

# Journey & Intro to the 7 Seal Judgments



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# Opening Comments



- ❧ We began this journey a year and a half ago (and counting)
- ❧ Before we started this journey we established our disciplines (our 10 ROEs) that we must abide by
  - ❧ Modeled by both OT/NT authors of Scripture
- ❧ We started this journey by covering the basics
  - ❧ Q1: What is the book of Revelation about?
  - ❧ Q2: Who wrote it, when, and to whom was it written to?
  - ❧ Q3: What was its intended purpose?
  - ❧ Q4: How is it to be interpreted?
  - ❧ Q5: What do I need to know to understand it?
    - ❧ We also covered important topics we need to know when studying end times including...

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## ☞ Abrahamic Covenant

- ☞ The **people** of Israel will always be God's chosen people
- ☞ The **land** of Israel was given to them as an everlasting possession
- ☞ Abraham is the forefather of **faith** for both believing Jews and Gentiles

## ☞ Mosaic Covenant

- ☞ Came with blessing and cursing
- ☞ If the people of Israel **obey** the Law: they will be blessed
- ☞ If the people of Israel **disobey** the Law: they will be cursed

## ☞ Davidic Covenant or the Davidic Kingdom (2Sam 7)

- ☞ God promised to make David's name great, cut off all his enemies
- ☞ God promised to appoint a place for Israel and will plant them in peace and safety
- ☞ God will make a house for him and raise up his descendant after him a
- ☞ David's son will build a house for God's Name and God will establish the throne of His kingdom forever (speaking of Israel's Messiah)

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- ❧ We then set out to study Daniel's visions that have end times implications
  - ❧ The Great Statue
  - ❧ The Four Beasts
  - ❧ The Ram and the Goat
    - ❧ The Little Horn
  - ❧ 70 Weeks Prophecy
- ❧ Reason we started with Daniel's visions was because
  - ❧ The Scripture said Daniel understood all kinds of visions and dreams (Dan 1:17)
  - ❧ Our Lord Jesus singled out Daniel in His Great Olivet Discourse (Mt 24, Lk 21)
  - ❧ And I argued the book of Daniel
    - ❧ is **the cornerstone** of all end times prophecy
    - ❧ gives us **the most comprehensive** end times prophecy
    - ❧ gives us **a timeline** of end times prophecy and the end of the age

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- ❧ The goal of our Daniel mini series was to demonstrate:
  - ❧ How the OT is the foundation of the NT
  - ❧ God's progressive revelation concerning the end times
    - ❧ Is centered around the disciplining of God's chosen people, Israel
  - ❧ How to study mysterious visions using Scripture
  - ❧ The continuation of Daniel's vision to John's vision
    - ❧ Revelation can be called '2Daniel'
  - ❧ We even took a guess at what year the world is going to end in our finale
    - ❧ 70 Weeks Prophecy
- ❧ Our Daniel Series was about 4 months

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- ❧ In the beginning of last year, we officially started studying Revelation
- ❧ We studied Revelation the same way we studied Daniel
- ❧ We continued to exercise our disciplines (10 ROEs)
- ❧ It took us 4 months to get through chapter 1 and right off the gate we came across several treasures of truth, some of those highlights:
  - ❧ He Who is to Come
  - ❧ He is Coming with the Clouds
  - ❧ Every Eye Will See Him
  - ❧ In the Tribulation
  - ❧ The Keys of Death and Hades
- ❧ It took us 8 months to get through chapters 2-3 and walked through each of the 7 letters to the 7 churches

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- ❧ For the first couple of months of this year, we spent time walking through the majestic scene in the very throne room in heaven in chapters 4-5
- ❧ We got well acquainted with
  - ❧ The One Who Sits on the Throne
  - ❧ The Book Sealed with 7 Seals
  - ❧ The Lamb as if Slain
  - ❧ The 4 Living Creatures & The 24 Elders
  - ❧ A Strong Angel, 7 Spirits of God or 7 Angels
  - ❧ Myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands of heaven's angels
- ❧ Having just wrapped up chapter 5 leads us now to chapter 6 and the breaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal

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- ❧ Why did I just give us an overview of the journey we've taken so far?
- ❧ It's because after pouring in 100s hours in study over the past 2 ½ years I wanted to do my best (with the Spirit's help) to equip us for this very study
- ❧ My goal was to have an idea where the 7 Seals (followed by the 7 Trumpets/7 Bowls) in John's vision falls when compared to Daniel's visions
- ❧ Because when these Seals are broken, our Lord's return is imminent, He's at the prophetic door and is coming quickly!
- ❧ Given the time and preparation to get to this point and the fact that we probably forgot most if not all that we've learned over the past 2+years, I'd like to briefly reintroduce slides we used when we concluded and summarized our Daniel studies
- ❧ Why? Because this is going to frame our entire study from the 1<sup>st</sup> seal forward



