**1-28-24 STUDY**

***Connection to the Book of Revelation – Daniel 2 & 7***

***Introductory Comments:***

1. God used Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in Daniel chapter 2 to give us an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the kingdoms that will rule the earth during the *times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:20-28), or *the latter days* (Dan. 2:28).
2. God used Daniel’s dream and visions in Daniel chapter 7 to provide more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concerning the kingdoms mentioned in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream.
3. Both of these dreams, although directly revealing the types of Gentile kingdoms that will rule and dominate Israel, are really about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ future kingdom.
	1. It is in this kingdom that God will FULLY and FINALLY fulfill all of the promises He made to Abraham and his children in the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3).
	2. ***LAND***: They will fully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Promised Land to the full extent of the boundaries described in the Abrahamic Covenant and further expanded upon in other Old Testament passages (Genesis 15:18; Exodus 23:31; Numbers 34:1-12; Deuteronomy 11:24; Ezekiel 26:28 – See Map).
	3. ***SEED***: Israel will have an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ King to rule over their eternal Kingdom. This is the kingdom spoken of in Daniel 2:44-45 and 7:13-14. This is expanded upon in the Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:12-16). This is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.
	4. ***BLESSING***: Israel will experience the FULL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the New Covenant, including but not limited to: God will put His law in their minds and write it on their hearts (Jeremiah 31:33); They will all KNOW the Lord (Jer. 31:34); Their sins will be forgiven (Jer. 31:34); God will give them a new heart (a heart of flesh in place of stone) and a new spirit (The Holy Spirit permanent indwelling) (Ezek. 36:26-27); The Lord will CAUSE them to walk in His statutes (Ezek. 36:27).

***Some Things to Notice About Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream in Daniel 2:***

1. Daniel 2:40-41 – Notice that the fourth kingdom, the legs of iron, which we identify as the Roman empire has a “final” component that is ***NOT*** identified as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.
	1. This seems to communicate the idea that the “feet and toes” are somewhat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the fourth kingdom and connected to it.
	2. Although related, it is very different in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point. Whereas the legs were solid iron and strong, the feet and toes are a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of iron and clay which actually makes it weak (verses 42-43).
	3. Notice the odd phrase in V43 which states, “As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, ***they will mingle with the seed of men***…” (NKJV) OR “they will mix with one another in marriage,” - What does this mean?
2. This seems to indicate that this fourth empire will kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself into kingdoms that are part Roman and part something else UNTIL…
3. The final kingdom which the God of heaven will set up Himself on earth. This kingdom will never be destroyed, and it will never end. This is the “cut stone” which will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every other kingdom (V44-V45). This is the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ described in Revelation 20:1-10.

***Some Things to Notice About Daniel’s Dream in Daniel 7:***

* + - 1. Now, Daniel’s dream in Daniel 7 gives us more details of each of the kingdoms by describing them as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. What is especially helpful though is that Daniel describes what the fourth kingdom will look like just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ God establishing His eternal kingdom.
			2. Each of the beasts in Daniel’s dream represent the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ four empires from Daniel 2. (See 7:15-18).
1. The beastly descriptions of each of the four kingdoms coincides with what was known about their conquests, their conquering power and their governmental structure.
2. The fourth beast was extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Daniel though, and it was this beast that he asked for more details because as he says, “It was different from all others.” (7:19)
3. One HUGE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the presence of 10 horns and one horn that spoke! This little horn personifies an evil ruler who will arise during the last stages of this fourth empire.
4. Again, notice the relationship between the little horn and the fourth beast - They are related, yet distinct in timeframe (i.e., legs of iron vs. feet and toes of clay mixed with iron). Both the 10 horns and the little horn are said to “arise from this (the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) kingdom.” (7:24)
	* + 1. So, what about the little horn? He is said to do the following in Daniel 7:
5. Speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words against the Most High. (7:25)
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the saints of the Most High. (7:25)
7. He will prevail over the saints for “a time and times and half a time.” (7:25)
8. His kingdom will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (7:26)
	* + 1. As we will see, this little horn, spoken of in Daniel 7, the ruler of this revived worldwide kingdom over Israel is none other than the future \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Making the Connections to Revelation 12&13:***

