



PROPHECY EXPO

The Mighty “Little Horn” Attacks God

I. When Jesus spoke of the Last Days He pointed to the book of Daniel and saw Daniel’s prophecies as being about future events, including His own triumphant return to earth

"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains."
(Mathew 24:15-16; NASB21; SP961)

“And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.”
(Daniel 7:13-14; NASB636; SP877)

"Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven."
(Mark 13:26-27; NASB39; SP988)

II. Much of the book of Daniel is apocalyptic literature

A. Apocalyptic literature has to do with end time prophecies

B. The Book of Daniel has a significant collection of apocalyptic literature (Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11)

III. At the same time that it is apocalyptic literature its testimony to its visions and dreams is determined to be historical. For its size (12 chapters) the book of Daniel is the most historical book in the Old Testament

Daniel 1:1 “In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah. . .”

Daniel 1:21 “And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king. . .”

Daniel 2:1 “Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. . .”

Daniel 7:1 “In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream. . .”

Daniel 8:1 “In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar. . .”

Daniel 9:1 “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent. . .”

Daniel 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia. . .”

Daniel 11:1 "In the first year of Darius the Mede. . .”

IV. Daniel 7; the dream of the four beasts

“In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he **wrote the dream down** and related the *following* summary of it.”
(Daniel 7:1, emphasis supplied; NASB636; SP874)

"And four great beasts were coming up from the sea,
different from one another."
(Daniel 7:3; NASB634; SP874)

A. Three of the beasts were composite creatures of well-known animals, mixed with common traits
(Daniel 7:4-6)

1. A lion with wings (Daniel 7:4)
2. A Bear, having three extra ribs in its mouth (Daniel 7:5)
3. Leopard with four heads and four wings (Daniel 7:6)

B. After these other three animals arose from the sea, another unnamed terrifying dragon beast with ten horns and iron teeth, came along trampling everything in its way

"After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns."
(Daniel 7:7; NASB634; SP874)

C. From the head of this dragon emerged a “little horn” that pushed three of the ten horns out of the way, when it arose

"While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great *boasts*."
(Daniel 7:7-8; NASB636; SP874)

D. A Heavenly being explained to Daniel that the four beasts are four kingdoms that shall arise on the earth (Daniel 7:17)

V. Daniel was most focused on the fourth beast and the “Little Horn”

“Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates.”

(Daniel 7:19-20; NASB636; SP875)

A. It was explained to Daniel that the fourth beast was the fourth kingdom to arise on the earth

“The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.”

(Daniel 7:23; NASB636; SP875)

B. The “Little Horn” was a power that would later arise from the fourth beast

“As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.”

(Daniel 7:24; NASB636: SP875)

VI. According to the book of Daniel the characteristics of the “Little Horn” power are:

1. The Little Horn would arise from the rubble of the Roman Empire
2. The Little Horn power would become the dominate power in Europe
3. The Little Horn power would be a fundamentally different power
4. The Little Horn power would uproot at least three other kingdoms
5. The Little Horn power would blaspheme God
6. The Little Horn power would persecute God’s people
7. The Little Horn power would imagine it could change times and laws
8. The Little Horn power would control for a specific period of time

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