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THE DIVINE INTERPRETATION OF DANIEL'S DREAM

(Daniel 7:15-28)

I. DANIEL'S DREAM CONCERNING THE FUTURE

A. The General SETTING and CONTEXT (7:1-3)

B. Daniel's vision of the FOUR BEASTS and the LITTLE HORN (7:4-14)

C. The angel INTERPRETS the dream for Daniel (7:15-28)

1. Daniel was ______ a casual bystander as he took in this revelation, but he was ______ and ______ engaged. (v. 15)

* Does God want us to take His revelation seriously?

- 2. Daniel asked for a further explanation of what he just saw; and how _______. (v. 16)
- 3. From v. 17 we know for certain that the *"four beasts"* represent four kings or ______ and each one *"will arise out of the ______*," which means they are ______ spiritual but literal kingdoms. (v. 17)

* When will "the saints of the Most High" possess an earthly kingdom?

- 4. Once again we benefit from Daniel's ______, "I wished to know the ______ about the fourth beast..." (v. 19)
- 5. Regarding this *"fourth kingdom"* it essentially has 3 distinct stages (vv. 23-26)
 - a. The first stage is descriptive of the _____ Roman _____ (vv. 19 & 23)

- c. The third stage is the rise to power of the *"little horn"* who is the ______. (vv. 20b-22, 24b-26)
 - Because he will overpower three other kings, he will be more powerful than the other remaining ______. (v. 24b)
 - (2) In the second half of the Tribulation the Antichrist will blaspheme the Lord by claiming that ______ alone is ______, and demanding worship. (v. 25a; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:4-6, 14-15)
 - (3) The *"little horn"* will dominate and ______ the entire revived Roman Empire and he will ______ the saints. (Dan. 7:21; 11:32-35; 25b; Rev. 20:4)
 - (4) The Antichrist will ______ the preexisting statues and ordinances and he will make new ______ that are his own. (v. 25c)

* How long is, "For a time and times and half a time"? (v. 25d; Rev. 13:5-7)

- 6. In the predetermined time set for the 7 year Tribulation, at the end Jesus Christ will put an _______ to Antichrist's reign of bloody terror. (Dan. 7:26; Ps. 68:1-3; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 17:12-14)
- 7. The saints of the Most High will be ______ in and ______ the kingdom. (Dan. 7:27; Deut. 30:3-9; 2 Sam. 7:16-17; Ps. 89:3-4)

* How can you be encouraged by these End Times events?