Studies from Daniel 7

Please note that in this study you will find that I have tried to include as much as possible from the three major views of Prophetic Interpretation. This I call the Eclectic Method of interpreting prophecy.

Daniel gives a brief overview of the end times from the Gentile viewpoint and John opens this same period and reveals additional parts. In Daniel 12 he gives the same period from the Hebrew viewpoint. I will also quote from the LXX in this study.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE <u>COMING OF GOD THE FATHER</u>, OR <u>THE ANCIENT OF DAYS</u>, *IS FIRST AND BEFORE THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST*. THIS COMING OF GOD THE FATHER, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, IS PROMISED IN REVELATION CHAPTER 1. This is what I present elsewhere under the title of the *Father's Repositioned Throne*. In this light please do note the following:

- Rev. 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: <u>Grace be</u> unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
- 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
- 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
- 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

In this passage the entire Divine Godhead or Holy Trinity is set froth. The Father is set forth as the One Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come. He is seen clearly in distinction from the Seven-Fold Holy Spirit before the Throne of God, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

In my opinion this expression, One Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, refers to the Ancient of Days revealed unto us in the New Covenant as God the Father.

In Revelation 4-7 the throne of the Ancient of Days is set in the heavens and is very visible.

I will give this from the pre-Christ LXX and the AV.

- 1 In the first year of Baltasar, king of the Chaldeans Daniel {1} had a dream, and {2} visions of his head upon his bed: and he wrote his dream. {1) Gr. saw 2) Gr. there were, etc.}
- 1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.
- 2 I Daniel beheld, and, lo, the four winds of heaven blew violently upon the great sea.
- 2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

By the Sea I understand the masses of Gentile Humanity.

- 3 And there came up four great beasts out of the sea, differing from one another.
- 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

These Beasts are the four major Gentile world powers, ending with the Roman Empire.

- 4 The first was as a lioness, and her wings as an eagle's; I beheld until her wings were plucked, and she was lifted off from the earth, and she stood on {1} human feet, and a man's heart was given to her. {1) Gr. feet of a man}
- 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
- 5 And, behold, a second beast like a bear, and it supported itself on one side, and there were three ribs in its mouth, between its teeth: and thus they said to it, Arise, devour much flesh.
- 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.
- 6 After this one I looked, and behold another wild beast as a leopard, and it had four wings of a bird upon it: and the wild beast had four heads, and power was given to it.
- 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
- 7 After this one I looked, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong, and its teeth were of iron; devouring and crushing to atoms, and it trampled the remainder with its feet: and it was altogether different from the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.
- 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and

stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

This I understand to be the Roman Empire. I consider this Empire to have three phases in the course of its history, Pagan, Papal and Political-Economical.

- 8 I noticed his horns, and behold, another little horn came up in the midst of them, and before it three of the former horns were rooted out: and, behold, *there were* eyes as the eyes of a man in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things.
- 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

By this horn I understand the final form of the Beast's Kingdom or the final and greatest Antichrist power. Two characteristics stand out. First is his ability to speak and blasphemy. By this ability he excels his predecessors and contemporaries. Secondly is his ability to see or having eyes. These two enlarged abilities set this ruler apart. I understand these two distinguishing abilities to show universal powers of speaking, and seeing or monitoring all the earth and those who dwell upon it.

- 9 I beheld until the thrones were set, and the Ancient of days sat; and his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head, as pure wool: his throne was a flame of fire, and his wheels burning fire.
- 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

I understand the Ancient of Days to be God the Father. Here are the *only three usages* of title, The Ancient of Days, in the Sacred Scriptures:

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Da 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Da 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

This I understand to be the same scene as John presented in Revelation 4:

- 1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.
- 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.
- 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
- 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

- 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- 6 And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.
- 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.
- 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
- 9 And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who lives for ever and ever,
- 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
- 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The Father Directly Reveals Himself to Fallen Mankind

For the first time in the history of the Adamic Race, the Ancient of Days will reveal Himself in a visible and personal manifestation at the opening of the sixth seal. This marks an important change in the way the Holy Trinity deals with Humanity. For no man has seen God at any time, but the Only Begotten Son, Who is in the Bosom of the Father, He has revealed Him. Here is the first direct manifestation of God the Father in His Divine Being. He shows Himself directly and personally and the result is judgment and destruction upon the Reprobates. The Father's direct and personal manifestation marks the beginning of the conclusion of the Adamic Race as it has been since the fall.

