



**STANDING
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IN TRYING
TIMES**

The Book of Daniel

“I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this. “So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ ‘The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever — yes, for ever and ever.’

¹⁹ “Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws — the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. ²⁰ I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell — the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

²¹ As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

²³ “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. ²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. ²⁵ He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

²⁶ ““But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.’ ²⁸ “This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

Daniel 7:15–28

Chaos and Four Beasts

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**The Four
Beasts and
the Little Horn**

The Four Beasts

The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth.

Daniel 7:17



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The Ten Horns

He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. ²⁴ **The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom.** After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. Daniel 7:23–24

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The 'Little Horn' Is Arrogant and Boastful

While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and **a mouth that spoke boastfully.**

Daniel 7:8 (also see Daniel 7:20)

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The 'Little Horn' Blasphemes God

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Daniel 7:25

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The 'Little Horn' Persecutes God's People

He will speak against the Most High and **oppress his saints** and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Daniel 7:25

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The 'Little Horn' & Worship

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and **try to change the set times and the laws**. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Daniel 7:25

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The 'Little Horn' - A Limited Time

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. **The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.**

Daniel 7:25

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As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom. Daniel 7:21–22

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**God's People
Inherit His
Eternal
Kingdom!**

The Eternal Kingdom of God

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:14

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Daniel 7:17–18

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But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.

Daniel 7:26–27

**APPLYING
THE
WORD**



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(Leader)

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

(Congregation)

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

(Leader)

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

(Congregation)

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

(Leader)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

(Congregation)

As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

(Leader)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

(All)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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