



Study of Prophecy: “Daniel Chapter Seven”

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Service: Evangelistic Meeting

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Opening Scripture

Daniel 12:4

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

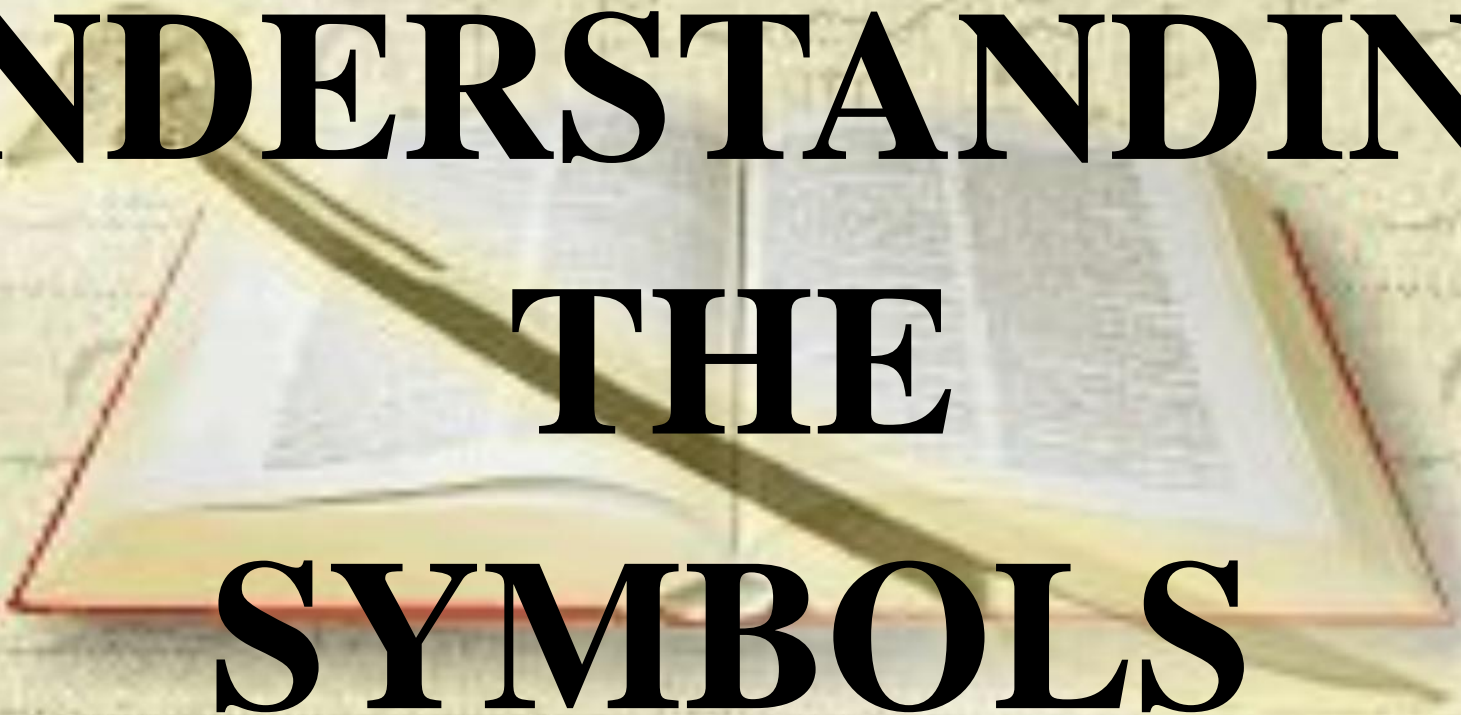
Patriarchs and Prophets by Ellen G. White (pg. 599)

Chap. 58 – The Schools of the Prophets

The teaching of the Bible has a vital bearing upon man's prosperity in all the relations of this life. It unfolds the principles that are the cornerstone of a nation's prosperity--principles with which is bound up the well-being of society, and which are the safeguard of the family--principles without which no man can attain usefulness, happiness, and honor in this life, or can hope to secure the future, immortal life. There is no position in life, no phase of human experience, for which the teaching of the Bible is not an essential preparation. Studied and obeyed, the word of God would give to the world men of stronger and more active intellect than will the closest application to all the subjects that human philosophy embraces. It would give men of strength and solidity of character, of keen perception and sound judgment--men who would be an honor to God and a blessing to the world.

