

- Note the Apostle Paul said he was not sufficient to be an effective fragrance (an effective witness for God) in his own power, but only by the grace of God.

I close with this question:

**Has the potency of your fragrance waned in recent days and weeks?**

**Today can be a new beginning, where you surrender your heart again to the Lord and His call to be holy so that others may see the Lord through your life.**

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## Introduction: November 8

Chapter 7 starts the second half of the book, different in focus and nature. The first 6 chapters were related to Daniel and his political career in both the Babylonian empire and the Medo-Persian empire. I love the first 6 chapters of Daniel, don't you?

Now, in chapters 7-12, we will look at the visions of Daniel.

- In these chapters, God reveals to Daniel the time of the Gentiles again and the details regarding the Tribulation and the "Last Days."

Revelation 6-19 becomes very helpful here for it provides insight to what we read in Daniel 7-12. Equally, Daniel 7-12 provides insight into Revelation 6-19.

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## Chapter 7

### Verse 1: The Timing

*(Daniel 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.)*

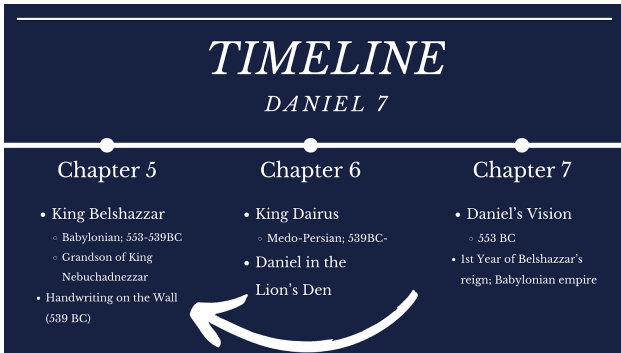
The first thing to look at is the timing of this revelation.

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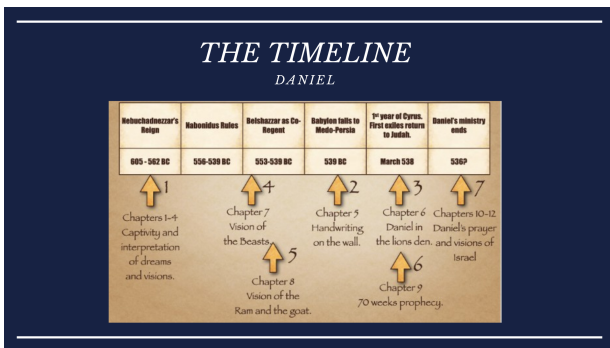


Some of you already notice that chapter 7 goes back in time. If you are unaware, the book of Daniel is not in chronological order. So, where does Daniel 7 fall under? Daniel 7 goes back before chapter 5.

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In Chapter 5, the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar is king while Babylon is the world empire. Belshazzar's reign was from 553-539BC, give or take. The handwriting on the wall was the last year and last day of Belshazzar's reign. Therefore, what we are reading in chapter 7 goes back about 14 years before chapters 5+6.

In Chapter 6, Daniel is in the Medo-Persian government. King Darius is introduced.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For those who want to get their brains fried with the criticisms of King Darius, [read Tony Garland's excellent exploration](#) of this character. If you get confused, go to the very end of the writing. This quote is worth referencing: "So

Chapter 7 is a revelatory dream that Daniel receives in the 1st year of King Belshazzar's reign (553BC); and the revelation in chapter 8 is a revelatory dream that Daniel receives in the 3rd year of King Belshazzar's reign (551BC).

Chapter 7 simply goes back in time before the events of chapters 5+6 about 14 years.

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## Verses 2-8: Vision of Four Beasts

*(Daniel 7:2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.*

*Daniel 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.*

*Daniel 7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.*

*Daniel 7:5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'*

*Daniel 7:6 "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.*

*Daniel 7:7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.*

*Daniel 7:8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.)*

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As a preface, recall chapter 2 where Nebuchadnezzar had a revelation of the four earthly kingdoms before God's kingdom.

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any time that someone comes up to you and says that there's no evidence of Darius the Mede, remember he is dealing with probably about one-millionth of the available data. So you don't have to worry, there's probably somewhere in the 999,000 parts that have not been discovered there's information about this unknown figure, Darius the Mede."