Rev. 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

- 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
- 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Fear and Its Two Chief Causes

The Fear of the Reprobates arises from two chief sources, the Face of the One Sitting on the Throne, and the WRATH OF THE LAMB. The Reprobates are aware of the coming wrath of the Lamb. How did they know that the Lamb would come in flaming fire with Great Wrath?

The wrath of God is here called the wrath of the Lamb. His wrath upon the reprobates will be severe beyond human description. The Father has not appointed us unto wrath, but unto salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Mt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Lu 3:7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

1Th 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Here are the Scriptures that present the Wrath of God. I do not understand any difference between the Wrath of God and the Wrath of the Lamb, any more than there is a difference between the Gospel of God and the Gospel of Christ, or the Gospel of the Kingdom. The wrath of God covers the final epic of the Adamic existence on this earth since the fall. It must be distinguished from the Tribulation the Great. The Great Tribulation covers the Beast's war against the Saints and the Woman, the Gospel Church, Ordinances, and the Ministry, while the Wrath of God comes after the Saints have all been taken from the earth.

Re 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Re 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Re 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Re 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

Re 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

The Wrath of God is poured out and leads unto the terrible events that bring the final days of the Adamic Race as we know it.

- 1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
- 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
- 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.
- 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
- 5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
- 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.
- 7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.
- 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Please note the Temple of God. At this time the Glory of God shall so fill the Temple of God that no man shall be able to enter into it until the seven last plagues that contain the Wrath

of God shall be fulfilled. I understand the Temple here to be the Gospel Church in its fullest and heavenly state. During the pouring out of the Wrath of God, no one shall then be converted and received into the Gospel Church. Why is this so, *The Church and Saints shall not be on the earth.*

At this point the Throne of the Ancient of Days is Visible, the Lamb is Visible in the heavens and now the Temple of Visible and filled with the Glory of God. These three Visible Manifestations occur at the same times through they are progressively revealed, the Manifestation of the Heavenly Temple comes lastly.

The Gospel Church, its Ordinances, and Ministry, like the Garden of Eden, pictures the very presence of God in His Great Temple in the Heavens. At this time all the false churches of the reprobates shall see the Temple of God as it is in the Heavens and displays the glory of God. Then shall these two passages be manifested:

- 2 Thess. 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now hinders will hinder (*The Pagan Roman Rulers*), until he be taken out of the way.
- 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, *(The Papacy)* whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

And this Scripture as well:

- Rev. 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
- 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.
- 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.
- 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
- 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

At this time as the beginning of the Wrath of the Lamb, and of God being poured out, three Divine Manifestations will then Occur in the lower heavens. For the first time, the inhabitants of the earth, the Reprobates, shall see:

- 1. The Ancient of Days, God the Father;
- 2. The Lamb of God, the Son of Man is His great glory;
- 3. The Temple of God opened in the Heavens.

We often speak of the Personal Second Coming of Christ as the conclusion of this age, but these three Manifestations shall all occur. The Second Coming of Christ is one of the Three and His appearance and coming will then climax His great work of our Redemption. Beyond doubt, this is of special importance unto His people, but the other two Manifestations should be considered as well.

The Blood Bought 24 Elders

Please note that in Daniel 7 the 24 Elders are not present and do not lead in the heavenly worship. In Revelation 5 they are present and join in with the heavenly worship praising the Lamb for His blood redemption and its results.

Rev. 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

- 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands:
- 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

The Twenty Four Elders NOW lead the Redeemed in their worship of the Lamb. This heavenly worship consists of two important facts. The first is, *Blood Redemption*, secondly, the future rule and reign of the Blood Bought saints. Christ has redeemed His brothers and sisters by His own precious blood, and has made them into Kings and Priests unto God the Father.

