

The Coming Caesar

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Daniel 7:15-28.
- B. Our job is not to prophesy but to interpret.
- C. Daniel provides a great outline of the future.

II. Daniel is leading to the revelation of the anti-Christ.

- A. The angel Gabriel appears as an interpreter of events.
- B. Four kingdoms shall arise on the earth.
 - 1. However, many of these had already arisen.
 - 2. These are nations on the Mediterranean.
- C. The end is reconstruction with the establishment of God's kingdom through the Son of Man. This kingdom is given to the saints of the most high.

III. The fourth beast.

- A. The horn that grew out of it made war with the saints. (Matthew 24)
- B. The fourth beast would be different because it is a collection of nations governed by a certain set of principles.
- C. The little horn is a person--the final Caesar of the fourth kingdom.
 - 1. He blasphemes and opposes God after he comes into the seat of power.
 - 2. He persecutes the saints.
 - 3. There will be an attempt to change human dating, which is apparently an attempt to change history.
 - 4. He attempts to change the Law, which is an attempt to ignore natural moral laws.
 - 5. His time of power will be limited. (Revelation 13)
- D. The heavenly council will judge this man-the evil of every man is limited. (II Thessalonians 2:7)
 - 1. People would be deceived through miraculous signs.

2. Ultimately, this man's rule would collapse.

E. We are coming to an unprecedented time of trouble in the world.

IV. What Christians ought to be in light of these events.

A. Christians ought to be less concerned with adding to their wealth.

B. Christians ought to be more concerned with fellowship and meeting others' needs.

C. The Christian does not need to be pessimistic, but he does need to be realistic.

Application questions:

1. How does Daniel describe the anti-Christ?

2. How would you respond to someone saying that a Christian does not need to concern himself with these events because he will not likely see them unfold in his lifetime?

3. Do you live your life in light of end time events? What areas of your life demonstrate this and what areas could use some work? Explain.