With what image or symbol did Nebuchadnezzar receive the revelation of kingdoms? The object was a statue, starting with the head of gold that represented Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian kingdom.

**So now, the Lord reveals the same revelation to Daniel simply with greater detail.**

- **Understand that the three beasts are symbolic of the same nations as the nations in Nebuchadnezzar's dream.**

### Comparing the Dreams:

(Graphic 5)

<i>COMPARISON</i> <i>NEBUCHADNEZZAR AND DANIEL</i>	
<b>Chapter 2</b> The Image Given to Nebuchadnezzar 4 Kingdoms + 1 in View 4 Part Image + Stone More General Daniel interpreted it Man's viewpoint	<b>Chapter 7</b> The four beasts Given to Daniel 4 Kingdoms + 1 in View 4 Beasts + Son of Man More Detailed An angel interpreted it God's viewpoint

In comparing Nebuchadnezzar's dream-vision and Daniel's dream-vision,

- The key similarity is that these are speaking of the same 3 kingdoms.
- The key difference: Nebuchadnezzar received the facts but Daniel receives much more detail of those facts.

The symbols represent the same kingdoms throughout world history.

### **The Unknown Beast, Explained**

It's important to study the "unknown beast." Some think that the unknown beast is Rome, past, present, and future (like a lingering kingdom that has not yet fully been destroyed). But I want to be clear. You can't definitively say that. Now it's not something to argue over, it's just something we don't know for sure.

We know that Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece are mentioned, but the 4th kingdom in Neb's dream or the unknown beast in Daniel's dream is still unknown. This 4th and final world empire has not fully materialized yet according to the prophecy in Daniel.

With that said, what is absolutely certain? **The “unknown beast” that is still unknown to us is linked to the Antichrist.**

In other words, there is no doubt for us Bible students to know that the unknown beast will be fully manifested in the Tribulation because of the 11th horn. Do you see that there are 10 horns on this unknown beast?

### **Verse 7: The 10 Horns**

What is the significance of the 10 horns on this fourth, unknown beast? This is where Revelation helps us, doesn't it?

- (Revelation 17:12 *“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.”*)

### **Verse 8: The Little Horn**

Who or what is the little horn? **The little horn is the Antichrist.**

Revelation clarifies again:

- (Revelation 17:13 *These [the 10 horns/kings during the Tribulation] are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.*)

**Don't worry if this is new to you and slightly confusing. As the revelation and vision is developed, this will become clearer and clearer.**

Before the dream-vision is interpreted starting in verse 15, Daniel sees the Lord in verses 9-14:

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### **Verses 9-14: The Ancient of Days**

(Daniel 7:9 *“I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;*

**Daniel 7:10** *A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.*

**Daniel 7:11** *“I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.*

**Daniel 7:12** *As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.*

**Daniel 7:13** *“I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.*

**Daniel 7:14** *Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.)*

### **The Timing of This Heavenly Scene:**

When does this occurrence at the heavenly throne take place? We have some clues when this is taking place.

#### **Clues:**

In the text, He is sitting on His throne judging (vv9-10).

The books of judgment are opened (v10).

Judgment comes upon the beast and all its horns (v11). So if the 11th horn is the Antichrist, this judgment also comes upon him.

Because of these facts, the right question to ask is a very simply question:

#### **Where in scripture does God judge the Antichrist?**

- (**Revelation 19:20** *Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.)*
- **The Point:** I think it is pretty clear that the timing of this vision is found in Revelation 19.

### **Verses 9-10: The Description of the Father and Son**

Verse 9 reveals a name of God, a name that was not revealed before the book of Daniel nor after the book of Daniel. It is a name of God unique to this book. It is a magnificent name, revealing His eternity.

#### **The Definition:**

- This name literally means “one advance in days.” Also, “one who forwards time or rules over it.”

- Also, the indication is that God has lived throughout the entire course of history as an eyewitness of all the deeds of human beings and kingdoms.<sup>2</sup>

### Encouragement:

Note, God is on the seat of judgment in these verses. His name, *Ancient of Days*, should comfort us in a particular way: I quote Renald Showers here,

He is one Judge who does not have to rely upon secondhand testimony as the basis for His judgments. Thus, His judgments are accurate. In this symbolic representation of God, His clothing was like white snow and His hair was like pure wool. These items signified the purity or righteousness of God (Isa. 1:18). He is a Judge who is untainted by corruption. Thus, His judgments are absolutely just.

