

Daniel 7-12

Daniel VII: Apocalyptic Review

Revelation for the nations ...

- I. One Kingdom Remains
 - A. Beastly Kingdoms
 - B. Before the Ancient of Days
- II. One King Reigns
 - A. The Son of Man
 - B. All Authority
- III. Over Nations in the Balance
 - A. Trouble
 - B. Triumph
 - C. Petition
 - D. Judgment
 - E. A Looming Question

... assurance for God's people.

Children, Listen ...

1. Though many bad things happen and many bad people have power, Who is actually in charge of everything that happens?
2. How does that truth bring comfort to those who belong to God?
3. Who is "the one like the son of man" in Daniel's vision?
4. When He comes to earth what name does He go by?
5. When His work is done on earth where does He go and what is He doing?

Ominously Unfolding

There is a caution to all mankind to not take the unfolding of history glibly. Unenlightened students of the movements of mankind and of nations are prone to take a far too casual view of even the most intense world events as if they occur only within the bounds of earthly realms. The Bible does not allow for a one-dimensional view of past or current events – nor does it allow us to take a secular view of what is in store for the future. We may be intrigued and even amazed by the glories and the evils of kings and kingdoms, but only fools will write them off as merely the machinations of humanity. In and above it all is always the grand movement of God and His sovereign rule. In other words, all the schemes of men great and small are ultimately subservient to the authority and dominion of the Lord of All. His will unfolds according to His perfect plan. Central to it all is the Son of Man, the Son of God, Who came to earth to establish His Kingdom forever. Daniel stood squarely in that Kingdom in his day but could only see its inauguration in dreams, visions and prophecies. We stand in the Kingdom today knowing the reality of it as it was accomplished in the first advent of Christ. Because of that we can have full confidence and comfort that the Savior reigns now. And it is with full assurance that we can anticipate with eagerness the full consummation of all things when He returns in splendor and majesty when He comes in fullness in His second advent. In the midst of the crazy and seemingly chaotic world the saints of God can press on zealously with our eyes fixed on our King Jesus and His everlasting Kingdom.

Simple but true: *Kings and kingdoms will all pass away ... but there something about that Name!*