**Kingdom Prophecies**

**Daniel 7**

*. . .having been predestined according to the purpose of him* ***who works all things according to the counsel of his will,”*** *(Ephesians 1:11* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#Eph._1:11)*)*

**Main Idea: Though the nations seem to be in chaos, God places His wise and power hand upon them. He allows human kings to exercise authority for a time for His good purpose. One day He will send His Son to the earth to rule over all forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Character of the World’s Nations**

Two truths to glean from Daniel’s vision:

1. Man cannot change the basic nature of the nations.
2. God rules over the nations.

Application: If God is the ACTOR who controls the destiny of every human nation, let us PRAY! The most significant way we can influence the course of our nation is fervent prayer from righteous people.

**The Future of the World’s Nations**

Truth: Stability in this world is a short-lived illusion.

Truth: The future of human kingdoms will grow darker not brighter through the times of the Gentiles. But the LORD will not allow evil to last forever. His kingdom is coming!!

*Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#2Th._2:3)*)*

*The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#2Th._2:9)*)*

Application: The LORD tells us to expect much to be wrong with our present world. He calls His saints to endure the present evil age with faith, hope and love. He urges us away from bitterness, complaining, grumbling and destructive anger.

**The Glory of the Most High God**

God is BEFORE human history, IN human history, ABOVE human history, OVER human history and BEYOND human history.

Truth #1: The LORD alone controls human history.

*“remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’” (Isaiah 46:9-10* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#Is._46:9)*)*

Truth #2: The LORD works in human history to bring glory to Himself.

**The Dominion of the Son of Man**

Truth #1: The Son of Man will enter human history in power and glory.

Jesus’ uses of the title “Son of Man”:

1. Jesus used this title to teach his pre-existence.
2. Jesus uses this title to teach that He must suffer.
3. Jesus used this title to teach that a person must be joined to Him to be saved.
4. Jesus used this title to teach He will judge every person.

Truth #2: Jesus will triumph over this world’s kingdoms and His kingdom will never come to an end.

Truth #3: Jesus will rule His kingdom with His saints.

Application: Since we are to reign with Jesus in the future, let us show wisdom and justice in all our relationships now. Let us not get caught up in unrighteous speculation about people and groups. But let us display the wisdom, love, honesty and fairness NOW.

Application: Let us endure in faith so that we will be among those who reign with Him!

*“if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;” (2 Timothy 2:12* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#2Tim._2:12)*)*

*Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 11:15* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#Rev._11:15)*)*

*because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Romans 10:9-10* [*ESV*](https://accordance.bible/link/read/ESVS#Rom._10:9)*)*