

1. Overview of Dan 7
 - i. v1-8 - vision of 4 bsts w/ horn that speak blasphemies
 - ii. v9-10 - vision of throneroom of *the Ancient of Days* - God
 - iii. v11-12 - blasphemous horn & his final destruction in *burning fire*
 - iv. v13-14 Son of Man [Rv5] is enthroned & given eternal dominion
 - v. v15-16 - Dan is confused & asks for interpretation
 - a. v17-18: interp #1 - 4 bsts = 4 kingdoms; saints given eternal kingdom
 - b. v19-22 why is 4th bst overpowering saints - until God judges & saints take possession of the kingdom
 - c. v23-27 interp #2 - 4th bst is climatic: wears down saints for *time, times & 1/2 time* but comes to FJ & is *destroyed forever* & saints receive the kingdom of Highest One & live in *an everlasting kingdom*
 - d. v28 vision ends: Dan is burdened
2. Review - Rv 17:6b *wonder* w/ wisdom - v9a. Thesis statement - v14. God's sovereignty - v17; the 3fold mimicry of God - v8. 17:8-13

1st: Beastly Kings and Symbolic Numbers - v9b-11

1. Necessity of 'Schools of Interpretation.' Historicist or Idealist Symbolism? Historicist interp: sequence of Caesars? Idealist Symbolism: still challenging!
2. #s are symbolic [7,10,8] as is Bab & Bst w/ *7 heads & 10 horns* [v3].
 - i. v9b - *7 heads = 7 mtns* on wh/ *wmn sits* [reigns as *queen* 18:7], = Bst [v3]
 - ii. v10 - *heads/mtns are 7 kings*; v12 - *10 horns are 10 kings yet to receive a kingdom w/ Bst for 1 hr.* [If A = B & B = C) A = C]. *Heads = mtns = kings & also horns = kings.* All define "Beast".
 - iii. *Heads, mtns, kings* = world empires; *horns & kings* = rulers of empires.
3. Bab rides Bst: mutually beneficial relationship [but 17:16]

2nd: Historical Sequence: Kings or Empires or "The Already & The Not Yet"?

1. We are dealing w/ sequence in time & idolatry [v8] characteristic of the Bst.
 - i. The 3fold description of God [Rv 1:8] is perverted into idolatry [Rv 17:8] & v10 presents us w another 3fold formula describing the Bst.
 - ii. v10's description moves us toward the end of this age.

2. v10-11 - *fallen* = defeated. *5 kings have fallen*; 6th is ['already']; 7th has '*not yet*' come - to then remains *a little while* as 8th king, who is *the bst & is of the 7* ['one' is italicized.] See the 'already-not yet' tension?
3. Kings: Historicists point to Rome: v9b-10a. But this approach isn't historical!
4. Empires. Cf. Dan 7:3ff [vision of bst] - 4th bst is Rome [Dan 7:13-14]. But this approach runs into problems as to identifying the 6th, 7th/8th empires.
 - i. ?Rv 11:8? - *mystical Sodom & Egypt*?
 - ii. ?What global empires since Rome?
5. Idealist Symbolism sees the history of Bst's power symbolized [13:7].
6. v10 - *7th king has not yet come*; will *a little while* & v11, is 8th king w/ destiny of Bst - [v8] *goes to destruction*.
 - i. v10: *one is* [already] & *the other has not yet come*.
 - a. Eschatological realities are already here b/c Jesus is risen.
 - b. There is a manifestation of Bst that has not yet occurred & will at the end for *a little while* & then *go to destruction* - at Christ's return.

A Concluding Comment: A Corrective

A Concluding Comment: Ambivalence

A Concluding Comment: Confident in You

A Concluding Comment: Confident in the Spirit of Christ