

WHEN EVERY POLITICIAN UNDER
HEAVEN WILL BE A SAINT!

Dan. 7

The first six chapters of Dan. are history. The last six are prophecy. We are now entering a section of the most important prophecy in all the Word of God. The 7th Chap. of Dan. tells us when Jesus will come. Now it doesn't give a specific date but it shows what must precede and we can draw some real conclusions, from Dan. 7.

The latter part of Dan. - for instance - v. 18, V. 27 says 'the time is coming when the saints will run the government' there in Chap. 7. We define politics as 'the art of government'. We define politicians as 'those who practice the art of government'. When every politician under the sun will be a saint. That's what V. 18 and 27 tells us. Those who run the government, one day, every one of them, without exception, will be a saint.

Don't you want to be around when this occurs? The government is going to the saints. Every politician or every practitioner in government, will be a saint, one day. Man, does that give me hope! Now in the 7th chap. of Dan., we have something similar to the 2nd chap., but it's different. You remember the 2nd chap., Nebuchadnezzar had the vision of a statute of a man and beginning at the head of that man, you had the kingdoms of the world.

Starting with Babylon, the Medo-Persian Kingdom, Greek Kingdom, Roman Kingdom and finally, the ten toes of the foot. Now in the 7th chap. we have this vision, but quite different. You see the vision in Chap. 2 of precious metals of gold, silver, bronze, iron and finally, clay. That's man's vision. He saw the kingdoms of the world as being something wonderful.

In the 7th chap., Daniel has the vision and we see the kingdoms of the world

from Gods standpoint and He sees them as vicious animals. Devouring one another. Would you believe -- surely you would if you've ever thought of it -- that it was not the barbarians and the uncivilized people of Africa and Asia that started WW I and WW II. It was the most civilized nations of the world. We're gonna look at the most civilized nations of the world and God looks upon them as being beasts and that's what's going on in our world today.

They act like animals and they fight and we stand on the verge of destruction because of the beasts that are in man, without Jesus. What a lesson this is! We must move. I hope I can cover this. I'm going to bring an ~~entire~~ hour lecture on the antichrist, ~~Satan's~~ satans masterpiece - the antichrist. We really meet him in 7 and 8. I'll tell you today when he's going to appear. This chap. tells when the antichrist will appear. I ~~call~~ call this 'Hitler all over again but much worse'.

Satans masterpiece - the antichrist. It's so important that I'm gonna do a whole message - just an entire study - I may do it next Sunday. I've never done this in my life. I think I may do it next Sunday.

All right. Dan. 7, V. 1 (read) Belshazzar was king in rule- 553 yrs. before christ. Daniel had the visions, which means while he was dreaming. They were in his head, of course, while he was upon his bed. 'Told the sum' that is, he gave the main points of it.

V. 2(read) 'I saw' but it's really 'I was looking' it's a present participle, you language students! 'Strove' (stirred up). Daniel knew of the Mediterranean Sea. Only four seas in Scrip: Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, which is always called the Great Sea. Daniel, no

doubt, had stood on the shores of the Great Sea - the Mediterranean - but 'sea' is clearly defined in Rev. 17:15 as being 'the nation in turmoil'. So the sea is a symbol of the nations of the world, in turmoil, in strife, in conflict and so, he sees this - the nations in turmoil.

And he says 'the four winds'. Four is the number of the earth. The four corners of the earth, the four points of the compass, ~~from~~ four directions. When it speaks of the four winds stirring the earth, it means there were currents moving from every direction. ~~Really~~ Really, what it is is the elements of sin and strife blowing, blowing, blowing in the world. Don't you see that today? How the winds of strife - they're blowing from the North, the South, the East and the West and the whole world in turmoil. What a ghastly way to describe history.

V. 3 (read) here it says 'great' but the Hebrew says 'VERY great'. He's describing the nations as beasts. They came up out of this commotion of the world,(the sea) and every one was different.

V. 4 -THE FIRST BEAST - (read) the first nation - the Lion Nation and the Eagle Nation. The Lion is the king of the beasts; the eagle is the king of birds. What is this nation? This is Babylon, which came to power in 605, was destroyed in 539, called 'lion' because it was the king of the nations of that day. The eagles wings indicates ability to move and they were tremendous military people. But look what it says next

(beginning with 'I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked'. He says 'I saw these wings (or the ability to move) plucked or removed.' What is that? Two things:

1. Remember Nebuchadnezzar becomes insane for seven yrs. His wings

are plucked. Power to do military things.

2. Following him, weak leadership comes on the scene and they're unable to keep Babylon at the forefront.

But notice it says 'they were plucked and they were lifted up from the earth'. That's Nebu. restored back to sanity, remember? Chap. 4? 'And made to stand upon the feet as a man'. That is, he reverted back to an animal - we saw how he came back and is humanized. 'And a man's heart was given to him'. He comes back as a human being. We've already studied this. This is mighty Babylon, the Lion Kingdom.

