

THE BOOK OF DANIEL
"The Destruction of the AntiChrist"
Daniel 7:1-28

Introduction

1. That there is a world ruler who will oppose God Almighty is a Biblical fact. His coming is at the time of the end.

2. The Anti-Christ rises from the fourth kingdom seen by Daniel. He takes precedence over 10 other kings who will be the final form of Daniel's fourth beast (or kingdom).

3. This Anti-Christ is a personal being who will oppose the establishment of Christ as the benevolent world ruler. His struggle in this situation will lead to his destruction. Mark the following events leading to this conclusion.

1. The PROMOTION of Anti-Christ.

The advancement of the Anti-Christ is seen in a variety of ways:

- a. His subjugation of others. vv. 8, 24.
By taking advantage of others, this one advances his own cause.
- b. His appearance before others. vv. 8, 20, 24.
He towers above the others by his looks.
- c. His oratory with others. vv. 8, 20, 25.
His blasphemy against God and His Christ are patent.
- d. His work against others. vv. 21, 25.
The saints here can only mean those who are his particular focus--the Jews in the tribulation.

2. The INTERVENTION of God the Father (Ancient of Days).

That this is a true intervention is clear from the prepositions used in vv. 9, 22. There is

always an "until" with anything man attempts! How does God intervene? Note these ways:

- a. With His Person. vv. 9, 13, 22.
He is the Ancient of days which shows Him as the Sovereign of the universe. His holiness of utter purity is seen in His hair and garments. Majesty supreme!
- b. With His judgment. vv. 9, 10, 22, 26, 27.
His throne bespeaks judgment and the sort of judgment described by fire, etc. is that which condemns and disapproves.
- c. With His people. vv. 10, 22.
God will not allow His purpose for His chosen ones to run amuck. Through their participation, He gains the victory over Anti-Christ.

NOTE: When God moves in, the Anti-Christ is finished! vv. 11, 18, 22, 26. See Rev. 19:20.

3. The DOMINATION of Messiah (Christ) Jesus.

When the false Christ is put aside, then the true and blessed Lord will take over! Consider some characters of this matter,

- a. It is an earthly dominion. v. 14. Those who consider His kingdom as ethereal are hard pressed here!
- b. It is a universal dominion. v. 14. No area is outside His domain.
- c. It is an eternal dominion. v. 14. This is without destruction.
- d. It is a shared dominion. v. 18, 22, 27. What grace that saints reign with Him!

Conclusion. We must remember these things (v. 28). Surely they should move us to love Him (v. 10)! With the knowledge of these future events, let us plead with others to relate to Christ through faith.