

“God Always Wins” (Daniel 7)

The 1st six chapters taught us HOW we can shine in a dark world. Because God is our Savior He always gives us what we need when life is beyond our control.

The 2nd six chapters will teach us WHY we can shine in a dark world. Because God is Sovereign over history our life is never out of control as He works all things for our good and His glory.

Sovereignty: God is in control, but He is not controlling.

Ps.115:3 God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.

Ps.115:16 The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth He has given to mankind.

God Knows What The Future Holds (vv1-8)

This is a Vision of World History.

Daniel accurately prophesied more than 2,500 years of world history with astonishing detail.

God has the authority to set into place the leaders of the nations to serve His purposes. (Dan. 4:17, 25; Rom.13:1-4)

- 1) Lion (Head of Gold 2:37-38) Babylonian Empire (606–539 BC) – Iraq (7:4)
- 2) Bear (Chest of Silver 2:39a) Medo-Persian Empire (539–331 BC) – Iran (7:5)
- 3) Leopard (Thighs of Bronze 2:39b) Greek Empire (331–146 BC) – Greece (7:6)
- 4) Beast (Legs of Iron & Feet of Iron & Clay 2:40-43) Roman Empire’s Western and Eastern Divisions (146 BC–1453 AD) (7:7a) Rome foreshadows the anti-Christ and the 10-nation confederation (7:7b-8).

The Antichrist is the “composite beast” in which all the former beast kingdoms will culminate and find expression.

Human history will culminate in a worldwide kingdom under a satanic world ruler (Antichrist) who will defy God and His people and eventually be defeated by God’s Son. 1John 2:18; Mark 13:14; 2Thess.2:1-12; Rev.6:2; Rev.13; Rev.19:20, 20:10

And He Holds the Future (vv9-14)

This is a Vision of Heaven.

Daniel is in the throne room of God and gets a glimpse of...

The Father’s Majesty (vv9-10)

→ Fortify Your Faith equipping you to Overcome Temptation.

The Defeat of the Antichrist (vv11-12)

→ Liberate Your Life equipping you to Endure Persecution.

The Exaltation of Jesus as King over all the Earth (vv13-14)

→ Satisfy your Soul equipping you to Engage in partnership with God and His plans.

Therefore, How Should We Live In Light of This? (vv15-28)

This is a Vision of Saints on Earth.

These “saints” (vv18, 21, 22, 25, 27) are believers during the end times, just before the Lord returns to set up His kingdom.

Life is a War. v21

There are times it will Seem we are losing. v25

But in the end we will Receive a kingdom and Reign with Christ forever. vv18, 22, 27

Growing Notes

- 1) What does it mean that God is Sovereign: is He controlling or is He in control? What’s the difference (Ps.115:3, 16)? Can you have relationship and love with God and others apart from freedom and choice? Explain.
- 2) Read Daniel 7:1-8. What does it mean that God knows what the future holds? What does Daniel’s accurate prophecy of more than 2,500 years of world history say about God and His Word?
- 3) Read Daniel 7:9-14. What does it mean that God holds the future? What three things does Daniel get a glimpse of in God’s throne room? What three things will happen to us when we hang out in the throne room of God?
- 4) Read Daniel 7:15-28. Why is it always important to keep in mind that Life is a War (21) and sometimes it will seem we are losing (v25) but in the end God Always Wins (vv18, 22, 27)? Pray

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- > **DB Kids:** Parenting Seminar, November 5
 - > **DB Anomaly:** UCYC Day Trip Oct. 29
 - > **DB Women:** Christmas Tea Dec. 4
 - > **DB Men:** Gaming Extravaganza Oct. 29
 - > **DB Marriage:** Love Your Marriage Dinner/Date Night, Oct. 28
 - > **DB Leadership:** Saturday, Nov. 12
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DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- > Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
 - > Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
 - > Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
 - > Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.
- James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord*

Weekly Happenings at DBCC

- > **PRAYER NIGHT: Sundays @ 6pm** in the Central Lobby
- > **SEASONS OF CARE:** Every other Monday @ 6:30 pm
- > **FOOD PANTRY: Thursdays @ 11:30am** Community Hall
- > **GRIEF SHARE:** Thursday @ 7pm in the Family Room
- > **CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Fridays @ 6:30pm** Anomaly Room.

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

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Oct. 29/30	God Rules History	Daniel 8
Nov. 5/6	Humble Bold Prayer	Daniel 9

Oct. 22/23
2022

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General Giving
Budget \$25,000 - Actual \$29,061
DYTM: \$691