1. In Revelation 12, we see the ultimate ORIGEN of the fourth beast/fourth kingdom mentioned in Daniel – it is none other than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Himself!
	1. (12:3): A dragon is described here as having seven heads, having ten horns, and having seven diadems (crowns) on his head. The dragon’s identity is clearly Satan (12:9).
	2. (13:1): Now, this sounds similar to the beast mentioned here, but Satan and this beast are NOT the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ entity. Satan is the foundation or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this entity mentioned in Revelation 13 (See 13:4).
2. Now, notice where the beast comes from in Revelation 13:1 and compare to the beasts of Daniel 7 (7:3). They all come up from the \_\_\_\_\_\_, again the “sea” often represents Gentile nations in the Scriptures (7:17).
3. Notice, the beast of Daniel 7 is only mentioned as having “one” head, but with ten horns, and NO crowns/diadems whereas the beast in Revelation 12&13 provide more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. So, what are the seven heads, ten horns, and seven diadems that is seen on the dragon (Revelation 12) and seven heads, ten horns, and ten diadems on the horns manifested in the beast (Revelation 13)?
	1. The seven headed, ten-horn beast is also mentioned in Revelation 17:3 as the transport of the Scarlet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Babylon. In Revelation 17, we learn the identity of the seven heads, and the ten horns.

The seven heads are identified as seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 17:9-10), of which the antichrist is one of the seven. When he dies and comes back to life, he will be considered the eighth (Revelation 17:8, 11).

These seven kings could represent the primary seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms throughout history (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome).

The antichrist and his kingdom (revived Roman Empire) is the seventh, and then following his recovery from a mortal wound, he would be the eighth.

The ten horns are ten kings who have received no kingdom until they are given \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the antichrist, but only temporarily (Revelation 17:12).

1. Additionally, at some point, the antichrist will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three of these kings (Daniel 7:8, 20, 24).
2. These “10 horns” (Revelation 12:3, 13:1) are ten kings, whose authority will be established by the antichrist, after he has risen to power as one of the seven. These newly appointed leaders will give their power to the beast (Antichrist) and they will make war with the Lamb and they will lose (17:12-14).
3. These ten horns are said to “arise from this (the fourth) kingdom.” (Daniel 7:24a) and thus this is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in Daniel 2:41-43 referencing the ten toes.
	1. Revelation 13:2 –Notice the additional detail given here of the fourth beast of Daniel 7 – “like a leopard, feet of a bear, mouth like a lion” – The fourth beast literally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_all the strengths of the three previous empires. (Daniel 7:4-6).
	2. Revelation 13:3 –The seventh head of the beast receives a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wound, and he will recover. This will have an impact on the entire world, and they will begin to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. We will notice that this “seventh head” is none other than the “little horn” of Daniel 7.
	3. Revelation 13:4-6 – During the Tribulation, the dragon, Satanhimself, will give the *beast* (the little horn), power to persecute the saints for three and a half years. (This \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the phrase “a time and times and half a time” in Daniel 7:25)

Notice the similarities between the seventh/eight head of the beast and the little horn:

“He shall speak pompous words against the Most High” (Daniel 7:25) ***AND*** “a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaking great things and blasphemies” (Revelation 13:5).

“The saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time” (Daniel 7:25) ***AND*** “He was given authority to continue for 42 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Revelation 13:5).

“The same horn was making war against the saints and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against them… (the horn) shall persecute the saints of the Most High” (Daniel 7:21, 25) ***AND*** “It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them” (Revelation 13:7).

