

# THE KING IS COMING

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LESSON 20: THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL (PART 3: DAN 7-12) . . . *PROPHECY*

**MEMORY.** Review in order the world empires that interact with the Jews: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. (For an additional challenge, know which empires correspond to the vision of Daniel in Dan 7: Babylon = lion; Medo-Persia = bear; Greece = leopard; Rome = monster).

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**READING.** Read Dan 7-12. After doing your reading, in the space below write down something that you found to be interesting or important. It can be something that you have never noticed before or something that you want to remember and apply.

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## DISCUSSION.

1. *Divine Sovereignty.* When did Daniel see the vision of Dan 7? (v. 1) What did he see? (vv. 2-14) Summarize the angelic interpretation of the vision? (vv. 15-27). What similarities exist between the visions of Dan 2 and 7?

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- 2. *Wicked Power.*** When did Daniel see the vision of Dan 8? (v. 1) What did he see? (vv. 2-14) This vision elaborates on the future of the Medo-Persian and Greek Empires and their interaction with the people of God (vv. 15-26). What do you suppose is the main point of the vision, and why would it have been important for the Jews after the time of Daniel to understand it?

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## DISCUSSION.

- 3. *Prayer and Providence.*** When did Daniel read the prophecy of Jeremiah, pray to God, and see the vision of Dan 9? (vv. 1-2) Summarize the prayer of Daniel (vv. 3-19). What can we learn about prayer from Daniel? What message did Gabriel deliver to Daniel, and why was it important that Daniel hear it? (vv. 20-27)

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4. *Spiritual Warfare*. When did Daniel see the vision of Dan 10-12? (10:1; cf. v. 4)

What was Daniel to do with this vision? (12:9-13)

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6. *Day.* What arrogant words were they saying against God? (Mal 3:13-15) What did God do for those who humbled themselves and feared him? (vv. 16-18) Why should they do so? (4:1-3) Whose law should the people remember, whom would God send to them? (vv. 4-6)

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**CONNECTION.** How does Dan 7:13-14 find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ?



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**APPLICATION.** Daniel received wondrous visions, but even he did not understand everything that he saw. Moreover, God indicated that the meaning would not be unveiled for some time. While he did not fully understand the prophecies (even though he wanted to know what they meant), Daniel could maintain hope in God. The angelic figure exhorted him, "But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and stand again for your ...

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... allotted portion at the end of the days" (Dan 12:13). We may not understand everything that we read in the Bible—though we should desire to know what God says—but this does not mean that we are hopeless. We can be faithful until the end and know that we have a portion waiting for us in eternity.