

Module 2 – The Book of Daniel

Module 2 - 2a - Dan 2 & Dan 7

Recap

- WHEN you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel
- And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.
- Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
- Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect
- So, let's take a look at a few key verses in Daniel, to orient ourselves. Then we will systematically go thru the book of Daniel

Preparation – Parts of Daniel have been fulfilled, other parts are yet to come.

- **Does Daniel talk about the Tribulation** > Dan 12:1
 - Dan 12:1b HCSB And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time
 - Jer 30:7 HCSB How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.
 - Tribulation = Time of Distress/Trouble
 - Greek thlipsin = ṣā·rāh or tṣā·rāh or tsar (ph leap sin)
- **Followed by resurrection**
 - Dan 12:2 ESV many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
 - Jer 30:9 ESV But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.
 - Isa 26:19 NIV But your dead will live, Lord; their bodies will rise—let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy—your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

Both describe the Tribulation as described by Jesus followed by resurrection

Module Two – The Book of Daniel

- Daniel was the first study I ever did
 - Daniel - the key to unlocking the Revelation
- 5 Dreams & Visions - This week - Dan 2, 7, next episode Dan 9
 - God has one story he is telling about Jesus and his 1st and 2nd coming
- Interpretations of the Dreams & Visions
 - Prophecies are approx. 550 years before Christ first coming
 - Daniel uses Symbology to show Literal Events > Real history of the world
 - All point to Christ 1st coming kingdom, then jump to the time that leads to 2nd coming

Genesis 41 Pharaoh's Dream & Joseph's Interpretation

7 years of abundance

7 years of famine

Genesis 41:32 NIV The reason the dream is given in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon

God has given us 5 accounts in Daniel alone of the end times, It must be firmly decided

Daniel 2

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

- Nebuchadnezzar has a dream
 - He refuses to tell the wise men his dream and is ready to kill all of the wise men unless they first tell the dream
 - Daniel gets his three friends together and they pray to God for an answer
- Dan 2 27-30 ESV
 - 27 Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, 28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: 29 To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. 30 But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

God wants Nebuchadnezzar to know the future → He wants us to know too!

Latter Days / Last Days

We need to study this term using the original text because many modern translations neglect the original meaning. It is clear in the new testament that when Paul and the disciples addressed this issue, it is implied that their audience had a clear understanding of what the term meant. As such, we need to also examine old testament text just as Jesus did. We will do this by using the Jewish hermeneutics. That brings us to words, one in Greek and one in Hebrew!

In the new Testament the Greek word ἔσχατος (eschatos) is used: The word is pronounced as "es-kuh-tos" with the emphasis on the first syllable.

Meaning: "Last, final, utmost". This word is the root of the English word "eschatology," which is the study of the "last days" or the end times.

In the Old Testament the Hebrew words (bə·'a·ḥă·rîṭ hay·yā·mîm), "in the latter days" or "in the last days" and

Scripture is consistent in old and new testament – do these terms relate

Latter Days / Last Days

NEW TESTAMENT: Eschatos

- 2 Timothy 3:1-7 ESV: Paul writes about the dangers of the "last days". But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.
- 2 Peter 3:3-7 ESV: Peter speaks of the "last days" and the coming of the Lord. 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming?"
- Jesus refers to himself as the first and the last in Revelation 22¹³ Jesus refers to himself as first and the last and the alpha and omega (aleph and tav)

Timothy, Peter and John had no need to explain what they meant by this term which implies their audience KNEW!

They were not talking about a near term event since Israelites were currently gathered together in Israel prior to destruction of the temple in 70 AD

Latter Days / Last Days

In our first podcast, we mentioned using Jewish Hermeneutics – PaRDeS; the first two were

- Peshat - The simple or straightforward meaning
- Remez - The 'hinted' meaning of the text > by following text to other parts of bible to reveal deeper insight

So, what clues do we have from the old testament Hebrew to the new testament Greek

Jeremiah 30:24 ESV The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intentions of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.

Isaiah 2:2 ESV It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

Jeremiah 49:39 ESV “But in the latter days I will restore the fortunes of Elam, declares the LORD.”

