

## E2E- Part 112b

### Daniel 7

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1. When our world is in turmoil, we really need to know there is hope for a brighter future, otherwise we end up heartsick.
2. Daniel sees four great beasts, representing four great world empires that dominate and bring chaos and turmoil.
3. Daniel then sees the Ancient of Days take His seat, clothed in dazzling, brilliant white, revealing God's matchless purity and holiness.
4. Daniel is distressed and alarmed because the vision reveals violent upheaval and the suffering God's people will endure.
5. The fourth beast is exceedingly dreadful, and the "little horn" rises to dominance with greater power, intelligence, and blasphemous arrogance.
6. This ruler wages war with the saints, overpowers them, and wears them down through relentless persecution.
7. He speaks against the Most High, oppresses believers, and attempts to change set times and laws, seeking to eliminate true worship.
8. His authority is limited to "a time, times, and half a time" (3½ years), during a period of intense tribulation.
9. The court will sit for judgment, his dominion will be taken away, and he will be annihilated and destroyed forever (vs 26).
10. No rebellious elements will be left. All evil is put down, and chaos is gone. The King of Kings assumes His rightful place.
11. When humans have an encounter with the holiness and glory of the living God, we are naturally overwhelmed with a sense of unworthiness and humbled by His awesomeness.
12. Chapter 7 ends as it began: God is in control, the court will sit, Christ will reign, the saints will rule with Him, and chaos and turmoil will be no more.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Stilbo** (stil'-bo); a primary verb; to gleam, flash intensely: — shining

**Yatstsiyb** (yats-tseeb´); (Aramaic) - fixed, sure; concretely, certainty:— truth

**Shamad** (shaw-mad´); to desolate :— bring to nought, overthrow, perish, pluck down, x utterly

**'Abad** (aw-bad´); to perish (causative, destroy :— not escape, fail, lose, be undone, x utterly, be void

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When Daniel sees chaotic beasts and then the Ancient of Days in Daniel 7, what does that contrast teach us about God's holiness in a broken world?
  - Why does that matter for hope?
2. Why does encountering God's holiness naturally lead to a sense of unworthiness?
  - What's the difference between humility and shame?
3. The "little horn" has power, but it's limited. What does that show about God's authority over evil?
  - How should that shape our response to suffering?
4. How does God's holiness connect to His role as judge in Daniel 7?
  - Why do people struggle with that today?
5. If God is truly holy and in control, what should that change about how we live right now?