

# ***The Permanence of God's Promise***

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Series: Knowing the Unknown—Confidence in God's Plan

*"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"  
Psalm 46:10 ESV*

## **I. Finding \_\_\_\_\_ in Turbulent Times**

(Also: Matthew 5:16)

*"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter."* Daniel 7:1 ESV

(Also: Daniel 5:2a; 5:29)

*"Daniel declared, 'I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.'"* Daniel 7:2–3 ESV

(Also: Revelation 7:1)

*"But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt."* Isaiah 57:20 ESV

## **II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdoms**

### **First Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_ (Lion & Eagle)**

*"The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it."* Daniel 7:4 ESV

(Also: Daniel 4:34)

### **Second Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_ (Bear)**

*"And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'"* Daniel 7:5 ESV

### **Third Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leopard)**

*"After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it."* Daniel 7:6 ESV

### **Fourth Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_ (Terrifying Beast)**

*"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns."* Daniel 7:7 ESV

### III. Final Kingdom: God's \_\_\_\_\_

#### The \_\_\_\_\_ of Days

*"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened."*

*Daniel 7:9–10 ESV*

(Also: Ezekiel 1:13; Revelation 20:12-13)

#### The Judgement of the \_\_\_\_\_

*"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire."*

*Daniel 7:11 ESV*

(Also: Revelation 19:20)

*"As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time."*

*Daniel 7:12 ESV*

#### The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of Man

*"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."*

*Daniel 7:13–14 ESV*

(Also: Philippians 2:9-11)

### IV. The Vision Explained

(Also: Daniel 7:15-22)

*"Thus he said: 'As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'"*

*Daniel 7:23–27 ESV*

### Do I Have the Peace of God in my Life?

*"A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this.  
The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."*

*Daniel 2:45b ESV*