

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 7, 1993

“Better Days Ahead”
Daniel 7
Part 2

It is usually easier to live with difficult circumstances if we know things are going to get better.

The Bible says that while things are going to get worse in this world in the last days, after which will come to earth the most glorious period of peace and joy the world has ever seen. And all true believers will be here to enjoy it.

I. The course of this present age.

- A. The sea and the four beasts - Dan. 7:1-3
- B. The lion with eagle's wings - Dan. 7:4 (Babylon)
- C. The bear with ribs in the mouth - Dan. 7:5 (Medo-Persian)
- D. The leopard with four wings and heads - Dan. 7:6 (Greece)
- E. The dreadful beast with iron teeth - Dan. 7:7 (Rome)

II. The Dark Days of the Great Tribulation

- A. The confederacy of nations: Ten horns - Dan. 7:7, 20, 25
- B. The Antichrist: The little horn - Dan. 7:8, 20-26

1. His Activities.

- a. He will speak pompous words against God. Dan. 7:8, 20, 25 (cf. II Thess. 2:4)
- b. He will come to power by subduing three of the kings in the confederacy. Dan. 7:8, 20, 24
- c. He will persecute the saints of the most high. Dan. 7:21, 25
- d. He will attempt to change natural and moral laws. Dan. 7:25 (cf. II Thess. 2:8-10)
- e. He will continue in power for three and a half years, and then come to a disastrous end. Dan. 7:25, 26 (cf. Rev. 11:2-3, 13:5)

2. His Judgment. Dan. 7:9-10

- a. It will occur immediately after the great tribulation.
- b. We can count on Antichrist getting his due. (cf. Dan. 7:21-22)

III. The Glorious Kingdom of the Messiah.

- A. The vision. Dan. 7:13-14 (cf. Mt. 24:29-30)
- B. The reason for approaching the Ancient of Days. (cf. Psalm 2:8)
- C. The co-rulers in this eternal kingdom. Dan. 18, 22, 27

We don't need to be discouraged and depressed because evil and injustice dominate our earth. There are better days ahead. It is God's invaluable promise. Live now in light of it.