

New Superpower



Week Seven

inTro



Read This Week's

Passage: Daniel 7:1–28

NEW PLAYER

There are children born every day into the horrible places of war zones. The soldiers on the ground are only players against the great backdrop of leaders and entities. In a similar way, we all have been born into a war zone. The players on the field are situated against the backdrop of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. We must look beyond the players on the field of history that we can see to the invisible realities that we cannot see, to realize fully the issues that are at stake.

In Daniel 7 we have a repetition of the world powers in the metal image of Daniel 2; but we have an additional player that enters the scene. The new power is different than all the rest, and Daniel 7 gives the most details about this new power, leaving us clues to come to a clear understanding of the identity of this new player.



inScribe

Write out Daniel 7:1-8; 15-28 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Daniel 7:8, 25. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline, or mind map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/
phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in Daniel 7:1–8; 15–28. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What is your reaction when hearing about the Papacy?

Does it change that Jesus is sharing this information?

OPENNESS

We live in world where there is a lack of transparency. Whether it be in government, families, marriages, or business relationships, there seems to be trend in which people are hiding pertinent information. Everyone, it seems, is hiding something. The fact is that information is power, and the one who manipulates information can be put in a position to abuse power.

God is the most powerful Being in the universe, not only in terms of physical might but also because He has all the information. Yet God chooses the path of transparency and openness in how He decides our eternal salvation.



inTerpret

After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Why do you think that God revealed this information to us?

What are the personal ramifications of believing in an open, transparent God?



What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4
- 1 Timothy 4:1-3
- Acts 20:28-30
- Matthew 24:24
- 2 Peter 2:1-2
- 1 John 4:1, 3

- Eccl. 12:13, 14
- Eccl. 3:17
- 2 Thess. 1:5
- Luke 20:35; 21:36
- Romans 14:10
- 1 Peter 4:17
- Rev. 22:11, 12

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Daniel 7:1-8; 15-28?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 7:1-8; 15-28.



Where is Jesus in the midst of the prophecies of Daniel 7?



What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

After this week's study of the chapter, what are personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications you can make in light of these prophetic revelations?

What are practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

How does Jesus being your defense attorney against the accusations of Satan make you feel?

How does the perfect record of Jesus being placed on your account make you feel?

Have you accepted the righteousness of Christ today?

What is the relationship between transparency and trust?

What are examples today where those in authority have shown authority?

What does transparency reveal about the character of God?

What are some of the challenges that keep us from accepting the righteousness of Christ?

What are some of the things that keep us from believing in the righteousness of Christ?



Inquire

Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



How does our world currently view the papacy?

How does our culture view the position that the papacy is the little horn power of Daniel 7?

How can we love the members of the system yet be faithful to sharing what the Bible says about the system?

How does the backdrop of the great controversy between Christ and Satan reframe how you share about the little horn power?

What does God revealing the little horn power reveal also about the character of God?

What are some practical pointers for how we should and should not share the message of Daniel 7?

More than a revelation of the new superpower, what is the larger message when we zoom out from Daniel 7?

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