# The Great Statue

Represents historical and end times super world powers (kingdoms and kings) who Israel's Messiah will crush and put to an end and set up an everlasting kingdom on earth

## The Great Statue

**Middle East:**

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- Armenia
- Egypt
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Pakistan
- Syria
- Turkey

**European:**

- France
- Great Britain
- Greece
- Italy (Rome)
- Spain

**Wild Card:**

- India
- Saudi Arabia

**Dan 2:**

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# Roman Empire Map Over Time





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# The Four Beasts

Are 4 kings during the end times who will arise from the Great Mediterranean Sea (Mediterranean Nations) and are God's instruments to punish Israel for their sin and rebellion. The 4<sup>th</sup> King, will be a 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom with 10 Kings, of which the little horn will arise from - uprooting the first 3 Kings





# The Ram and Goat

Represents historical and end times kingdoms and kings who conquered and will conquer Mediterranean nations and kings (including the people, land, and temple of Israel). The Ram represents ancient Media-Persia. The Goat represents ancient Yavan. The Small Horn (False Prophet) is a descendent of the Goat and will be given authority over the regular sacrifice and Israel's last king in the end times.

## The Ram's Identity



20 The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

Modern-day countries in play for end times:

- ☞ Iran (most likely)
- ☞ Iraq
- ☞ Afghanistan
- ☞ Pakistan
- ☞ Turkey
- ☞ Syria
- ☞ Jordan
- ☞ Israel
- ☞ India (wild card)



## The Goat's Identity



21 The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece [Yavan, land of Japeth], and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Modern-day countries in play for end times:

- ☞ Turkey (most likely), Japeth also was allotted:
- ☞ Italy (Rome)
- ☞ Greece
- ☞ Syria
- ☞ Bulgaria
- ☞ Georgia
- ☞ Armenia, and others (N, NW, E, NE, of Israel)



# WANTED Sketch

Beasts from the Sea  
(Rev 13:1-10)



Beasts from the Earth  
(Rev 13:11-18)



# WANTED Sketch



Anti-god  
"beast from the Sea"  
"the little horn"



False Prophet or  
Antichrist  
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Dan 8:



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## Interpretation of the Vision

<sup>15</sup> When <sup>a</sup>I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought <sup>1</sup>to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one <sup>2</sup>who looked like a <sup>b</sup>man.

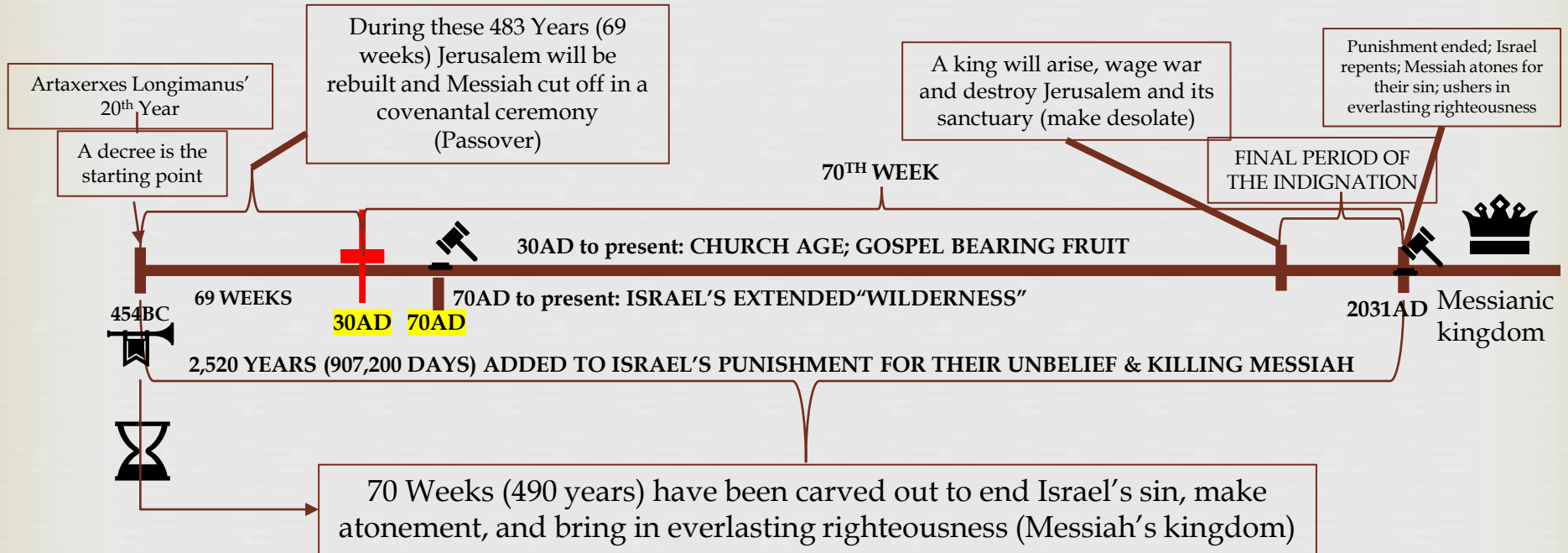
<sup>16</sup> And I heard the voice of a man between *the banks of Ulai*, and he called out and said, “<sup>a</sup>Gabriel, give this *man* an understanding of the vision.” <sup>17</sup> So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and <sup>a</sup>fell on my face; but he said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the <sup>b</sup>time of the end.”