V. 5 SECOND BEAST (or KINGDOM #2) (read) 'another' (different). The 'second' here means second in succession, not simultaneously. They did not exist at the same time. 'Like to a bear' - here's the Bear Kingdom. 'It raised itself up on one side'.... what does that mean? That's Medo-Persia. The side that raised up above the other - that's Persia, which was stronger than the Medes. One side of the kingdom, one part of it much stronger than the other.

'It had three ribs (bones) in the mouth of ^{it} between the teeth of it'... isn't this tremendous? Those bones, of course, you see an animal with bones in his mouth, that means 'conquest'. That means 'prey'. The Persians, the Medes were military people also. And it says 'there were three bones or three ribs in that mouth'. You know what that was? The Persians and the Medes took Babylon, they took Egypt and they took Lydia. That's the three bones in the mouth.

'They said unto it' (and that was their contemporaries) 'arise, devour much

flesh' - that's all they could say. Go on, Keep on, that's what you're gonna do anyway. Keep on, keep on, keep on destroying people.

V.6:: THIRD BEAST (or Kingdom #3)- read - it is the leopard or panther kingdom and I read this is the most vicious animal of all. Now it doesn't say 'an eagle' but it says 'had four wings' which indicates tremendous movement. What is this? Kingdom of Greece. Primarily of Alexander the Great. Who took the world from Europe to India - ~~xxxx~~ one of the most amazing conquests of all history. Four wings indicates its movement across the earth.

'Beast had also four ~~xxxxxx~~ heads' - what are the four heads? When Alexander the Great, died, his kingdom split between his four Generals. This is just a matter of history. 'Dominion was given to it' - notice it says 'dominion WAS given to it' - this indicates God gave it to Alexander the Great. He didn't have but 35,000 troops. I have never been able to understand this. Xerxes had two million, five hundred thousand. Alexander, the Great, who conquered the known world, from the middle East to India, had thirty five thousand troops. This says that GOD made it possible!

You say 'God???' Yes. Mysterious indeed, but God sometimes will let a man like Alexander the Great, who died at 33, in a drunken brawl or debauchery. So you have three kingdoms - now keep this in mind. You have the Lion Kingdom; you have the BEar Kingdom; you have the Panthen Kingdom. You have mighty Babylon; you have mighty Persia-Medes; you have the mighty Grecian Kingdom, especially Alex. the Great but then you come to

V. 7 and you come to a different beast entirely. So much that no beast can describe him.

V.7: FOURTH BEAST (or KINGDOM #4) read. Now notice, it does not describe him

as a specific animal. Now REv. 13 says this beast was a combination of the Lion, the Bear and the Leopard. But here, Dan. does not even try to describe him. YOu know why? He can't be described. He does have the elements of the other beasts in him, but there's something here that's not in the other three beasts at all. 'Dreadful and terrible' - why? 'Because he was strong exceedingly'.

Stronger than Babylon; stronger than Persia-Mede; stronger than the great Grecian Empire. 'It had great iron teeth' - this indicates, of course, its power to devour. Iron teeth. 'Stamped' (stomped) 'the residue of it' - it says this fourth beast devoured the nation and those it did not, it just stomped in the ground - the rest of them. This is the iron legions of ~~ROME~~ Rome. Never been anything like it in history. They marched across ~~the~~ the earth from England down into Central Russia and it says it was 'diverse' (or different). Notice 'from all the beasts'. It was different.

It had ten horns. You will find the ten horns mentioned four times in the Bible: In Dan. 2, as the toes. In Dan. 7, Rev. 13 and also Rev. 17. The ten horns is what this kingdom became. It was not a ten horned kingdom, history records no where the original Roman Empire was a kingdom of ten. This is beyond the fourth kingdom. But there's only four kingdoms and there'll never be but four kingdoms. This is the reason -- oh, if I had known this when I was studying history (and I LOVED it but I didn't know how to interpret it). Charlemagne, in 800 A.D., tried to re-establish the Roman Empire - a fifth kingdom - he failed.

Otto I, in 962 said 'I'm gonna establish the Holy Roman Empire - Napoleon destroyed it in 1815. ~~Hitler - Genghis Khan~~ Mussolini - they tried to establish the fifth kingdom -- there'll never be a fifth kingdom. Unless you

call the Kingdom of Christ the fifth kingdom. The Bible doesn't describe it that way. Just calls it 'The Kingdom of Christ'. But here the ten horns. Why horns? Because horns is what animals use to destroy things with. Indicates power. It had ten horns. This is a kingdom that will come out of Old Rome, but not ^{was} ~~with~~ the original kingdom. History records no such thing.

