**1-14-24 STUDY**

***The Times of the Gentiles (Geopolitical NEAR & FAR Future Prophecy) – Daniel 2 and 7***

***Introductory Context***:

* + 1. Due to Israel’s failure in keeping their end of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ covenant, they had been sent into exile. In fulfillment of prophecy, the people of Israel would face many difficult days of suffering.
       1. In the short term, they would face 70 years of captivity in Babylon.
       2. In the long term, multiple Gentile nations would rule the earth, and thus over Israel until God re-establishes them in their own Promised Land with their Eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    2. Despite Israel’s failures, and in God’s perfect timeframe, He will establish Israel permanently in the Promised Land just as He promised in His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ covenants to Israel. Genesis 12:1-3, 15:7; Deuteronomy 29-30
    3. As we will see, some of Daniel’s prophecies concerning Israel were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fulfillments while others still remained to be fulfilled in the distant future (FAR fulfillments).
       1. During this time of waiting for distant future prophecies to be fulfilled, Israel needed to remain persuaded of God’s faithfulness and protection of them in the short-term.
    4. Prophecy in the Bible is often given with either NEAR ***OR*** FAR future fulfillment, and sometimes it is given as both NEAR ***AND*** FAR (dual fulfillment).
       1. A great example of NEAR ***AND*** FAR fulfillment (dual fulfillment) is Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23.
       2. We will also see this later in Daniel 11 with Antiochus Epiphanes and the future \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    5. God used Nebuchadnezzar’s dream to give us an outlineof the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that will rule the earth during the *times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:20-28), or *the latter days* (Dan. 2:28).

1. Daniel 1:1-2 – In 605 BC, when Nebuchadnezzar first defeated Judah, God began to allow Gentile nations, one after the other, to dominate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and build world empires.
2. Jeremiah 33:15 – Because Israel habitually failed to follow God, she forfeited her rights to sovereignty as a nation. Israel will not regain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sovereignty until the Millennial Kingdom when Messiah rules. Isaiah 11:2-5, 11-12; Jeremiah 33:15
3. Psalm 89:26-27 – In fulfillment of the DavidicCovenant, the King of kings, Jesus Christ, will rule on earth forever as both King of the Jews and king of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 49:8- 12; Jeremiah 23:5-6, 8; Luke 1:32-33

***Daniel 2:31-45*** - **Explaining this prophecy**

1. In Daniel 2, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who had recently taken the Southern nation of Judah into exile was given a dream of a large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with different body parts made of different metals.
2. The head of goldwas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As the dream indicated, Babylon was the first empire prophesied to overshadow Israel. (Daniel 2:38)
   1. The head of gold represented Babylon’s unsurpassed richesand power.
   2. The Babylonian Empire lasted from 605 to 539 BC. Its “golden” qualities began diminishing soon after Nebuchadnezzar’s deathin 562 BC. (Jeremiah 25:12)
3. The second empire to dominate Israel was represented by the chest and arms of silver. This empire was constituted by the jointMedo-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire. Daniel 2:32, 39; 5:28
   1. The Medo-Persian Empire lasted from 539 to 331 BC. Although Cyrus the Great of Persia was the first ruler of this kingdom, Dariusthe Mede co-ruled over Babylon, the Chaldean region for a couple of years preceding his death.
   2. Persia was greater than Babylon in military might and in the amount of territory conquered, but inferiorin national cohesiveness.
4. The belly and thighs of bronze represented the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Empire, which was the third empire to overshadow Israel.
   1. Greek rule impacted Israeldirectly from 334 BC to 146 BC, and indirectly, through military harassment, until 63 BC. Daniel 2:32, 39; 8:21
   2. After Alexander the Great overthrew the Persian Empire, he went on to conquerthe entire civilized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, traveling all the way to India.
   3. The Greek Empire was territorially larger than both the Babylonian and Persian Empires, but weakerbecause of a somewhat more democratic government.
   4. After Alexander the Great’s untimely death in 323 BC, the Greek Empire dividedinto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ autonomous regions that often warred against each other.
5. The fourth and final human-led empire represented by the legs of pure iron and the feet of iron mixed with clay was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Empire. Daniel 2:32, 40-43
   1. Although Rome was founded in 753 BC and became a republic in 509 BC, it did not become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empireuntil 27 BC.
   2. The Roman Empire became dividedinto two empires: The Western Roman Empire whose capital was Rome and the Eastern Roman Empire, or the Byzantine Empire, whose capital was Constantinople.
6. The Western Roman Empire lasted until 476 AD when it was conquered by the Goths.
7. The Eastern Roman Empire lasted until 1453 AD when the OttomanTurks captured Constantinople. It was renamed Istanbul.
   1. Roman domination of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ began in 63 BC when Pompeyconquered Israel, and it continued well after the empire was divided into east and west.
8. The final kingdom is described as a stone cut out of the mountain, made without hands – this the eternal kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45
9. So, jumping ahead…at His second coming at the end of the Tribulation period, the Lord Jesus Christ will destroy all kingdoms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This will be so thorough that no remnant of sinful rulewill remain. Revelation 19:11-21
10. This cataclysmic act of God will destroy earthly human kingdoms forever. No element of the rule of sinful man will be absorbed, adapted or blended into the Millennial Kingdom.
11. The eternal kingdom established by the Lord Jesus Christ will be perfect in justiceand the extreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all previous kingdoms ruled by sinful man.
12. How could this Kingdom be ETERNAL and 1,000 YEARS? It is because the 1,000-year reign will be a distinct time of Jesus Christ reigning on earth in Jerusalem, whereas everything that comes after this specific period will involve a new heaven and a new earth and a new eternal city, the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22).