Rev. 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

- 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
- 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

These two works of Christ are the main topics of the heavenly worship by the Redeemed at this period when John saw them. Blood Redemption is essential to the true and proper heavenly worship of the Lamb of God. The *anticipated and still yet future* Kingship and Reign of the Redeemed is another essential part of this Heavenly Worship.

Rev. 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

THE IMPORTANT OF THE 24 ELDERS AND THEIR THEME OF WORSHIP

The majority of Commentators hold that these twenty four elders are either the 12 sons of Jacob, and the Apostles, or representives of them. I hold that they are the 12 sons of Jacob and the 12 Chief Apostles, in their pure, spiritual and glorified state when these things begin. They are the leaders of the Heavenly worship and anticipate their rule and reign upon the earth with Christ. Christ has brought them by His blood and has made them Kings and Priests unto God and they shall rule on the earth. They are truly representatives of the elect of God under both Covenants, the Old and the New. The foundation truths of both Covenants is one and the same, the Redemptive work of Jesus Christ, by His blood, and its results, the ruling and reign of the elect. The ruling and reigning of Christ with His brothers and sisters includes many phases and is not limited to just this church age or the millennial reign. It includes both and shall continue or extend into the eternal ages. The saints receive these blessings, not by their own merits, but by and from the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. He, and He alone, has made them Kings and Priests unto God.

The Time of this Worship

Their being in the Heavenly Presence of God and leading the Redeemed during this worship is of special importance. When Christ rose from the dead He raised up many who came out of their graves after His resurrection, Matthew 27:

Mt 27:52 And the <u>graves</u> were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the <u>graves</u> after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Were these 12 Elders of Israel among that number? In addition, note that the 12 Apostles lived and died and went to be with the Lord long ago. They are herein presented in their pure spiritual state leading the heavenly worship in the Spiritual or Unseen World. I do not find that they are in their glorified bodies yet. However, many highly distinguished brethren hold they are glorified and this is a vision of the Rapture. They could well correct.

Whether this is a picture of the Rapture or not, we must note that this does mark a change in the heavenly worship never before revealed until John received this Vision.

10 A stream of fire {1} rushed forth before him: thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousands of myriads, attended upon him: the judgment sat, and the books were opened. {1) Lit. drew}

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Here properly speaking is the Beginning of the Last and Great Judgment as it is viewed in the heavenlies. As it unfolds upon the earth among men it covers years and several different events. However, it begins when the Father sits or places His Throne in the midst of the heavens and the entire creation is now, for the first time, able to view His face directly.

Daniel presents the Beginning of the Final Judgment, and then John reveals its conclusion at the close of the 1,000 years Monarchial Rule and Reign of Christ and His saints. This I understand to be what we call the Judgment of the Nations.

Rev. 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which that horn spoke, until the wild beast was slain and destroyed, and his body given {1} to be burnt with fire. {1) Gr. to the burning of fire}

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Note here the distinction between the Beast and the Horn. The Horn is able to speak only until God destroys the wild beast. The wild beast is taken and burned with fire. This means that when Christ returns He shall destroy the Roman Empire or the Great Beast. It further shows us the need to distinguish between the Roman Empire considered in its unholy trinity of Pagan, Papal, and Political-Economical powers.

In my opinion the horn should be considered as Pagan Rome, Papal Rome and the final form of the Antichrist's system, a consolidated world wide Religious-Spiritual-Political Ruler.

The antichrist or beast system shall then be cast into the Lake of Fire along with the False Prophet, and then after the 1,000 years rule and reign, Satan shall as well.

Rev. 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

- 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.
- 12 And the dominion of the rest of the wild beasts was taken away; but a prolonging of life was given them for {1} certain times. {1) Lit. time and time}
- 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

It is must be noted that while the Beast and False Prophet shall be condemned and cast into the Lake of Fire at this time, the rest of the governments or beasts shall not be destroyed, for their lives shall be prolonged for a period of time. This period of time will be what we call the Judgment of the Nations.

- 13 I beheld in the night vision, and, lo, *one* coming with the clouds of heaven as the Son of man, and he came on to the Ancient of days, and was brought near to him.
- 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

(hen the time of the end is at hand, and the Ancient of Days is seated in the lower heavens for all to see, then Christ shall come also into that location and all shall see Him as well. Jesus said:

- 63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.
- 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.
- 66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

This great event when Christ comes into visible view in the clouds of heaven will be in union with the Ancient of Days. I feel that I have neglected much about this by not showing this union of Christ with His Father during this very visible Coming at the end of the Great Tribulation Period.

