just as the Sanhedrin did to get Jesus crucified, using both the Jewish and Roman (same word).
- 6) EXILE / The Book of Daniel gives an historical record of God promoting Jews in a time of ().
- 7) Daniel 7:10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving () before his God, as he had been doing previously.
- 8) Now it should be noted that God did not reveal the () 2words) to Daniel or to any of the writers of the Old Testament.
- 10) Galatians 5:22-23 tells us "But the fruit of the spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, gentleness, () 2words), against such things there is no law."
- 11) The solution to jealousy is () 2words); for it is without jealousy.
- 15) Throughout Church-history there has been multiple plans to get rid of all Jews and thwart God's promises to the Jews; yet they, the Jews, are still here with us because God is ().
- 19) Verse 6 says "then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, live forever!". But this was a case of using () of the King to trap Daniel.
- 21) () is patient, and is kind and is not jealous; and does not brag and is not arrogant,
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- 4) DELIVER 9) GENTLENESS 12) TRUSTING 13) HOLY SPIRIT 14) PEACE
- 17) PEACE 18) INTERPRETATION 20) FULL ARMOR 22) LIONS 24) JOY 25) STONE
- 1) KINDNESS 2) PATIENCE 3) DANIEL 5) I AW 6) EXILE 7) THANKS 8) CHURCH AGE
- 10) SELF CONTROL 11) SPIRITUAL LOVE 15) FAITHFUL 19) FLATTERY 21) LOVE
- 25) LOVE 20) GOODNESS 19) FAITHFULNESS