



The INTERPRETATION ... As told to Daniel by the angel.

¹⁵“As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. ¹⁶I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷‘These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.’ ¹⁸But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’



The angel made it clear the four beasts WILL arise, future tense. They have not now but they will arise from the earth. Look at v18, the angel then goes directly to the “Saints of the Highest One (Saints of God) who receive the kingdom and possess that kingdom forever (the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus). This is all end-time prophecy. It is described in more detail in Revelation 12-14.

In Daniel’s day and for a few thousand years into the future there, the people of God (The Jews) were in exile in Babylon and then Persia. They were not receiving a kingdom and possessing anything. This interruption is clearly a modern one for the saints of the end-time church age who will see these events unfold.

According to the angel, the four beasts are “**END-TIMES,**” “**LATTER DAY**” kingdoms, three of them rise in power and strength (lion, bear, and leopard) and fall as history has recorded it. We still wait for the forth beast and his 10 kings and their kingdoms of the ten toes, but in the following scriptures Daniel had a look at our future.

¹⁹“Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, ²⁰ *and the meaning* of the ten horns that *were* on its head and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three *of them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates. ²¹I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them

v19-21 Prophecy of the Beast and the Great Tribulation,

²² until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

v22 Prophecy of the Judgment of the Nations and Millennial Kingdom

The Ancient of Days is referring to Jesus Christ. The angel doesn't address Armageddon, but does mention Jesus' coming and future judgment. This agrees with Rev.19:11 where Jesus tells us of two reasons for His return.

²³ “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.’²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

I believe the three kings spoken here go back to the other three beasts that arise before the fourth Antichrist beast. This may be the reason you see (in imagery) Johns beast made up of the Lion (head), Bear (fee), and the Leopard (Body) Rev.13:1-2.

²⁵ He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

v25 Blasphemes God and persecutes the saints. Seek to change calendar to Islamic calendar and institute Sharia Law for 3 ½ yrs.

With only 3 ½ yrs. left in the tribulation prophecy the False Prophet institutes the Mark of the Beast which is a number (666). To show your loyalty to god (as he demands you call him). You either take the mark and you can go home and have everything you need (at least for the next 3 1/3 yrs., but to do so means all future judgments of the 21 judgments of Revelation you will experience with great pain and suffering. You get to spend eternity in hell and you can then be referred to as “The walking dead”).

The alternative to not taking the Mark of the Beast and bowing down to the image is to accept Christ and receive **HIS NAME** in your forehead. This might mean you face a certain death by the evil of this world, but it also assures you of something else also, eternity with God and the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ.

²⁶ But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.²⁷ Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’

v26-27 could be speaking of the Judgment of the Nations when Christ returns. Millennial Kingdom

²⁸ “At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming to me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

The angel jumps to the prophecy of a future judgment, and his dominion is taken away. Then judgment referred to here is called the “Judgment of the Nations” spoken of in Matthew 25:31-46, and is one of the two reasons Jesus gives for His coming (Rev.19:11). Finally the “Kingdoms of Men” pictured in King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream as the Colossus Image is mentioned in v26 as their dominion (over the earth), is taken away, and annihilated / destroyed forever. This is the time that those kingdoms will be judged. Individuals are judged at the Great White Throne Judgment.

The results of this judgment are mentioned next ... v27 “the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to **the people of the saints of the Highest One**; ...” The people to whom the kingdom is given is the **BRIDE OF CHRIST**. This kingdom will be everlasting and all the dominions will serve and obey the Highest One ... King Jesus.