The Repositioning of the Father's Throne

Why must Christ be brought unto the Ancient of Days since He is already sitting at His right hand? In my opinion this further emphasizes the *movement and replacement of the Father's Thorne in readiness for the great day of the Lamb's Wrath.* The Father's Throne is now positioned in the visible heavens above the earth, and is clearly seen by the reprobates.

As the Son joins Him, and comes near unto Him with the Clouds of Heaven, the inhabitants of the earth see Them together.

Christ Brought Unto the Ancient of Days

Christ is now brought unto the Ancient of Days. Who does this? I hold that it is the Angels of Heaven whom the Father has appointed to keep His ways and minister unto Him. I understand these Clouds to be a mystical term for this great number of ministering spirits or angels the Father has created for and assigned unto His Only Begotten Son, considered in His sacred Humanity. These angels guard over our Lord Jesus Christ in His Sacred Humanity just as they guard over us, the heirs of Christ's salvation.

Satan cited this from one of the Psalms:

Mt 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Lu 4:10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

Psa. 91:1 (90:1) Praise of a Song, by David. He that dwells in the help of the Highest, shall sojourn under the shelter of the God of heaven.

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 9 (90:9) For thou, O Lord, art my hope: thou, my soul, hast made the Most High thy refuge.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 (90:10) No evils shall come upon thee, and no scourge shall draw night to thy dwelling.
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 (90:11) For he shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 (90:12) {1} They shall bear thee up on their hands, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. {1) Mt 4:6}
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 (90:13) Thou shalt tread on the asp and basilisk: and thou shalt trample on the lion and dragon.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Returning to Daniel 7:

14 And to him was given the dominion, and the honor, and the kingdom; and all nations, tribes, and languages, shall serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Christ Receives His Everlasting Kingdom

The Angel shows Daniel that Christ, the Son of Man, shall receive a Kingdom at this Coming. In order to help my limited understand I distinguish the Kingdom into three phases, the Spiritual Kingdom, the Monarchial Kingdom and then the Eternal Kingdom.

Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

- 27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how.
- 28 For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.
- 29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Christ receives His Monarchial Kingdom at this time and shares it with His brothers and sisters. The Spiritual Kingdom shall be contained within the Monarchial Kingdom and they both shall be contained in the yet future Eternal Kingdom and Glory of the Holy Trinity.

Here Christ receives His everlasting Kingdom, note further that this Kingdom is unending and cannot be destroyed. While the final phase of this world's existence shall enjoy the rule and reign of Christ for 1,000 years, known also as the Judgment of the Nations, *this shall not end His Kingdom*. The final form of Christ's kingdom shall be during the eternal ages in the glory world upon the New Earth.

I Cor. 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

- 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
- 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
- 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
- And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

The four great Gentile Monarchies end with the Roman Empire, though in its changed state. They shall fall, and in due time the saints shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever and ever. This shall be in the glory world upon the New Earth.

The Angelic Interpretation

- 15 As for me Daniel, my spirit in my body trembled, and the visions of my head troubled me.
- 15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
- 16 And I drew near to one of them that stood by, and I sought to learn of him the {1} truth of all these things: and he told me the truth, and made known to me the interpretation of the things. {1) Or, certainty}
- 16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.
- 17 These four beasts are four kingdoms that shall rise up on the earth:
- 17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.
- 18 which shall be taken away; and the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess it for ever and ever.
- 18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

The rule and reign of the four Gentile Kingdoms shall close when the Saints shall receive the Kingdom and possess it for ever and ever. They shall possess the same kingdom that the Antichrist and his helpers did have.

There is One Kingdom of Christ, but it has different phases and manifestations, just as there is only one true Gospel, but with different names and manifestations.

THAT THE ANTICHRIST OR GREAT HORN SHALL MAKE WAR WITH THE SAINTS AND PREVAIL AGAINST THEM UNTIL...THE ANCIENT OF DAYS CAME AND HE WILL RENDER THE JUDGEMENT UNTO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH. THE SAINTS SHALL THEN POSSESS THE KINGDOM.

