

GOSPEL HOPE WHEN OUR WORST NIGHTMARES COME TRUE

Daniel 7:1-28 // February 4, 2024 AM

I. Christ's people will be ravaged by man's bestial kingdom for a time.

II. Christ's people will be rewarded in God's celestial kingdom for eternity.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does Daniel's nightmare in ch. 7 relate to Nebuchadnezzar's nightmare in ch. 2? What are the similarities, and what are the differences?
2. What are the four beasts pictures of? Why does God use the imagery of beasts?
3. How does John's vision of the beast in Revelation 13 draw upon these four beasts? What does this teach us about the enduring nature of the beasts Daniel saw?
4. Does Daniel 7 foretell the first coming of Christ or the second coming? Or both?
5. Who is the little horn, and when will he be destroyed?
6. How is the King who receives a kingdom from God in heaven different from the beastly kings on earth? Who is this one like a son of man?
7. Why is the Son of Man not mentioned in the interpretation of the vision? Who is mentioned in His place, and why should this be a tremendous comfort to us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I tend to avoid apocalyptic prophesy because of intimidation? Why shouldn't I fear Daniel and Revelation?
2. Do I agree with Pastor Nick's interpretation of the fourth beast and the little horn in light of the clearer and fuller revelation of the New Testament?
3. How prominent of a role does gospel hope play in my day-to-day life? Would I profit from doing a deeper study of biblical eschatology (the doctrine of the last things)?