Showers, Renald E. [\*The Most High God: Commentary on the Book of Daniel\*](#). Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., 1982, p. Da 7:1-14.

### Comparing Verse 9 and Verse 13:

If you look at verse 9, your mind may travel to Revelation 1:14, describing Jesus: (**Revelation 1:14** *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;*) In other words, you can think that Daniel 7:9 is describing Jesus. However, that's not the case. "The Ancient of Days" is not Jesus Christ, it is actually God the Father. We know that because verse 13 reveals Jesus Christ coming to God the Father, *The Ancient of Days*, to receive the Kingdom.

### Verses 13-14: Jesus Comes

Why does verse 13 get us excited?

Because it reminds that Jesus Christ will receive the Kingdom from his Father, a Kingdom coming to Earth. Aren't you excited?

Throughout the scriptures, we are told that Jesus is coming to set up His kingdom by coming upon the clouds with His angels at the end of the Tribulation.

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<sup>2</sup> Renald Showers, Thomas Constable and Lexham Bible Dictionary.

## COMING ON THE CLOUDS

DANIEL 7

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

11 who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? [This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner] as you saw Him go into heaven.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

- (1). In Acts 1:9-11, the angels told the disciples when Christ ascended, “Jesus is going to be coming back on the clouds.”
- (2). In Matthew 24:39-31, every eye will see King Jesus coming on the clouds.
- (3). In Matthew 25:31, after He comes on the clouds to set up His kingdom, “then He will sit on the throne of His glory.”

Let me read to you again Daniel 7:14. Be encouraged in your hearts!

*(Daniel 7:14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.)*

His perfect, eternal, indestructible kingdom is coming!

### Application:

Some of us are now personally all the more acquainted with the fact that no country is guaranteed safety. No citizen is guaranteed safety. All nations are essentially unstable, moving towards this one-world alliance with the Antichrist. If you and I try to put our hope, rest, and security in the United States or in the US Dollar or any other country or currency, we will be **greatly disappointed**.

**In a world where there is uneasiness, confusion, and worry concerning the stability of nations, our hearts yearn for Christ’s eternal kingdom on earth.**

### Verses 15-16: Daniel’s Response

*(Daniel 7:15 “I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.*



**Daniel 7:16** *I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:)*

First, in response to the revelation of the future, Daniel is grieved and troubled. Hold that thought because we will meditate on that as our final application. Second, if it's not clear, an angel makes the interpretation known to Daniel.

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## **Verses 17-18: Summary**

**(Daniel 7:17** *'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. Daniel 7:18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'*)

He simply summarizes what we've been talking about. The 4 beasts are symbols of the earthly kings and kingdoms of world history until Jesus Christ establishes His eternal millennial kingdom.

Now, what is something that was not stated in verse 14 that is now stated 18. Comparing the two, verse 14 states that Jesus Christ received the kingdom from His Father. In verse 18, the saints of Christ receive the kingdom; and eternally possess it. Why does it say that the saints receive the kingdom? **Not only is Jesus coming on the clouds with His angels, He is also coming on the clouds with His Church and all the believers that have gone before us (Rev. 19).**

## **Your role in Christ's 1,000 year, Millennial Kingdom?**

**(Revelation 20:4** *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**)*

- Do you see your glorious future? Reigning with Christ!

## **Application: Is Your Perspective Right?**

Paul's Example:

If there is a top 5 list of believers who suffered the most, who'd be on the list? The Apostle Paul. 2 Corinthians 11:22-33 is his resume of suffering for Christ, so-to-speak, where he lists many sufferings he endured for Christ and for the gospel of Christ. When you look at how much Paul suffered, you start to think: If there is anyone who suffered to the point that Paul did, how did he find the strength to endure?

*(Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

*Romans 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

*Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.)*

Because of this truth, all of our sufferings, that we experienced in the past, that we are currently experiencing, and the sufferings in the near and far future, cannot be put into the same category as the glory of God.

- When you know and believe the hope of your future; when you know and believe what God has promised to His children, guess what?

You won't be shaken by the instability of earthly kingdoms (vv13-14).

You won't be shaken by the reality of personal suffering (v18).

So I ask you to ask yourself, "Is my perspective right?"