The saints have never possessed the federated Kingdom of Antichrist and His supporting kings. BUT, at this time, God shall take the federated kingdoms of this world and give them unto His saints. In this manner shall the Judgment of the Nations, or the Millennial Rule and Reign of Christ with His Saints commence, see Matthew 25 untra.

- 19 Then I enquired carefully concerning the fourth beast; for it differed from every *other* beast, exceeding dreadful: its teeth were of iron, and its claws of brass, devouring, and utterly breaking to pieces, and it trampled the remainder with its feet:
- 19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 and concerning it ten horns that were in its head, and the other that came up, and rooted up {1} some of the former, which had eyes, and a mouth speaking great things, and his look was {2} bolder than the rest. {1) Alex. three of the former, even that horn, etc. 2) Gr. greater}

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

- 21 I beheld, and that horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
- 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

The War Against the Saints

The Tribulation the Great will bring world-wide efforts wherein all the forces of the modern world shall be used to rid the world of the terrible Christians and the problems they have caused the Beast and his system. Jesus said of that time, typed by the destruction of Jerusalem in A D 70, that it will be such as has never been seen before nor after.

Imagine for a moment all the joint forces of the Zionists and the Papists directed against the Christians of the last days. During this time, World-wide persecution shall then awaken the Church and Saints out of midnight slumber and luke-warm condition.

Re 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Re 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Re 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Re 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Re 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

Re 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Re 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

The terrible and great horn shall make war with the saints and shall prevail against them for a set time.

Dan. 7:22 until the Ancient of days came, and he gave judgment to the saints of the Most High; and the time came on, and the saints possessed the kingdom.

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

The combined federation of the Antichrist shall not only make war against the saints, but even against Jesus Christ Himself. The war against Christ is the reason for the war against the saints.

The End of the Antichrist's War Against the Saints

The Coming of the Ancient of Days shall end the great horn and his war-making against Christ and the Saints. The Saints shall then possess the Kingdom in its Monarchial form. The Church already has the kingdom in its spiritual form.

Jesus Said, Fear not little Flock for it is your Father's good pleasure to give unto you the Kingdom.

Paul said, we have received a Kingdom that cannot be moved or shaken, and John said that he was with us in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

Col. 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

The Father's Repositioned Throne

These events occur WHEN THE ANCIENT OF DAYS *REPOSITIONS HIS THRONE* AND SITS IN THE VISIBLE HEAVENS JUST ABOVE THE EARTH. CHRIST COMES INTO HIS REPOSITIONED PRESENCE AND THEN THE GREAT HORN IS FINISHED AND THE KINGDOM IS GIVEN UNTO THE SAINTS because it is first given unto Christ.

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Dan. 7:23 And he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on the earth, which shall excel all *other* kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and trample and {1} destroy it. {1) Gr. cut it in pieces}

- 23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
- 24 And his ten horns are ten kings *that* shall arise: and after them shall arise another, who shall exceed all the former ones in {1} wickedness and he shall subdue three kings. {1) Gr. evil}
- 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Here the final form of the antichrist's system is presented. I shall avoid the *either or option* and say that this final form shall be a joint confederation of the Roman Papacy and the leading ruler of the Zionist money establishment headed up in London. Will he be one person, and move his seat unto physical Jerusalem? These could both come to pass under the right conditions.

- 25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change times and law: and *power* shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.
- 25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

He has already done this, though not in its final and worst form. The end is not yet.

- 26 And the judgment {1} has sat, and they shall remove *his* dominion to abolish it, and to destroy it utterly. {1) Alex. shall sit}
- 26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

It is now over, and Jesus said, in this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.

