

6. When Christ receives the kingdom, this chapter teaches that he delegates ruling authority to his faithful followers (cf. 7:18, 27). What does each of the following passages contribute to this picture of a redeemed humanity ruling the earth?

Matt. 19:28

Luke 19:17

1 Cor. 6:2-3

2 Tim. 2:12

Rev. 2:26

Rev. 5:9-10

7. What descriptions does this chapter provide of life in the kingdom under the rule of the one like a son of man (cf. 7:14, 18, 22, 27)? What do you find most appealing about this description, and why?

Let's Pray:

God has given Christ-followers a promise that they will possess the kingdom forever (7:18, 22, 27). After meditating on the greatness of that kingdom, take some time to tell God what you most look forward to.

Sermon Notes

"The Character and Career of the Antichrist"

Daniel 7:8-12, 19-26

July 12, 2015

Introduction:

1. The Character and Career of the Antichrist

a. He heads a _____.

b. He _____.

c. He oppresses those who _____.

d. He is _____.

2. Awarding the Kingdom to the Son of Man and His saints

3. What can you conclude about the moral and spiritual character of the “little horn”?

Conclusion:

4. Seven times in this chapter (7:18, 21, 22 [2x], 25 [2x], 27) the “saints” or “holy ones” are referenced. While in this context this may refer to angels (as the phrase does in Daniel 4:13 and 8:13), or to the people of God, verse 27 clearly affirms that the kingdom will be handed over to the people associated with the holy ones of God. Note in the following New Testament texts how “saints” is used of all the believers.

Acts 9:13, 32

Rom. 1:7

Rom. 8:26-27

1 Cor. 1:2

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 7-12-15

Questions adapted from Daniel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 69-81; Douglas Connelly, Daniel, Spiritual Living in a Secular World, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2000, pp. 31-33.

Getting Started:

1. What one question would you like to ask God about the future? Why do you want to know the answer?

Digging Deeper:

2. Describe the political and military power of the “little horn” from the information found in this chapter (7:8, 11, 19-26).

5. This chapter repeatedly indicates that the little horn will attack the saints of the Most High, and for a period of time will succeed against them (“defeating them” [7:21]; “oppress his saints,” “the saints will be handed over to him” [7:25]). How do you feel about the fact that God would allow that? How prepared do you think you are for suffering in the future for the sake of Christ (see Rom. 8:17)?