Paul endured so much suffering and still had the joy and peace of the Lord because His comfort was not in his present circumstances. He kept His eyes on Jesus Christ, who is preparing an incomparable, glorious future! What did Jesus say, "I go to prepare a place for you"?

Lastly, I will say this: **The Lord is helping us have this perspective, isn't he?**

All of us are learning how to endure sufferings and trials well. Ask the Lord to help you.

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## Verses 19-22: The Fourth Beast

**(Daniel 7:19** *“Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;*

**Daniel 7:20** *and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.*

**Daniel 7:21** *“I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,*

**Daniel 7:22** *until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.)*

Daniel’s attention was all the more focused upon the fourth beast.

There’s one more insight on the Antichrist that I want you to know. It says in verse 19 that the “fourth beast was different than the others” and in verse 20 that his “appearance was greater than his fellows.”

Revelation 13 references the greatness of the Antichrist by referencing Daniel 7 in this way:

**(Revelation 13:2** *Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.)*

Why does this raise our attention? Because the leopard was Greece; the bear was Medo-Persia; and the lion was ancient Babylon. All to say, the Antichrist will be a composite of the three preceding kingdoms with each’s indescribable greatness and power that the world has ever known.

### **Verse 21: War**

Daniel writes of a future war against believers. It’s the same war we read of in Revelation:

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## THE FOURTH BEAST

THE ANTICHRIST (DANIEL 7)

Revelation 11:7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

In Revelation, the same phrase is used: “war against the saints.”

\*Side note: Do you see why Revelation helps us understand Daniel, and Daniel helps us understand Revelation? There are many parallel truths. And there are actual quotations and references in Revelation that are originally from Daniel.

### **Verse 22: The Judgment of God**

Verse 22 grabs my attention because it highlights that God is in control of everything that happens in the Tribulation.

Right when it seems like there is no hope for believers in the Last Days, the Lord says, “Now I will extend my mercy, my favor...”

### **Application:**

- To make that personal and practical. Right before my wife and I got married, we were worried that we weren't going to find a place to live. By God's grace, 2 months before the wedding, we got a place.
- Pastor Angel and Liz of CC City Terrace did not have a place to live yet while still on their honeymoon. The moment they got back from their honeymoon, they got a place.
- Brother Hank, starting a new job, received the keys to a place the day before he started the new job.

Right when it seems like there is no hope for the Tribulation believers, while they are going through the worst existence for up to 7 years in the Trib, right at the very last moment, God's favor comes, breakthrough comes.

Remember that the Lord Jesus called the Tribulation Saints in the Tribulation to endure because they will be tested. And you and I also undergo tests of our faith. And isn't wonderful when the Lord shows up, even if it is the 11th hour. And let me remind you. It may be late for us but it is not late for God. If God

came at the 6th hour, that would be great. But once it hits the 8th, 9th, the 10th hour in our testing of faith, what do we start to do? You don't have to really exercise earnest faith and total dependency at the 2nd hour or the 5th hour. But when do you find yourself on your knees in humility, in prayer, in faith? At the 8th hour, the 9th hour. And sometimes it seems like it is all over at the 11th hour. Faith is strengthened and faith is exhausted. You are holding on the little strength you have in that 11th hour. But when God shows up, you know He was not late. He was on time. Because He determined to show up in that moment before you were ever born, before this world ever came into existence.

**The Tribulation saints here will see that God is never early or never late. He is always on time with His promises. Everything God does is according to His perfect timetable.**

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## **Verses 23-27: The Antichrist's Rise, Success, and Fall**

**(Daniel 7:23** *"Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.*

**Daniel 7:24** *The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.*

**Daniel 7:25** *He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.*

**Daniel 7:26** *'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.*

**Daniel 7:27** *Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*)

These verses reveal what happens in the 7-Year Tribulation on Earth.

Verses 23-25 reveal the rise of the Antichrist.

Verse 26 reveals that the Antichrist's kingdom is destroyed.

Verse 27 reveals that after the Antichrist's kingdom is destroyed, Jesus Christ will establish His 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom.

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## Verse 28: Daniel's Response

(Daniel 7:28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.")

He was grieved. He was troubled. Color drained from his face.

### **Kept the Matter in My Heart:**

What does it say? "But I kept the matter in my heart." He did not try to shove the truth of God's future judgment out of his mind, rather **keep it** in the heart.