***Transition and Tie-In to Chapter 7:***

1. Ancient empires had geographical and logistical limitations, but we now live in a time when globalempires are within reach.
2. In this chapter, we learn that an already-existent evil empire (the Roman empire) will one day gain global \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It will then divide into \_\_\_\_\_\_ regional governments (feet and toes of iron and clay) before becoming dominated by the Antichrist. Although this one-world government could materialize in our lifetime, Church-Age believers will exitthe scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Antichrist takes control.
3. The vision of this chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Nebuchadnezzar’s dreamin Daniel chapter two, but it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ significantly in perspective.
   1. Nebuchadnezzar, a pagan king, saw the emerging empires in terms of man’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, standing upright, stately, and majestic. Daniel, on the other hand, saw these emerging empires as beastly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of prey, devouring and destroying.
   2. Nebuchadnezzar, a Gentile, saw human governments as passive, constituted of valuable metals. Daniel, a Jewish captive, saw human governments as menacing creatures, beasts to be dreaded.
   3. Nebuchadnezzar saw a majestic statue of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all his glory, viciously vandalized by a hurled stone. Conversely, Daniel saw a threatening beast destroyed by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_man: The Son of Man.

***Daniel 7:1-8 – Daniel’s Dream***

1. Daniel 7:1 - The events recorded in chapter seven take us backin time before the events of chapters 5 and 6, roughly 553 BC (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years after the deathof Nebuchadnezzar and about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years before the fall of Babylon).
2. Daniel 7:2 –As though in a movie, Daniel watchedas the north, south, east and west winds lunged downward and violently struck the waters.
   1. The four winds that stirred up the sea are possibly representative of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ principalities that overseethe rise and dominion of these corrupt human empires. Daniel 10:20
   2. In prophetic writings, the seasometimes represents the multitudes of mankind. Psalm 2:1-3, Revelation 20:1-3
   3. In chapter seven Daniel explains how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ important world empires would rise to dominate the earth and overshadow Israeluntil the arrival of the reign of Jesus Christ.
3. Daniel 7:3 – These four beasts that surfaced on the sea of humanity, are empires that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by their respective kings. Daniel 7:17
   1. Amazingly, the unique description given for each of these four beasts (kingdoms) depicts characteristics that are also unique to their respective key \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar personifies Babylon; Cyrus personifies Persia; Alexander personifies Greece; and finally, the little horn, who is the Antichrist, personifies Rome.
   2. The duration of these empires in history constitutes the *times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:24). The *times of the Gentiles* will not terminateuntil the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the *Kingdom of Heaven*.
4. Daniel 7:4 – The Babylonian Empire rises (612-539 BC). In Daniel’s dream, the eagle-winged lioncorresponds to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The head of gold in the statue in Daniel 2:38.
   1. Babylon’s winged lion was a multidimensional predator. In the bird kingdom, the eagle dominates the skies, while the lion rules in the animal kingdom. Isaiah 8:8
   2. Having its wingstorn off and then afterward being lifted again seems to refer to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and subsequent restoration of King Nebuchadnezzar.
   3. Being allowed to stand up on two feet and given the ability to reason like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a reminder of Nebuchadnezzar’s restoration to sanityand dominion.
5. Daniel 7:5 – The Persian Empire rises (539-331 BC). In Daniel’s dream, the arched bearcorresponds to the Medo-Persian Empire. It is the chest and arms of silver in statue of Daniel 2:32.
   1. Bears are known for their power and appetite. This animal aptly depicts Persia’s great muscle and lust for domination. Later in Daniel eight, Persia is portrayed as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ butting in several directions. Daniel 8:3-4, 20