Ezekiel 38:16 ESV You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Dan 10:14 ESV and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

We will further define this term as we continue our study

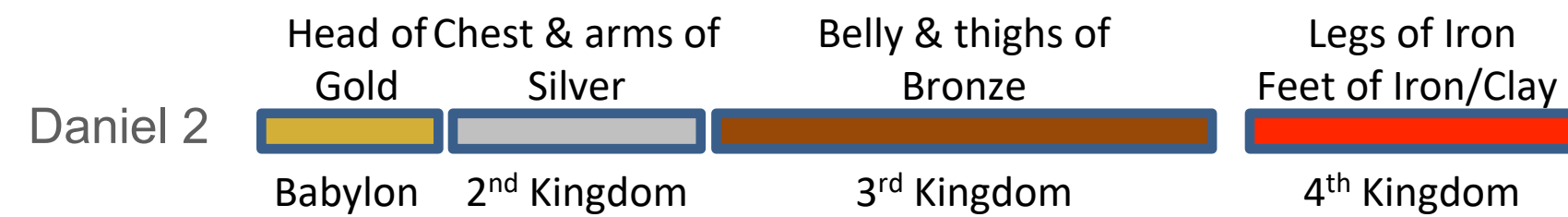
Latter Days / Last Days

- Finally, is this concept consistent with modern day Jewish translations?
- For this we will compare James 5:3 ESV with the CJB and the OJB
- ESV ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.
- Complete Jewish Bible (CJB) uses the term *bə·'a·ḥă·rîṭ hay·yā·mîm* for this term in place of the Greek word *eschalos*

• Bottom line: Scripture is consistent in old and new testament

Daniel 2 ESV

The Dream

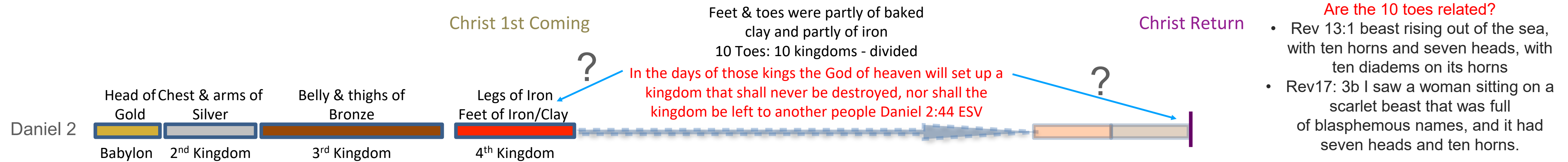


31 “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32 The **head of this image was of fine gold**, its **chest and arms of silver**, its **middle and thighs of bronze**, 33 **its legs of iron**, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Dan 2 31-35 ESV

Daniel 2 ESV

The Interpretation



37 You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, 38 and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—**you are the head of gold.** 39 Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 40 And there shall be a **fourth kingdom, strong as iron**, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. **And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.** 41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. 42 **And as the toes of the feet** were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 And **in the days of those kings** the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this.

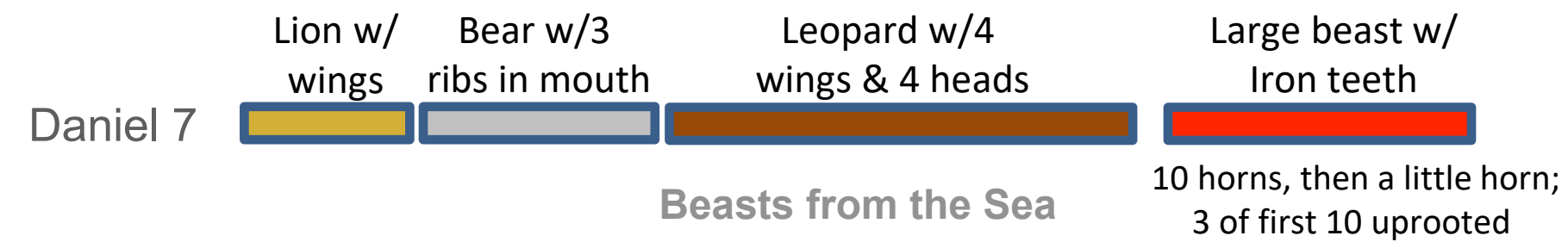
The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

Dan 2 37-45 ESV

Interesting how interpretation adds details on toes
Is it about ancient Rome or Future?