The word, kept: (*syntēreō - συντηρέω*)

If you recall, the Old Testament text was translated from Hebrew into Greek, which many early church believers used to read the OT, including the disciples. So Daniel 7:28 in the Greek septuagint translates *kept* using *syntereo* in the Greek. Where do we see *syntereo* in the New Testament?

(Luke 2:19 But Mary **kept** all these things and pondered them in her heart.)

- Also, when Jesus spoke of the new wine going into new wineskins, he said the reason for that was *syntereo - preservation (keeping - syntereo)* (Matt. 9 and Luke 5).
- Also, Herod feared John so he *syntereo - protected* John (protected - kept - *syntereo*) (Mark 6).

Again, Daniel did not shove these things out of mind and out of heart. Rather, he *kept* these things, *preserved* these things, *protected* these things in his heart.

I want to reference some things happening in our world today:

### **Reality #1: Anti-Semitism**

**Mark Hitchcock on Harbinger's Daily:** In the United States, there has been a 400% increase in antisemitic incidents just since October 7th. This time last year, in 2022, antisemitic incidents were up 36%, which was the highest on record. In 2023, the number rose again before going dramatically higher in the wake of the Hamas attack

Anti-semitism has exploded in recent weeks. In Revelation and in Daniel, it is clear that what defines the Great Tribulation under the Antichrist is the greatest anti-semitism this world has ever seen.

## Reality #2: Last Days' Deception

**(2 Timothy 4:3** *For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear.*

**2 Timothy 4:4** *They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.*

**2 Timothy 4:5** *But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.)*

This exhortation from the Apostle Paul to Timothy makes it explicitly clear that the state of the Church in the Last Days will include a substantial number of apostates and apostate churches:

- (1). People who **avoid** books like the book of Daniel - because Daniel 7 is a negative chapter that speaks of negative things.
- (2). People who **avoid** topics like the Tribulation and the judgment of God on earth before Christ's Kingdom.
- (3). People who **avoid** teaching anything related to prophecy or anything related to sin.
- (4). People who reject a literal interpretation of scripture and who adopt allegorical interpretations (which in the context of prophecy leads to a rejection of God's plan for Israel)
- (5). People who avoid the truth to go to a church that preaches worldly, fantastical, carnal teachings that only make them feel good.

While the growing apostate churches and growing apostate "so-called Christians" are expected and preparing us for the Tribulation, while the growth of anti-semitism is expected and preparing us for the Tribulation, there is a different, unique response that the Holy Spirit desires that we possess:

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<sup>3</sup> Harbinger's Daily [Article](#), written by M. Hitchcock.

Because Daniel knew the great suffering to come for humanity and for the Jewish race in the Last Days, what did it cause him to do?:

### **Be Grieved and Troubled**

With all the prophecies and truths related to,

- (1). The Last Days;
- (2). The future sufferings and death for humanity under the Antichrist;
- (3). The massive persecution for believers in the Tribulation;

Like Daniel, do these future realities **grieve** you (v15); do these future realities **trouble** you (v15); do these future realities **greatly trouble** you (v28); to the point that your physical, emotional, and spiritual state is changed?

This causes me to think of two passages of scripture:

CSB (**Ecclesiastes 7:2** *It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, since that is the end of all mankind, and the living should take it to heart.*

**Ecclesiastes 7:3** *Grief is better than laughter, for when a face is sad, a heart may be glad.*

**Ecclesiastes 7:4** *The heart of the wise is in a house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in a house of pleasure.)*

There is a point for you and I where God's Holy Spirit reveals to us the future in such a way where we become grieved and troubled. And in those moments, we say, "God what would you have me do with what I know?"

(**2 Corinthians 5:9** *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.*

**2 Corinthians 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

**2 Corinthians 5:11** *Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.)*

If we respond appropriately to the prophecies concerning future judgment for all those without Christ, it will cause us

**(1). Aim to be well-pleasing to the Lord.**

**(2). We don't hide the truth, we stand firm and preach the truth of God,** inviting others to be saved from hell and saved for heaven, and to be reconciled to God the Father through Jesus Christ. We are preachers of God's



rescue operation for humanity because He loves humanity. He loves you. He loves this world.

I think with a text like this, it is good to pray several things related to what God desires and what God has called us to do. Let's pray.

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