   2. This beast represents the combinedempires of the Medes and Persians. The Medo-Persian Empire controlled more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than any empire up to that time in world history.
      1. The bear being raised on one side represents a single empire dominated primarily by Persiaand secondarily by the Medes.
      2. The ribs in its mouth likely represent the remains of the three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdomsthat constituted Persia. Persian king Cyrus had conquered and incorporated into Persia the Medes in 550 BC, the Lydians in 546 BC, and the Babylonians in 539 BC.
6. Daniel 7:6 – The Greek Empire rises (331-164 BC). In Daniel’s dream, the four-headed winged leopardcorresponds to the Greek Empire. It is the belly and thighs of bronze in the statue in Daniel 2:32.
   1. This winged leopard represents the Greek Empire forged under the brilliance of Alexander the Great. A leopard is not as powerful as a bear or as majestic as a lion, but it is fast. Add wings to a leopard and you have an animal that can attack at ballistic speeds.
   2. The text does not provide precise information about the four wings but historically, under Alexander the Great, Greece triumphed over the known world after winning four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conflictsin rapid succession.
   3. Add four heads to this swift leopard and you have an extraordinary devouring machine. After Alexander’s death, the Greek empire was dividedbetween Alexander’s four top \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Quick Comment: A quick glance at history shows that the prophecies of Daniel 7:5-6 were fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and with pinpoint precision.
8. Daniel 7:7 –The fourth beast was a kingdom that would arise after the Greek Empire. This beast was the RomanEmpire, and it was represented by the legs of iron and feet partly of clay and of iron in Daniel 2:33.
   1. The Romans with their ironweapons tended to dominate wherever they went. Roman armies controlled the world for nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_ centuries.
   2. The iron teeth of the beast describe well Roman military dominance. Rome’s armies would crushthe enemy, killing thousands indiscriminately and subjecting the rest to slavery.
9. The fourth beast was different from the previousbeasts. This beast was different from the others in various respects. Daniel 7:23
   1. For one thing, it was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of different materials: iron, bronze (Dan. 7:19), and clay (Dan. 2:33-34).
   2. This beast had ten horns.
   3. Since horns grow on a mature animal after the passage of time (Daniel 7:24), this beast will mature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The fourth empire will be a long-lasting empire with discernable phases.
   4. Lastly an eleventh horn, a little horn, will grow out and uproot threeof the ten horns.
10. Daniel 7:8 –In the final stages of this fourth empire, in the days of the little horn’s appearance, there will be ten \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rulers governing the empire. These appear to be ten regionalgovernments over the whole world.
    1. While Daniel was observing the ten horns on the beast, a little horn suddenly appeared. This littlehorn grew up after the beast’s other horns were already established.
    2. This little horn will usurpthe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of three of the ten regional rulers.
    3. From within the fourth empire, this arrogant *little horn* will arise separately from the previous ten horns. This little horn with eyes like a human and a boastful mouth describes a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 7:20-21 and Revelation 13
    4. As a quick fast-forward consider the interpretation given later in Daniel 7:19-22:
    5. Daniel 7:19-20 – This boastfulhorn seemed more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Daniel than the others.
    6. Daniel 7:21 –This horn will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over God’s saints. He will oppress and overwhelm Israel and all Tribulation saints during the seven-year Tribulation period.
    7. Revelation 13:1 –The beast Johndescribes is essentially the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the fourth beast from the sea in Daniel’s vision. The Antichrist is discernable in both beasts. Compare Daniel 7:21 with Revelation 13:7.