1. Who is the little horn of Daniel 7 and the beast of Revelation 13? He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:18), or the man of lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).
	1. The antichrist will arise out of the fourth kingdom during its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phase (i.e., ten toes partly of iron and partly of clay – Daniel 2:41-43).
	2. The antichrist will sign a seven-year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the nation of Israel at some point during his ascent to power (Daniel 9:27).

The antichrist will break his word on this seven-year covenant mid-way through and will commit the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of desolation. (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15, and 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 8-10).

The abomination of desolation involves the following: (1st) The antichrist will sit in the Jewish temple and declare himself to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will demand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of himself, (2nd) He will put an end to the Jewish temple sacrificial system, thereby \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the temple of God.

* 1. The people of the antichrist (i.e., the Romans) will destroy the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ following the death of Messiah (Daniel 9:26). This happened in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the Roman general Titus sacked the city of Jerusalem and burnt the city and temple to the ground.
	2. The antichrist will be struck down in the middle of all his boasting, with blasphemies still flowing (Daniel 7:11). His judgment will culminate in him being cast into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Fire by Jesus Christ which is the second death (Revelation 19:20-21; 20:10).
1. Daniel 7:22, 26-27 – Soon after the Antichrist is destroyed, the Millennial Kingdom will begin.
	1. Notice that the arrival of the Kingdom of God comes only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the destruction of the final kingdom, marked by the deathof the Antichrist. (Daniel 7:26; Revelation 19:19-20)
	2. This shows that the Kingdom of God is not now present, as many teach. God’s kingdom does not appear or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while the kingdoms of men are still in power. The Kingdom of God comes only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_man’s kingdoms are destroyed with finality. This is a very important detail. (Daniel 7:26-27)
	3. The Kingdom of God does not come about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_over the course of centuries. It has a punctuated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as these verses show. (Daniel 2:44; 7:26-27; Revelation 20:4-6).

***Other Connections with Revelation:***

1. Daniel 7:9-10 - This resembles the scene found in Revelation \_\_\_\_\_ in the throne room of heaven.
2. Daniel 7:13-14 – This resembles the scene found in Revelation \_\_\_\_ in the throne room of heaven, with Jesus Christ being the ONLY one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take the scroll from God the Father’s hand (Revelation 5:1-7).
	1. In this worshipscene, the Son of Man (i.e., the Messiah Jesus Christ) was given \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things: dominion, glory and a kingdom.
	2. 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.
	3. This is what was represented by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Revelation 5. The scroll represents Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-deed or contract-deed to the world.

This kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was known all over the middle east in ancient times and was used by the Romans from the time of Nero on.

The full contract would be written on the inner pages and sealed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seals.

Then the content of the contract would be described \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the outside.

This scroll is the title-deed to all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was forfeited by Adam through the entrance of sin in Genesis 3 and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Christ through his redeeming death (Revelation 5:8-9).

By tempting Adam to sin, Satan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this world for a time, but the Heir is coming to re-claim the world because the title-deed is His.

This ties in with the truth that Satan is currently described as the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4) and the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this world” (John 12:31).

Also, this scroll contains the counsels of God in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that will fall upon the earth to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the redemption of the world through the promised Messiah and His kingdom. (See Revelation 11:15)

***Some Potential Historical Connections:***

1. Let’s consider the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature of the fourth beastand the kingdom it represents, as

discernable from the book of Daniel.

1. We understand that the fourth kingdom has five successive, distinguishing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one of which is already past, one is present, and three are yet to come.
2. ***PHASE ONE*** of the fourth beast is discerned from Daniel 7:7.
	* + 1. Rome was founded in 753 BC and lasted well over 1000 years, until the endof the Byzantine Empire in 1453.
			2. Rome began subjugating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 63 BC.
			3. Of all civilizations throughout the history of the world, Rome was probably the most

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and influential.

