

Judgment in Daniel 7 • The "till" Event
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Character of the Fourth Beast and its Little Horn			
Daniel's Vision	Restated Upon Inquiry>	19 Then I would know	Interpretation
7 a fourth beast , dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped...; ten horns 8 another little horn , before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn <i>were</i> eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things	11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake:	the truth of the fourth beast ... exceeding dreadful... devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped... 20 And of the ten horns that <i>were</i> in his head, and of the other ... before whom three fell... had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints , and prevailed against them	23 fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom <i>are</i> ten kings <i>that</i> shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 And he shall speak <i>great</i> words against the most High , and shall wear out the saints of the most High , and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand
Adversary: What, But Especially Who?			
Who is the 4 th beast against? • Devoured • Brake in pieces • Stamped Who is the little horn against? • Three plucked up • Speaking great things	• Great words ... spake	• Devoured • Brake in pieces • Stamped • Before whom three fell • Spake very great things • War with the saints , and prevailed	• Devour the whole earth • Tread it down • Break it in pieces • Subdue three kings • Speak great words against the most High • Wear out the saint of the most High • Think to change times and laws
"Till" Transition to Judgment			
9: I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment <i>was</i> white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne <i>was like</i> the fiery flame, <i>and</i> his wheels <i>as</i> burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him:	11: I beheld till	22 Until the Ancient of days came,	until a time and times and the dividing of time.
Judgment Opened: Investigation			
the judgment was set, and the books were opened.		and judgment was	26 But the judgment shall sit,
Judgment Executed (1) against Fourth Beast and Its Little Horn			
	the beast was		and they shall take away his

	slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.		dominion, to consume and to destroy <i>it</i> unto the end.
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Judgment Executed (2) in favor of the Son of Man

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, <i>one</i> like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days , and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom , that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion <i>is</i> an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom <i>that</i> which shall not be destroyed.			
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Judgment Executed (3) in favor of the Saints of the Most High

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom , and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.		given to the saints of the most High ; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom .	27 And the kingdom and dominion , and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High , whose kingdom <i>is</i> an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
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Connections Outside of Daniel 7

Fourth kingdom in Revelation: Character: 11:18 destroy the earth; 13:5, 6 mouth speaking great things, against God; 12:13 "persecuted the woman"; 13:7 "to make war with the saints, and to overcome them"; "Till": 12:6 "a thousand two hundred and threescore days"; 12:14 "a time, and times, and half a time"; 13:5 "forty and two months"; Judgment: 19:20 beast and false prophet "into a lake of fire"; 20:10 devil "into the lake of fire".
Son of man is involved in the battle of kingdoms and judgment: Dan. 8:11; Matt. 25:31; Luke 22:29; John 5:27
Saints receive kingdom: Matt. 25:34; Rev. 3:21; 20:4.
Judgment always involves an **investigation** based on history: Gen. 3:11, 13; Gen. 18:21; Eccl. 12:14; Dan. 5:18-24; Acts 7:51-53; Rev. 3:15.
All phases of judgment are in Dan. 5: investigation (18-24), verdict and sentencing (25-28), execution (30).
First two phases in Matt. 23: investigation and verdict (29-37), sentencing (38 and 24:2).
The **three angels' messages** address these three phases: First angel: final preaching of gospel, announcing opening of investigation, taking history back to creation (Rev. 14:6, 7). Second angel: verdict of fallen (14:8). Third angel: contrasting histories and sentences (14:9-12). Followed by execution: two harvests (14:14-20 One "like unto the Son of Man" takes the good; angel takes evil for wrath; see Matt. 13:39). Also Rev. 18 judgment on Babylon.
Judgment as an **opening of hidden things**, of facing God: see Isa. 25:9 & Rev. 22:4 contrasted with Rev. 6:16.
1Tim. 5:24, 25 "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid."
"Some men's sins are open beforehand, confessed in penitence, and forsaken, and they go beforehand to judgment. Pardon is written over against the names of these men. But other men's sins follow after, and are not put away by repentance and confession, and these sins will stand registered against them in the books of heaven." (MS 1a, 1890; in 7BC916) (Process of examination; see also GC425; Ev 224; cf. 2 Cor. 13:5; till last case decided GC613)