- 27 And the kingdom and the power and the greatness of the kings that are under the whole heaven were given to the saints of the Most High; and his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all powers shall serve and obey him.
- 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

The Saints shall then take possession of the Federation Kingdoms of the Antichrist and his supporting powers. They shall receive these kingdoms because they shall first become the kingdom of the Highest and His Christ. By our union with Jesus Christ, we receive His Kingdom.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance was changed: but I kept the {1} matter in my heart. {1) Lit. word} 28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me,

Concluding Notes from Daniel 7

- 1. The Coming of the Ancient of Days and the Repositioning of His Throne in the Visible Heavens:
- 2. The Coming of the Son of Man unto the Ancient of Days;

and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

- 3. The rise and fall of the four Gentile Kingdoms and the final great rulers, the combined forces of the Papacy and the Zionists;
- 4. The destruction of the final great rulers, though their supporting kings shall be continued for a short time;
- 5. The Kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of Christ and His saints; known as the Judgment of the Nations lasting for 1,000 years.

By adding John's visions, we may also show that the Saints shall be taken off the earth at the end of the Tribulation the Great and before the wrath of God is poured out.

This concept is basically what many call the Mid-Trib Rapture though I do not hold that it is the 70th week of Daniel.

During the time of The Tribulation the Great, the mark of the Beast shall be given. The antichrist shall rule from physical Jerusalem. He shall seek the rid the world of the Christians and before his eyes, after he has appeared to eliminate the Gentile Christians world wide, God shall pour forth His spirit upon His elect in national Israel and a nation shall be born in a day. This shall later be Sheep Israel or one of the Sheep Nations of Matthew 25.

When God grafts the elect or Sheep Israel back into His dealings, then it will be as life from the dead unto the Gentiles. Satan shall then know that he has a short time and intensifies his efforts to rid the world of both the Converted Israel and the ruminant of the Gentile believers. This final effort will conclude the judgment of the nations and open up to the last and final Judgment known as the Great White Throne Judgment.

All God's elect then shall be gathered unto Him in the heavens above and His great wrath poured out on the beast and his system. The old world order shall perish in flaming fire from heaven, and then the new world order of the Monarchial reign of Christ and His saints shall commence. This shall be on the New Earth under the New Heavens with the New Jerusalem properly in place as the Capital of the New World. Of this final Kingdom and Rule of Christ and His saints with Him, there shall be NO END and it shall last forever and ever.

The Abrahamic Covenant shall then be fulfilled for both Hebrews and Gentiles alike. The Elect Hebrews, or Israel as a sheep nation, shall join with the elect Gentiles, as Gentiles, and receive their full land grant promised unto Abraham. Please note, this shall be on the New Earth during the eternal ages.

Jesus promised this in Matthew 25:

- 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: (This is his Monarchial Throne)
- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: (This is the Battle of Armageddon as presented in the Book of Revelation) and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides sheep from the goats:
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (The fruits that manifest the sheep from the goats are love, gentleness, kindness and benevolence, not doctrinal purity, though true doctrinal purity, when anointed by the Holy Spirit, shall produce these fruits)
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

When Saul persecuted the Church, Christ said, why have you been persecuting ME? Who are the brethren of Christ? For as much as the Children partook of flesh and blood, He took the same. He also said:

Mt 12:48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

Mr 3:33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold <u>my mother</u> and my brethren!

Lu 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

- 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
- 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
- 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
- 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
- 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

At this time the elect of God, including but not limited to Sheep Israel, shall enter into that glorious Monarchial Kingdom of Jesus Christ and shall rule over this earth for 1,000 years. They shall take control of the federated Kingdoms of the Antichrist and govern over them properly in what we call the Judgment of the Nations.

This glorious event shall be preceded by a great revival as the Tribulation the Great comes to a close.

Rom. 11:12 Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?

- 13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:
- 14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.
- 15 For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead?

I conclude this study by noting that the Scriptures teach there is a Fullness of the Gentiles and a Fullness of Israel.

Ro 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom. 11:12 Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?

The fullness of the Gentiles seems to be nearly over and the fullness of Israel is yet to come. Sheep Israel shall yet be converted unto Christ and shall walk in the ways of Christ in His Kingdom, as a part of His New Covenant Church and ordinances. This shall be a great time of Revival and be unto us Gentiles as life from the dead.

The Lord willing I hope to continue these studies by dealing with what is called the *Secret Rapture*, which I do hold to, but not as Larkin or Scofield held, and Daniel 12, and when the Lord Jesus Christ completes His Monarchial Rule and delivers the Kingdom unto His Father.