

The Coming of the Kingdom of Christ, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Daniel 7.
- B. Daniel is a book of prophesy.
- C. Prophesy was given to reveal truth and confirm truth. (Isaiah 45:21; 46:9; 41:1-2; Deuteronomy 18:10; Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 13:5, 10)
- D. The prophets showed incredible accuracy.
- E. The theme of Daniel 7 is that Christ will come and rule.
- F. Daniel reveals things about when Jesus will return.

II. The kingdom of Christ follows the kingdom of the nations.

- A. Daniel sees the nations in chaos and turmoil.
- B. He sees four monsters, which are empires, rising out of humanity.
- C. Beasts.
 - 1. Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar was humiliated.
 - 2. Medo-Persian empire.
 - 3. Greece and its division among four generals after the death of Alexandria.
 - 4. Rome.

III. Christ will come after the revived Roman empire. The kingdom of Christ will follow the final form of the final kingdom of the nations.

IV. The kingdom of Christ will follow the final form of the final ruler of the kingdom of the final nations.

Application questions:

1. What expectations should one have regarding prophesy? Explain.

2. Although the final kingdom Rome is gone, Christ has not returned. How can we resolve that broken expectation?

3. How can it be helpful to have a general idea of the events that precede Christ's return? Explain.