<sup>18</sup> Now while he was talking with me, I <sup>a</sup>sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he <sup>b</sup>touched me and made me stand <sup>1</sup>upright. <sup>19</sup> He said, “Behold, I am going to <sup>a</sup>let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for *it* pertains to the appointed time of the end.”



# 70 Weeks Prophecy

Represents 490 years carved out in history as the total length of Israel's punishment for their sin, unfaithfulness, killing their Messiah. Once the 490 years of punishment has been fulfilled at the end times, God will rescue them, make full atonement for their sin, and establish His kingdom on earth



# Key Learnings from Daniel Series



- œ End times prophecy is centered around:
  - œ The people of Israel
  - œ The land of Israel
  - œ Primarily between Mediterranean nations (Middle East, Europe, North Africa)
- œ What to look for:
  - œ A holy covenant between Mediterranean nations and Israel
  - œ Permission granted to the Jews to re-build 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple, reinstatement of animal sacrifices
  - œ False prophets and messiahs making great claims, performing signs and wonders
  - œ Dispute and wars between Mediterranean nations, including over the holy covenant
  - œ The giving over of the animal sacrifices and Israel's PM over to another world leader
  - œ Destruction of Israel and the erection of the abomination of desolation in the Temple

# Key Learnings from Daniel Series



☞ And last, but not least

☞ Daniel ends with the sealing of his vision:

Daniel 12:9-10

9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for **these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time**. 10 Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

# Goal For 7 Seals Study



- ❧ Allow Daniel's visions to Set the Stage
- ❧ Consider the Great Olivet Discourse, Paul's epistles
- ❧ Determine the likely interpretation of the 4 riders spoken of in the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 Seals
- ❧ Determine how we can know if/when we are in any of the Seal prophecies
- ❧ Determine how each Seal implicates certain groups
  - ❧ Israel
  - ❧ The Church
  - ❧ The World (people)
  - ❧ Angels
  - ❧ The Earth (planet)

# Setting the Stage



- ❧ "the four winds" (in Four Beasts vision) = "the four living creatures" or the 4 angels they summoned (in Rev)
- ❧ Which means the rider on the white horse coincides with the Lion with eagle's wings!
  - ❧ The Lion King came to power when the 1<sup>st</sup> seal was broken!
- ❧ Since the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast in Daniel's vision doesn't arrive on the scene until Rev 13 (the beast from the Sea) must mean the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal thru 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet encompasses all 4 beasts in Daniels vision!
- ❧ Allow me to depict this for you...

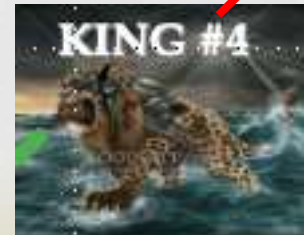
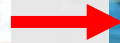
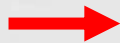
# Setting the Stage



## The Seven Seals



## The Seven Trumpets



# Setting the Stage



Hosea 13:5-9

5 I cared for you in the wilderness,  
In the land of drought.

6 As they had their pasture, they became satisfied,  
And being satisfied, their heart became proud;

**Therefore they forgot Me.**

7 So I will be like a **lion** to them;  
Like a **leopard** I will lie in wait by the wayside.

8 I will encounter them like a **bear** robbed of her cubs,

And I will tear open their chests;  
There I will also devour them like a **lioness**,

As a wild beast would tear them.

9 **It is your destruction, O Israel,**  
That you are against Me, against your help.



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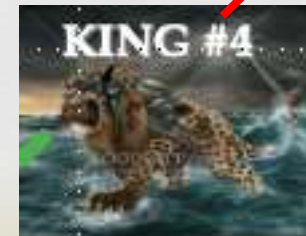
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The beginning of  
Israel's destruction





# SUMMARY



- ❧ The setting of Daniel's Four Beasts visions takes us to the Mediterranean Sea and its surrounding countries
- ❧ The "four winds" in Daniel's 4 Beasts vision could very well be the 4 Living Creatures summoning the 4 Horseman!
- ❧ Which means when the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal is broken, starts with the Lion King!
- ❧ IMPORTANT KEY: The starting point of the final period of the indignation
- ❧ At the end of Daniel, prophecy is sealed
- ❧ At the breaking of the 7 seals, prophecy is unsealed!
- ❧ Meaning, the 7 Seals is the unconcealment and unsealing of the end times!
- ❧ Beginning with who again?
- ❧ And last but not least, the Sealed book contains what?