

Chapter 11 — "Clash of the Kingdoms" (Daniel 7:15-28)

"As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom." — Daniel 7:21-22

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT

1. Daniel's Distress and Request for Interpretation

Why was Daniel so deeply troubled by what he saw, who did he approach for clarity, and what overall explanation was he given about the beasts and the saints of the Most High (Dan. 7:15-18)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

2. The Terrifying Beast and the Imposing Horn

What additional details are revealed about the terrifying fourth beast, and how is the growing power of the "little horn" described in Daniel's vision (Dan. 7:19-20)?

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3. War Against the Saints and God's Intervention

What sobering conflict does Daniel witness between the horn and God's people (Dan. 7:21), and what decisive moment finally turns the tide in favor of the saints (Dan. 7:22)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

4. Characteristics of the Antichrist

According to the interpreter, what three primary characteristics mark this final ruler who exalts himself against God (Dan. 7:23-25), and what does the phrase "a time, times and half a time" signify?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

5. The Heavenly Court and the Eternal Inheritance

What is the ultimate fate of the boastful horn when the court sits in judgment, and what crucial promise is repeated three times regarding the saints and the kingdom (Dan. 7:26-28)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

PART II: APPLYING THE MATERIAL

6. Navigating the Conflict of Kingdoms

As believers living in the middle of this "clash of kingdoms," how can we remain faithful citizens of heaven while guarding our hearts against worldly attitudes and priorities?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

7. Finding Hope in God's "Until"

Verse 22 reminds us that the enemy's opposition continues only "until the Ancient of Days came." How does remembering that evil's triumphs are strictly limited by God's timetable give you strength and endurance during trials?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

8. Recognizing God's Sovereignty Over Persecution

Even when spiritual opposition feels intense, God remains completely sovereign over the boundaries and duration of the struggle. Why is this truth so vital for us to hold onto when facing difficult seasons?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

9. Discerning Modern Cultural Opposition to God's Truth

The Antichrist is characterized by proud speech, blasphemy, and attempting to alter God's set times and laws. In what ways do you see modern culture attempting to reshape God's moral boundaries, and how can we stand firm?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

10. Finding Peace in Heaven's Final Outcome

Even Daniel was deeply shaken as he processed these visions of future conflict (Dan. 7:28). What practical encouragement and peace do you draw from knowing that every earthly power will fade, but God's kingdom will stand forever?

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