

EVERLASTING KINGDOM

DANIEL 7 | WEEK SEVEN

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 7

MEMORIZE

*“These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. **18** But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.”*

—Daniel 7:17-18

CONSIDER

“God is love. That is why he suffers. To love our suffering, sinful world is to suffer. God so suffered for the world that he gave up his only Son to suffering. The one who does not see God’s suffering does not see his love. God is suffering love.”

—Nicholas Wolterstorff,
“Lament for a Son”

“We Christians are great at compartmentalizing our lives. We believe that Jesus’ knowledge is for our ‘spiritual lives,’ but that our everyday lives require a more modern knowledge.”

—Jared Wilson,
“Your Jesus Is Too Safe”

DANIEL 7:1-8

1. Daniel's vision parallels Nebuchadnezzar's dream in chapter two, and the interpretations are similar: one world empire succeeds another. What do you think God wants us to understand from the prophecies in Daniel?

2. How are these kingdoms ruined in Nebuchadnezzar's dream from chapter two?

DANIEL 7:13-18

5. Who is the "one like a son of man?"

6. Take a moment to observe what the Son of Man receives from the Ancient of Days.

DANIEL 7:9-12

3. How does the majestic description of the Ancient of Days frame the description of the four beasts?

4. Do these four kings reign by their own might or has God given them their dominion? How do we apply this directly to ourselves and authorities in our lives?

DANIEL 7:19-28

7. Putting aside further discussion of specific end-times events (i.e. exactly who the little horn is and what his war against the saints entails), would it be fair to say this "wearing out of the saints" (v25) describes the Christian life today? When Jesus said the world would hate us without cause (John 15:18-25), should we understand that suffering as this war against the saints?