***Daniel 7:9-14 – A Great King Arises***

1. Daniel 7:9 – In these verses, Daniel’s vision shifted to a dramatic changeof \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel saw God’s throne room, from which all decisionsconcerning human history flow.
   * 1. *The Ancient of Days* is God the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Eternal One, who has knowledge of every event in human history and is uniquely qualified to decree perfect justice.
     2. In this throne room vision, heaven is setup like a courtof law and the Ancient of Days, God the Father, sits to judge.
     3. God the Father’s white garments picture purity, and His whitehair symbolizes the wisdom that comes through time and experience. Additionally, fire symbolizes righteous judgment. God is presented here as poised to pour forth righteous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at the appropriate time. Revelation 6-19
2. Daniel 7:10 - This seems to be a special judgment convened concerning the little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This may be a special court session before God’s throne for this purpose, just prior to the little horn’s execution.
   * 1. The books that are opened probably hold the records of all the deedsthe little horn, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will have committed. He is about to receive a verdict. This is an ominous moment.
     2. Who are the “Ten thousand times ten thousand” that stood before Him – Most likely, it is glorified OT saintsand NT saints and likely angels.
3. Daniel 7:11-12 – The focus changes from the pageantry of heaven back to the putridness of earth. Sinful humangovernment, under the control of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is about to end forever.
   1. What caught Daniel’s attention was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the little horn. This man is Satan’s pet. Like his master, he deems himself greater than God. He will seek to usurp God’s authority and preside over all creation, but his boasts are vain. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4
   2. The destruction of the little horn, who will be the last ruler from the fourth and final kingdom of sinful man, happens at the precise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the feet of iron and clay of Nebuchadnezzar’s statue are struck by the stone cut without hands. Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45.
   3. Though already abolished, vestigesof all three previous kingdoms, Babylon, Persia and Greece, remain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the fourth beast until this day of vengeance. Revelation 13:2
4. Daniel 7:13-14 –Daniel’s vision shifted back to heaven, to the grand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of all history, the coming of the “Son of Man” (Jesus Christ) to receive His kingdom. Matthew 25:31
   1. The Son of Man, Jesus Christ, will be kingin the coming Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 7:9, 7:22, 7:27; Revelation 1:13-18
   2. This is the first use of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ title “*Son of Man*” in the book of Daniel. Many Jewish teachers and most students of the Bible recognize this prophetic utterance as referring to the promised Messiah.
   3. Jesus Christ openly used the title “Sonof Man” to openly declare Himself the prophesied \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the eternal (fifth) kingdom. Matthew 24:30
   4. By giving Him *dominion*, God gave Him the right to rule; by giving Him *glory*, God gave Him the magnificence needed to establish a throne; and by giving Him a *kingdom*, God gave Him the sovereign powernecessary to impose His rule.

***Daniel 7:15-18 – Daniel’s Overview of World History***

1. Daniel 7:15-16 - It upsetDaniel that he didn’t understand the visions. In chapter two he had been given the interpretation, but this time he was totally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and so he sought helpfrom an angel.
   1. Daniel 7:17 - Every king has a kingdom. Each king shares similar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with, and is inseparable from, the kingdom he represents. The four beast-like kingdoms the angel described were Babylon (present then), Persia, Greece, and Rome (all future then).
   2. Daniel 7:18 - But WHO are *the saints**of the Highest One* referred to here? – They are living not-yet-glorified saints will be present to receive the kingdom. These will be believersat the end of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whose descendants will repopulate the earth during the Millennium. Matthew 5:3-10, 25:34
   3. Resurrected and glorified saints from all ages, including Old Testament saints, New Testament saints, and Tribulation saints will also be there to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Millennial Kingdom. Daniel 12:1-3; Matthew 8:10-12; Luke 13:22-30, 22:24-30