SESSION 2:

**UNDERSTANDING
THE
SYMBOLS**



Understanding the Symbols

❖ Daniel 7:1-3.



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❖ Daniel 7:9,10.

9) I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.



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Salient Points about the Book of Daniel

1. A Recorded and Shared vision – See Daniel 7:1,2; Revelation 1:11,19.
2. Prophetic Responsibility (Burden) – See Daniel 2:1;7:15; Genesis 41:1,8.
3. A Revelation for Men – Daniel 8:16; Amos 3:7; Revelation 1:3.

Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide – 1st Qtr. 1999: Studies on Revelation and Inspiration (pp 59, 60)

When we learn to take a single passage and find all that the Lord has put there for us to understand, there will be a deepening of our spiritual experience and a hunger for continued study....

The evidence of truth is in the Scriptures itself. One scripture is the key to unlocking other scriptures. The rich and hidden meaning is unfolded by the Holy Spirit of God, making plain the word to our understanding.

It is essential to find and compare all the scriptures on a topic in order to grasp the entire scope of Bible teaching about it. (The use of a Bible concordance is recommended.) The best commentary on scripture is scripture. First, discover all you can for yourself from the Bible, then turn to other sources to aid you in your study.

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The Bible is its Own Interpreter

❖ **Isaiah 28:9, 10.**

9) Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10) For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

❖ **John 5:39.**

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

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Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols

a) Winds = ruwach – Hebrew (7308)

‘ruwach’ = ‘violent exhalation’ or ‘region of the sky’ or ‘blast’

Winds denote **Strife, Political commotion and War.**

whirlwind = ca’ar – Hebrew (5590)

ca’ar = hurricane or storm or tempest

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❖ **Jeremiah 25:32, 33.**

❖ **32)** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a **great whirlwind** shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. **33)** And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

❖ **Jeremiah 49:36, 37.**

❖ **36)** And upon Elam will I bring the **four winds** from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come. **37)** For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

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b) Great (verse 2) = rab – Hebrew (7227)

‘rab’ = ‘populous’ = ‘population’

c) Sea = yam – Hebrew (3221)

yam = large body of water – The Mediterranean Sea

All four (4) kingdoms of Daniel Chapter 2 were bordered by the Mediterranean sea.

‘Great Sea’ represents People, Nations and Tongues.

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Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols

❖ **Revelation 17:15.**

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are **peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**

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d) Great (verse 3) = rabrab – Hebrew (7260)

‘rabrab’ = ‘domineering in character’

e) Beast = cheyva – Hebrew (2423)

cheyva = an animal

‘Great Beasts’ represents kingdoms.

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Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols

❖ Daniel 7:17.

These **great beasts**, which are **four**, are **four kings**, which shall arise out of the earth.

4 Beasts = 4 Kings

Beast = King/Kingdom

❖ Daniel 7:23.

Thus he said, The **fourth beast** shall be the **fourth kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all **kingdoms**, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

4th Beast = 4th Kingdom

Beast = Kingdom

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Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols

❖ Daniel 7:24.

And the **ten horns** out of this kingdom *are ten kings* that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

10 Horns = 10 Kings

Horn = King/Kingdom

❖ Revelation 17:12.

And the **ten horns** which thou sawest **are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

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Connecting the Books of Daniel and the Revelation

❖ Revelation 13:1, 2.

1) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of a **bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

❖ See Daniel 7:4-7.

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The Composite Beast of Revelation 13.

The Great Controversy by Ellen G. White (pp 594-5)

Chap. 37 – The Scriptures A Safeguard

When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. **The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image, should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it.** But the masses of the people turn away their ears from hearing the truth, and are turned unto fables. The apostle Paul declared, looking down to the last days, “The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” That time has fully come. The multitudes do not want Bible truth, because it interferes with the desires of the sinful, world-loving heart; and Satan supplies the deceptions, which they love.

A religious painting depicting several angels with large, white, feathered wings flying through a cloudy sky. They are looking down towards a landscape below that features a body of water, a path, and a distant city or town. The overall style is classical and dramatic.

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