

INTRODUCTION

1. Conclusion of Lk's gospel - review. [A 1:9-11](#) Jesus' ascension - *cloud*.
2. [Dan 7:13](#) Son of Man [SofM] enthroned w/ *clouds of heaven*. Jesus' allusion to Dan 7:13 - teaching on 2nd coming & at trial in Sanhedrin.
 - i. recall Transfiguration & now at ascension
3. Return to Dan 7 - survey rest of chpt b/c we are spoken of in Dan 7.

1st: The Son of Man Enthroned as Supreme Sovereign

1. Parallel w/ John's vision in Rv 4-5.
 - i. [Dan 7:9-10](#) = Creator in Rv 4.
 - ii. [Dan 7:13-14](#) = Lamb of God enthroned in Rv 5
2. v9 - throne of *Ancient of Days* sovereign over beastly kgdms of men [v1-8]
 - i. *Ancient of Days took His seat* => court in session - v10c. Clothed & depicted in brilliant whiteness - as glorified Jesus in Rv 1:13-14
 - a. Divine Kg reigns over men's beastly kgdms: serenity of Hab 2:20
 - ii. *fire* - signifies presence of Lord: holy purging justice of judgment
 - iii. *thousands & myriads* - too numerous to be counted - Rv 7:9
3. v14 - throne of *SofM - man*. The order of creation is restored. Man reigns over the ravaging beasts of v1-8. His rule in v14: *dominion* [3x]; *kgdm* [2x]. Dan 7 asks "Who reigns?" *dominion* [6x]; *kgdm* [13x] - Mt 28:18.
 - i. Extensive & eternal
 - ii. Beastly rule *from the sea* [v3] - chaos, danger; but *SofM comes w/ clouds of heaven*. This SofM is divine! Truly God!
 - iii. God's Kgdm: peoples *serve* Him = *worship* G in Dan 3:28. Vocab of IInd c - not worship or serve idols but do worship & serve SofM
 - iv. SofM is human & divine: King ruling Kgdm of God - Jn 18:36
4. Literary arrangement: Dan *kept looking* [v9, v11, v13] - sandwiched tw/ vision of Throne is 4th beast - [v11-12](#). Pincer: military advantage
 - i. Given a theodicy: vindication of God's righteous justice supreme over the real ravagings of men's beastly kgdms - *My peace I leave you*.
 - ii. [v15](#) yet Dan is distressed

2nd: The Structure of History Under the Sovereign Reign of the Son of Man

1. Dan asks for interp, meaning & given sweep of history - [v16-18](#)
2. v17 - the 4 *beasts* are *from the earth* [*sea* in v3 = 2 beasts in Rv 13]. Contrasted w/ SofM's transcendent eschat'al reign from *heaven*.
3. v18 - *saints of Most Hi* = believing remnant & people of NCov [Lk 6:35]
4. History records kgdms of beastly men - but SofM reigns w/ His saints

3rd: Daniel's Focus on the Fourth Beast Specifically

1. [v19-21](#) reiterate v7-8 but *little horn* now *larger* [serpent -> dragon Rv 12]. Threat of *horn* is its words: *boasts* [v8, 20]: blasphemous theology
2. [v21-22](#) - *horn* wages war w/ saints & overpowers - til God judges & gives Kgdm to saints - pattern of Rv 11:12; cf. 1Th 4:17.

4th: The Suffering of the Saints Until the End of History

1. [v23-25](#) - Another sweep of history: focus on 4th beast
2. v25 - horn targets *Most Hi & wears down saints* - Rv 11. Dale Ralph Davis - little horn = man of lawlessness - AntiX [2Th 2:1-12; 1Jn 2:18]

5th: The Certain Victory of the Saints at the End of History

1. [v26-27](#) period of persecution is limited: *court sit for judgment* [v10,11]. God's sovereignty - *given & taken away* by God [Eccl 3:1]
2. Vocab of rule used re: kgdm given to saints & SofM - Rv 5:13

Applic #1: See Your Lord Jesus Enthroned in Glory

1. [v13-14](#) & Rv 4-5. See Jesus w/ eyes of faith - like Dan, *keep looking*
2. Nothg is more practical, for *the righteous shall live by faith*. By whose words will we live our lives: little horn's or SofM's? *keep looking & listen*

Applic #2: Be Sobered by Scripture's Honest Realism

1. An inclusio - [v15 & v28](#). Faith must overcome fear. God's Word is honest re: world's hatred & times leading to Lord's return.
2. Dan concludes w/ hope in the resurrection - Dan 12:2, 13.

Applic #3: Serve Your Exalted King and Overcome in Christ

1. *Serve* [v14, 27] = vocab of worship = our defense & weapon.
2. Hear the call of the little horn? He doesn't want you to be faithful in the worship & service of the enthroned SofM.
3. Remember Hab's example & be exhorted - [Hab 3:16-19](#). AMEN