Daniel 7 ESV

Vision

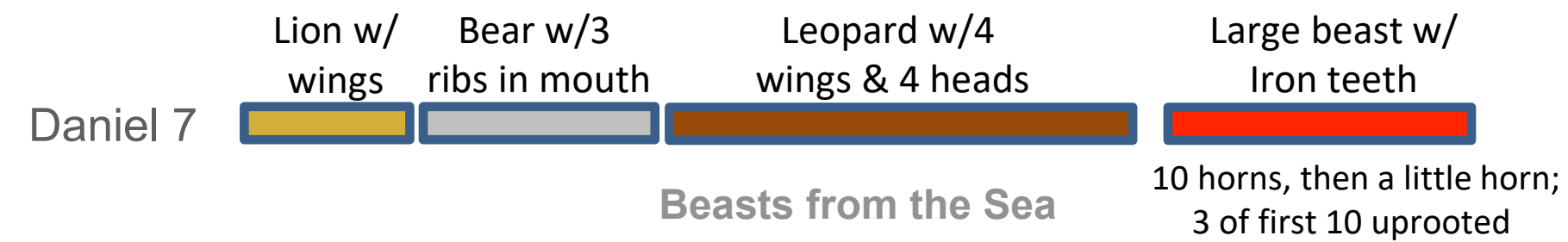


² Daniel declared, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.⁴ The *first was like a lion and had eagles' wings*. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵ And behold, another beast, a *second one, like a bear*. It was raised up on one side. It had *three ribs in its mouth* between its teeth; and it was told, ‘Arise, devour much flesh.’ ⁶ After this I looked, and behold, *another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads*, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth**; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, ***in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.***

Dan 7 2-8 ESV

Daniel 7 ESV

Vision



- Ancient of Days holds court in judgement- books open Daniel 7:9-10

Beast slain & thrown in fire
Daniel 7:11

Millennial Rule

- Other beasts dominion taken away, allowed to live for season of time and a time
- One like the son of man coming on the clouds, approached Ancient of Days, given authority, glory, and sovereign power, has an everlasting dominion.

Daniel 7:12-14,

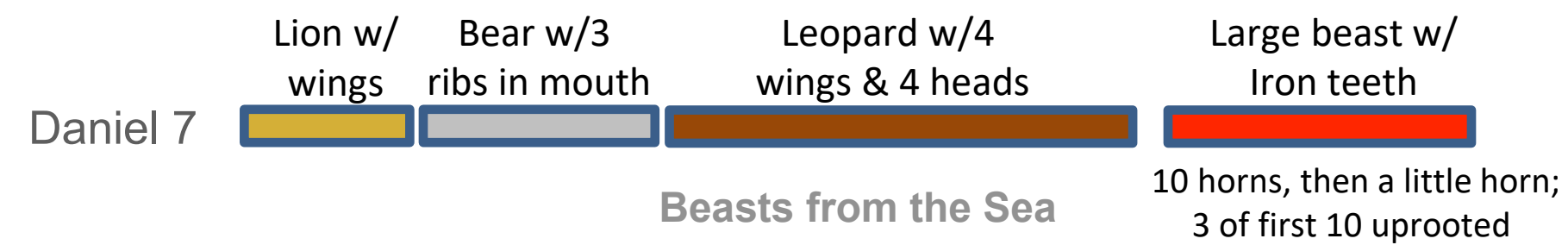
⁹ “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Dan 7 9-14 ESV

Daniel 7 ESV

Interpretation



- Ancient of Days holds court in judgment- books open Daniel 7:9-10
- Takes away the 4th Beast's dominion, and gives it to the Son of Man Daniel 7:26-27

Beast slain & thrown in fire
Daniel 7:11

Millennial Rule

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- One like the son of man coming on the clouds, approached Ancient of Days, given authority, glory, and sovereign power, has an everlasting dominion. Daniel 7:12-14,

¹⁵ “As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.

God provides answer through an angel – We have can confidence in it

Daniel 7 ESV

Interpretation



17 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.' 19 "Then I desired to know the truth about the **fourth beast**, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, **with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze**, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, 20 and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. 21 ***As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.***

23 "Thus he said: 'As for the **fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces.**

24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. 25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. (3.5 years)

26 **But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.** 27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

Gospels - Jesus view of the End Times

View 1

“See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. Matthew 24:5-8; Mark 13:5b-8 ESV

9 “Then they will deliver you up to **tribulation** and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matt 24:9-14 ESV

9 “But be on your guard; for they will hand you over to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 And when they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time; for you are not the ones speaking, but it is the Holy Spirit. 12 And brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 And you will be hated by everyone because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved. Mark 13:9-13 ESV

15 “So when you see the **abomination of desolation** spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. Matthew 24:15-20, Mark 13:14-20 ESV