1. ***PHASE TWO*** of the fourth beast is discernable from the “***legs*** *of iron*” in Daniel 2:33.
2. In 395 AD Rome splitinto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empires, the Western Roman Empire and that Byzantine Empire.
3. According to historical records, the Western Roman Empire faded in 476 AD and the Byzantine Empire dissolved in 1453, but we believe it lives on and will continue until Christ returns, largely because prophesypoints to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the fourth beast until it is destroyed by God when He brings in His eternal kingdom.
4. Since Western (European) civilization has its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Roman culture, government, and language, this is entirely plausible.
5. ***PHASE THREE*** of the fourth beast will be a unifiedone-world government and is yet future. Daniel 7:23
6. The reason we say this third phase is still in the future is because a worldwide government has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yet been achieved. Even when Rome was at its zenith, it did not possess allof the then-known world.
7. If we maintain a literal interpretation of this passage, this whole-world aspect of the fourth beast is yet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There is nothing that keeps this worldwide unification of the fourth beast from happening in our lifetime. This aspect may happen before or after the Raptureof the church.
8. ***PHASE FOUR*** of the fourth beast is also future, occurring after phase three. This will be a coming ten nation, or ten regional, division of the globe, which will come about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the fourth beast *will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it*. 7:23-24
9. This is the toes and feet of part iron and clay mentioned in Daniel 2:41-43. This might be caused by its religious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature of its final state.
10. The ten\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the statue probably refer to the ten \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (nations or regions) of the Roman Empire that will unite to rule during the coming final days of this empire. Daniel 7:24, Revelation 17:12-13
11. Since the official fall of the Roman Empire, its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have mutated and are found in eastern and western European nations, as well as in many other democracies and republics around the worldthat use a Roman rule-of-law type of government.
12. According to Daniel 7:24, the riseof the ten kings (or the ten horns of Daniel 7:7-8) is prophesied to come about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fourth kingdom is already established and after it had already crushed the entire earth. These kings (regional rulers) are yet future.
13. There is nothing to keep this from happening in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It may or may not happen before the Rapture of the Church, but it must be in placewhen the Antichrist comes to power.
14. ***PHASE FIVE*** of the fourth beast will begin with the appearance and rise to powerof the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Antichrist’s regime will be concurrent with the seven-year Tribulation. Daniel 7:24
	1. The Antichrist will subdue three of the ten regional rulers of the worldwide government and take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ control.
	2. He will make this move at, or near, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation. We understand that Church Age believers will have departed by this time, but if they haven’t, they will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he signsa treaty with Israel, marking the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation. 2 Thessalonians 2:3
15. ***FINAL SUMMARY***: The FivePhases of the Fourth Beast (the Roman Empire)
	1. Phase one: A menacing iron-toothed beast
	2. Phase two: A dividedbeast
	3. Phase three: A one-world government beast
	4. Phase four: A ten-region government beast
	5. Phase five: An evildictatorship beast

***Some Follow-Up Comments as to WHY This May be an Acceptable Understanding:***

1. Since the legs and feet of the statue were described by Daniel as \_\_\_\_\_\_ unit, we should expect Roman influence and domination to continue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ governments until Christ’s return at the Second Advent. Roman rule was different than Greek rule in that it was divided three ways: between the Caesars, the senate and the people.
2. The final aspect of the Roman Empire will be a loose affiliationof ten nations that will come to be controlled by an extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world leader called the antichrist.
3. The Roman empire never completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but has rather morphed into manynational governments (now called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). After the fall of both Rome and Constantinople the ruling class dispersed into the Germanic and Russian regions.
	* 1. Roman rule of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_can still be seen in many nations that were once part of the Roman empire.
		2. This east-west tensionthat existed during the Roman empire can still be felt in Eurasia. These Eurasian governments compete for influence (especially in regard to the Middle East and in particular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
		3. Back when Russia began to dominate, her leader was labeled Tsar (Czar), the Russian word for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
		4. More recently when Germany sought to dominate the world, her leader was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the German word for Caesar.