

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

March 14, 2021

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:1-14

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: *Dana Marcukaitis*

Message: *The Trouble With Daniel* (Daniel 7:15-28)

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Announcements:

Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach will be our guest speaker next Sunday, as Pastor Kurth ministers the word at the *West Valley Grace Fellowship* in Sun City West, Arizona.

Speaking of Assistant Pastor Paul: He and Josh Dennis have both been asked to help with the new grace Bible being prepared by *Berean Bible Society*. Keep them in prayer.

Northern Grace Youth Camp is having a Spring Craft Retreat on April 22-25. Brochures are available.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone
Daniel 7:1-14 *Daniel's Flashback*

The "wind" (7:1) is often a type of unseen spiritual activity. It indicated the *Holy Spirit* was at work in Acts 2:1-4, but *unholy* spirits tried to sink the Lord and the 12 (Mark 4:39). They don't try that when *we* cross a lake. Instead, they try to sink us *doctrinally* with "every *wind* of doctrine" (Eph.4:14).

We know *these* "winds" (7:2) are unholy spirits because Daniel had this dream at *night*. Daytime is symbolic of the time the Lord was here (John 9:4), but as He said, the "night" of the Tribulation was coming. The mystery interrupted it, but it will come *in the night* (IThe.5:2-5). When He *returns* He's called a "Sun" (Mal. 4:2) and His saints are likened to suns (Mt.13:43) in the day *of the kingdom*. But Daniel says *three times* this vision came to him at night (v.2,7,13), telling us that this is a vision *about the Tribulation*. In that day, those 4 unholy spirits will strive upon *the sea*, a type of the Gentiles (cf.Isa.60:5). "The *great sea*" (7:2) is the Mediter-ranean, and Daniel's dream is *specifically* about unholy spirits stirring up nations that border that sea during the night of the Tribulation.

The "four beasts" (7:3) "are four kings" (7:17). They can't be the same as the four kings in Daniel 2, for he said they "shall arise" (7:3), and he said that *in the first year of Belshazzar* (7:1). That means the kings of Babylon and Media-Persia had *already* arisen. These are four kings that will arise *in the Tribulation* and produce the antichrist (8:22,23). He too will rise out of the "sea" of the Gentile nations (Rev.13:1) and will be a Jew born in a Gentile nation.

The first beast (7:4) sounds like when Nebuchadnezzar went mad and acted like a beast 7 years, but we've seen it can't be him. The second beast (7:5) doesn't fit Media-Persia well, so some figure it might be Russia, but Russia is nowhere near the Mediterranean. The next beast (7:6) is thought to repre-sent Greece because a "leopard" is among the fastest of animals—and this is a leopard with wings—

and Alexander took “only” 7 years to conquer the world. But that’s not fast! The next kingdom (7:7) sounds like Rome, but this kingdom will produce the antichrist (v.8), and Rome didn’t. We know this little horn is the antichrist because he ends up conquer-ing the lion, the bear and the leopard and assimilating them (Rev.13:1,2). He will have “seven heads” after devouring the lion’s head, the bear’s head, and the leopard’s four heads. His 10 horns are 10 kings that rise with him (Rev.17:3-12).

Since Hosea 13:2-8 says *God* will be like a lion, a bear and a leopard to Israel, that means God will be using antichrist to chasten Israel just as He used Nebuchadnezzar, whom he called “My servant” (Jer.25:9). The “great things” antichrist will speak (Dan.7:8 cf. 7:24,25; 11:36) will come out of his mouth when he claims to be God (IIThes.2:3,4).

The “thrones” (Dan.7:9) of those ten kings are “cast down” by the Lord at His 2nd coming, called “the Ancient of Days” here. His clothes and hair are *white* because that’s associated with how He looks *in judgment* (Rev.1:12-15). It’s why British judges wear white wigs. “Fire” (7:9) is also associated with judgment (Heb.10:27). The Lord’s throne has “wheels” because it must be mobile to judge those kings.

He’ll come with a “fiery stream” (Dan.7:10 cf. Ps.50:3; Isa. 66:15). Angels will be *in* those Isaiah 66:15 chariots (Ps.68: 17), the millions of angels who will return with Christ (Jude 1:14) and then witness the Great White Throne judgment when the books will be open (Dan.7:10 cf. Rev.20:11). Dan-iel sees that judgment as coming when the beast is destroyed at the 2nd coming (7:11) because the millennial aspect of the kingdom wasn’t revealed to him. Daniel 7:11 describes Rev-elation 19:19,20. The beast is cast into the lake of fire, but the lives of those 10 kings are “prolonged” *in hell* (Isa.24: 21,22) for 1,000 years, then “visited” with judgment at the Great White Throne and join the beast in the lake of fire.

The Ancient of Days in Daniel 7:13 *is God the Father*. He and His Son are both called “the first and the last” (Isa.44:6

cf. Rev.1:13-16) as well, because of the oneness they have as members of the Trinity. Only “clouds” *of angels* could escort the Lord to the Father (Dan.7:13). Clouds are angels in Psalm 104:1-4, where they are also called chariots, which explains the wheels in Daniel 7:9. Daniel 7:14 describes the culmination of the ages (cf. I Corinthians 15:24).

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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