

**Daniel 7 (part 2) – “The Coming Kingdom”**

- I. **Daniel 7 (part 1) – Quite a Chapter...**
- A. A great prophetic chapter, a hinge chapter that looks backward and forward...
  - B. First of Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_ visions, occurring ~ 553 BC during the reign of Belshazzar.
  - C. Very similar but also vastly different than the vision of King Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2.
  - D. Very different perspectives – chapter 2 that of man & chapter 7 that of God.
    1. Perspective of \_\_\_\_\_ sees kings & kingdoms with intrinsic worth, glorious empires...
    2. Perspective of \_\_\_\_\_ – kings & kingdoms are beasts (true character & nature)
    3. Chapter 2 inanimate objects; chapter 7 animate objects
    4. Only in the Kingdom of God is man's full dignity realized – in the Son of Man...(Feinberg)
- II. **Daniel 7:9-12 – Judgment Delivered...**
- A. Heavenly courts – God's court convenes; thrones are set; Ancient of Days takes His seat...
  - B. Who are these other thrones for? \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Ancient of Days – eternal Judge; pure, \_\_\_\_\_, wrath &/or glory shining
  - D. God prepares to judge the little horn & that 4<sup>th</sup> beast, who continues to speak boastful words...
  - E. Judgment falls upon this beast – the beast was slain; thrown into the burning fire.
  - F. The world empires are over – the last world kingdom has been judged.
- III. **Daniel 7:13-14: The Kingdom Delivered...**
- A. On the clouds of heaven comes one like the son of man...He enters the throne room.
  - B. The Ancient of Days crowns the one like the son of man as King.
  - C. He is given dominion, glory & \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. All the world will worship Him; His kingdom will have no end.
  - E. What God promised in Genesis 49 & 2 Samuel \_\_\_ happens to this One...Messiah, King...
  - F. Controversial verses for many but clearly the one like a son of man is \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. People of Jesus' day understood this as a reference to the Messiah (See John 12:34)
    2. Jesus refers to this passage & applies it to Himself (\_\_\_\_\_ 14:61-62)
  - G. Ancient of Days will bestow on Jesus a physical kingdom (just as other kingdoms were)
- IV. **So Now What?**
- A. Awesome depiction? – Certainly; Frightening one? – if you don't know the King...
    1. One day Jesus will return and render judgment – blazing in the sky, fiery judgment
    2. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 1:7-9 – those who do not know God, do not obey the gospel of our Lord..
  - B. If you know the King though – that changes everything
    1. A most cherished day...we've seen the end & it is really a beginning
    2. Still as of yet unfulfilled – Christ reigns in hearts of believers & we enjoy blessings of salvation
    3. We live right now in the \_\_\_\_\_ manifestation of the kingdom but there is still more...
    4. Kingdom of God involves \_\_\_ stages separated around the \_\_\_ appearances of the Messiah...
  - C. We do not know the day when Christ returns but it sure feels close...in the meantime
    1. We are to be His \_\_\_\_\_ in the world
    2. People in our world need this hope – the promised utopia of \_\_\_\_\_ has failed them
  - D. We live in this world as strangers & aliens but with a future inheritance waiting us.
  - E. We also live expecting to \_\_\_\_\_ in this battle against powers & principalities...
  - F. We also expect to see those enslaved to sin freed, to see people go from death to life!
  - G. We must share the Gospel in word & in \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is gathering a people unto Himself.
  - H. We cannot get too comfortable living in the luxuries of this world – this is not our home.
  - I. America is not the answer to the world's problems – \_\_\_\_\_ is!
  - J. We should also not be worried over what's going on in the world – we know how it all ends...
  - K. The Cross of Jesus Christ changed everything for us – let us live this out.
  - L. God brings things full circle – return of \_\_\_\_\_ race under the rule of the divine Son of Man...
  - M. Practice now what will do before our King – serve & \_\_\_\_\_ Him...