21 For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. Matthew 24:21-26 ESV

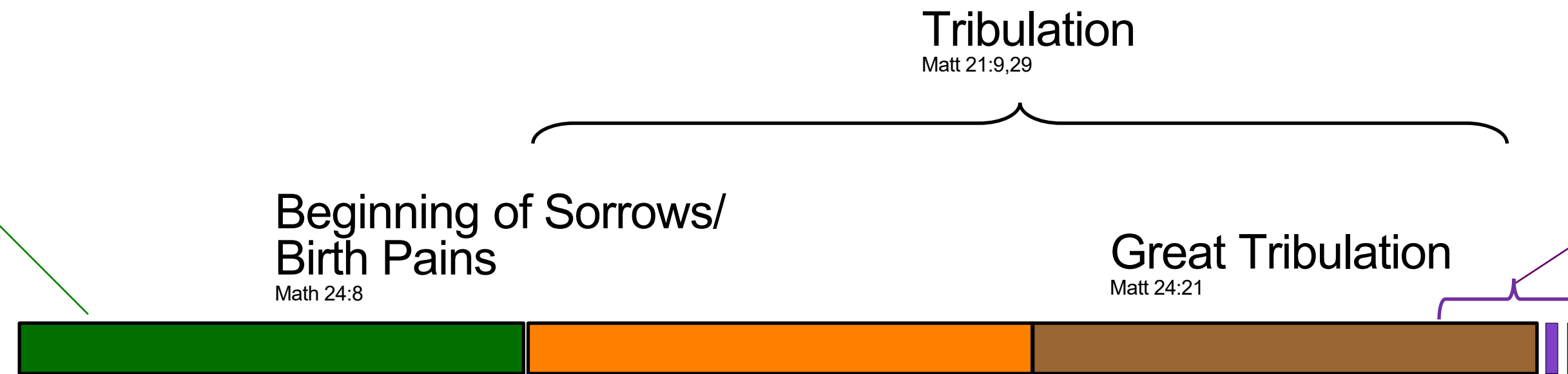
19 because those will be **days of distress unequalled from the beginning**, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again. 20 “If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. 21 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time. Mark 13:24-25 ESV

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. Matthew 24: 27-28

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24: 29-31, Mark 13:24-27 ESV



Daniel 7

Interpretation – Already Fulfilled? Did we miss it?



- Dan 7:25 is the great tribulation Jesus describes in Matt 24:21-28

Do the saints currently possess the Kingdom?

- No! Dan 7:22 was not fulfilled in AD70
- Did they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds in AD70 – No!
- They didn't miss it ... you can't miss the Christ's return Matt 24:29-31

2 Thes 2: 1-3 ESV

1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him....

3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

- Who is the little horn that tries to change the set times and law – the man of lawlessness

This horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom. -- Fulfilled in Ancient times -- No!

Daniel 7

Interpretation



25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAY AND NIGHT

Jer 33:20 NIV This is what the Lord says: *'If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, 21 **then my covenant with David my servant**—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—**can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne.**'*

Satan will try to change the set times and laws [gravity, time, space], but cannot

Precision of the Universe

Earth Tropical rotation: 365.24219 days

Length of earth day: 23 hours 56 minutes and 4 seconds (36,484 sec)

- Fundamental Constants:
 - The speed of light: 299,792,458 meters per second
 - Gravitational constant: $6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2$ (force between two objects)
 - Planck Constant (h): $6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{J}\cdot\text{s}$ the smallest amount of energy that can be emitted or absorbed as a quantum of electromagnetic radiation.
 - electron rest mass $9.10938356 \times 10^{-31}$ kilogram
 - proton rest mass $1.672621898 \times 10^{-27}$ kilogram
 - neutron rest mass $1.674927471 \times 10^{-27}$ kilogram

Everything in universe is precisely created – science simply discovers what God done!

Precision of the Universe

Hebrews 11:3 (ESV) ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Romans 1:20 (ESV) ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Everything was planned since the creation and cannot be changed
GOD as creator has this power, Satan does not!

Josh 10 – “The Longest Day” – the sun and moon stood still for a whole day
Is it crazy to think this happened, or is it crazier to think that the creator cannot affect his
creation

Daniel's Prophecies - Wrap Up



Daniel is telling one story ➤ Each prophecy fills in the gap
There are no contradictions with Matt 24

Beastly Kingdoms

So what have we learned?

Beastly Kingdoms		Daniel 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 7 Vision of the Beast	
(1 st) Beast Kingdom Babylon (Semitic)		Head of Gold	1st Beast like a lion	
(2 nd) Beast Kingdom Medo-Persia (Japhethite)		Breast and arms of silver	2nd Beast like a bear	
(3 rd) Beast Kingdom Greek (Japhethite)		Belly and thighs of bronze	3rd Beast like a leopard	
(4 th) Beast Kingdom Rome (Japhethite)		Legs of Iron	4th Beast - dreadful and terrifying	
Antichrist Rome (Japhethite)		Feet and (10) toes partly of iron, partly of clay	From 4th Beast Kingdom Ten horns-10 kings After> little horn-another king Different from 1st 10 > subdues three of the horns- 3 of the first 10	

Daniel is telling the same story

- And now Dave will provide a short message

Homework

Book of Daniel

- Read chapters 9

Question of the Day

- What is the key mystery of Daniel 9

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