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LIVING AS FAITHFUL STRANGERS

A Prophecy to Produce Perseverance and Praise Daniel 7

First: Prophecy produces p_____ because it prepares us for coming hardship.

Verses 2-3, “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.”

Verse 17, “The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth.”

The fourth beast is “different.” **Verse 7**: “It was *different* from all the former beasts.” **Verse 19**: “Then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast, which was *different* from all the others.” **Verse 23**: “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.”

The fourth beast is particularly hostile to God’s people. **Verse 21**: “As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them.” **Verse 25**: “He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people.”

The fourth beast is variously called “the abomination that causes desolation” (Matthew 24), “the man of lawlessness” (2 Thessalonians), “the beast out of the sea” (Revelation 13), and the Antichrist (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7).

2 Thessalonians 2:15, “So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you.”

Verses 25-27, “The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High.”

Second: Prophecy produces p_____ because it assures us of coming victory.

The Ancient of Days (verses 9-10)

The Son of Man (verses 13-14)

Psalm 104:3, The Lord Jehovah “makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.”

Matthew 25:31, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.”

Matthew 26:64, “From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

Matthew 16:13