***Daniel 7:19-28 – Daniel Receives a Deeper Understanding of the Fourth Beast***

1. Daniel 7:19 – Daniel wanted clarification concerning the fourth and most terrifying empire.
   1. This fourth beast is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from the three previous beasts (kingdoms) – it is powerful, with frighteningly large ironteeth, destroying, devouring and trampling everything in its path. Daniel 7:7
   2. This fourth empire appears to have different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The empire arose to power immediately following the Greek empire; however, certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the empire have not yet occurred. This may be explained in the statue dream of the IRON legs, but feet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with IRON and CLAY. Daniel 2:40-43
      1. In some ways, the Roman Empire is still alive and well among us, having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into what might be called Westernor European Civilization.
      2. All countries with westernized governments are essentially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Roman thinking. Western civilization as a worldview and a political system developed primarily from Romanlogic.
      3. Even the architecture of many government structures and the Latinroots of many words in European languages point back to Roman influence and sway.
      4. In this passage, we see that as the fourth beast (Rome) ages, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horns. It also seems to weaken and become brittle, as seen in the combination of iron and clay in its feet(the final phase) of the statue in Daniel two. The future uprooting of three horns in this passage likewise shows the volatility of its final stages.
      5. Given these factors, we conclude that the fourth beast will not be completely destroyed until the \_\_\_\_\_\_of the Tribulation when a stone, cut without hands (Dan. 2:44-45), identified as the Son of Man (Dan. 7:9-14), suddenly appears to level it completely.
2. Daniel 7:20-24 – Daniel wanted clarification concerning the horns, and especially the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horn, of the fourth empire.
   1. We already know that the fourth beast will possess ten horns (i.e., leaders/rulers), three of which will be uprootedwith the arrival of the blasphemous little horn which we will identify as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 7:8, 11.
   2. Here are some things we learn about the little horn (i.e., the Antichrist of Revelation).
3. Daniel 7:20 - The little horn became more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_than the ten previous horns, and he spoke pompous words.
4. Daniel 7:21 - The little horn will employ his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to waragainst God’s people and will have successagainst the people of God, until God puts a stop to it.
   1. Daniel 7:22 – The military success the Antichrist will enjoy against God’s people will have a limit.
   2. Daniel 7:23 - The angel gave Daniel the following informationabout the fourth beast:
      1. The fourth beast is a kingdom on earth and unique from the three preceding it. Rome began its domination of Israel in 63 BC with General Pompey’s siege of Jerusalem.
      2. While Rome \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many aspects of the previous empires, it is going to be different.
      3. For one thing, it is a long-term empire, as discernable from the legs and feet of Nebuchadnezzar’s statue. There is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The iron continues from the legs to the feet with only the addition of clay in the feet and toes.
      4. The fourth empire is prophesied to trample the whole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is something it has not yet accomplished – they dominated most of the East (Europe/Asia, etc.) but this world domination is yet future. This speaks of a \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ type of government.
5. Daniel 7:24 – After this kingdom has *devoured the whole earth*, what will happen?
   1. After the fourth kingdom conquers the whole world, it will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_into ten somewhat autonomous nations or regions.
   2. This is yet future. This will be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the fourth kingdom in the days of the emergence of the littlehorn.
   3. “Another one shall rise after them” - This is speaking about the riseof the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is what we saw in the ominous descriptions of the little horn in Daniel 7:8 and Daniel 7:20-21.
   4. The little horn is a king or ruler unlike any other (2 Thess. 2:1-12, Rev. 13:1-8). Whatever he does to overcome three of the ten kings and control them will likely send a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ message to the others to submitor face a similar fate.
6. Daniel 7:25-27 – Daniel clarified what the little horn will doand how God will defeat him in the future.
7. Daniel 7:25 –This rebellious ruler (the Antichrist) will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s name and defyHim. 1 John 4:1-3, Revelation 13:5-6
8. “Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,” - This evil ruler will harassand seek to wear down the resolve of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel 11:36
9. “And shall intend to change times and law.” - This arrogant ruler will try to change the laws of nature, something only God is able to do. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4
10. God will allow the little horn (i.e., Antichrist) to be victoriousover the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for three and a half years, or 42 months. Matthew 24:15-29; Revelation 12:14, 13:6-7
11. Daniel 7:26 - Even though this ruler will do these evil things, God will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Judgeand will pronounce a sentence against him and the evil empire he controls. Revelation 17:14
12. Daniel 7:27 - After God destroys the beast, He will set up the *Kingdom of Heaven*, and it will belong to the peopleof God forever. It will be a perfect kingdom where righteousness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Daniel 7:28 –Although Daniel found this visiondifficult to understand, he did not immediately speak about it.