V. 8(read) 'little horn' now here is a little horn that came up among the ten horns. V. 20 indicates this little horn did not stay little. It's describing it began little but it suddenly takes over ~~the~~ the whole thing and will eventually become the great horn of the ages. This, of course, is the anti-christ. 'Plucked up' the Hebrew word means 'uprooted gradually'. This mighty ruler, the last ruler of the ages before Jesus comes, is going to gradually overthrow three of these horns, which, evidently, would be the three mighty ones.

We don't know. Could be England, Germany, France, in my judgment, is gonna overthrow them and it'll be able for him to just take over the whole empire. Man, we have nothing like this even in the Book of Rev. 'Eyes like eyes of man' this indicates tremendous intelligence. The antichrist will be the most intelligent the world has ever known. 'A mouth speaking great things' - he is going to blaspheme God to the whole world and the false prophet (Rev. 13 says) will put up an image - a false image - that will speak and I believe this will be a computer which will call the whole world to bow before him.

I was in the grocery store Friday night and they just pushed my groceries across the little scanner there. It flashed up on the screen. I said to the waitress 'this is a sign of the second coming of Jesus'. Did you think you would ever come to that? I remember I bought an article - I didn't know how much it was - there was no price on it - 59¢ and the lady just put that ~~that~~

across that thing and man, 59. I said 'are you sure that's correct?' She said 'absolutely'. The whole world is gonna be ruled in the time of the great tribulation and in the time of this final kingdom with this kind of thing. A computerized society. We're coming to that, RAPIDLY, in our day.

'Eyes like the eyes of a man' and a 'mouth speaking great things'. He'll be an ~~intelligem~~ intellectual genius, an oratorical genius; a military genius; a commercial genius; an economic genius - he'll be a GENIUS in every way - he'll be the master piece. He'll be the last great push of satan in this world!

V. 9(read) 'thrones cast down' - really the HEBREW says 'set in place' not cast down. Dan. says 'then I kept looking and saw thrones set in their place' 'Ancient of Days' - who is this? You might think, if you don't read all the chapter and study it, this would be Jesus. No, the Ancient of Days, we know, is God, the Father. Because in V. 13, we have God, the Son and the Ancient of Days coming together. Of course, while Gods one, they're also three persons, in the Godhead, in Scrip.

Scrip. does not confuse ~~God~~ Father, Son and H.S. So he says 'I saw thrones set in place and the Ancient of Days did sit'. Now he saw several thrones set in place but he saw only one person taking the throne and that was the Ancient of Days, God, the Father. Who's on the other thrones? Well, the angels. Possibly the raptured saints. You and I possibly will be on one of the thrones.

He goes on to describe the Ancient of Days saying his garment was white as snow and his hair like pure wool. White indicates, of course, superiority(?).

The white hair indicates His eternality or His oldness and His wisdom. Now in the 1st Chap. of Rev. some of this imagery is applied to Jesus and Jesus is God, but you have to take Scrip. in its context and here, this is God, the Father, the Ancient of Days.

'His throne was like the fiery flame' - this is describing a throne of judgment and this is what this is. 'And His ~~wheels~~ wheels as burning fire'. Why wheels? The wheels are described --- or the judgment scene is described as being on wheels. That is, it MOVES, with universality across the earth. It's a moving judgment. It's on wheels. It moves. It touches all the world. It's not stationary. It touches all mankind.

V. 10 (read) 'a fiery stream' really a river of fire. 'Issued and came forth from before Him'. Who is this: the thousand thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him? The angels and probably the raptured saints. Its' a tremendous host in Rev. 5:11, we have the same phrase. 'Thousand times thousands' would be a hundred million and then innumerable hosts of people are standing before Him to do Him obeisance and to worship Him.

Then it says 'the judgment was set' the Hebrew says 'the Court sat'. That is, to say 'here's a court'. It's in session. Here's the court, it's here to hear the evidence. 'The court sat, and the books were opened.' Here's that great judgment scene that's going to come after the Tribulation and just before Jesus destroys the antichrist and before the final Kingdom is going to be se[~]t up.

V. 11 (read) 'beheld' or 'kept on looking'. Now this is Dan. speaking. He says 'I kept on, after hearing this ^{buzzer} ~~buzzer~~ talk like he did to see what

was gonna happen to him'. And, man, what that little horn was saying against God and what he was claiming - Dan. says 'I kept my eye on him to see what in the world was gonna become of this bugger'.

Lat ter part of verse 11 - you know what Dan. saw? Dan. saw ~~Rev.~~ Rev. 19 :20. Dan. saw Jesus take the antichrist, the little horn and the false prophet and cast them into the lake of fire. Dan. saw that. You and I will see it. YOU and I will be ~~xxx~~ right there with Jesus, if we're redeemed.

V. 12(read) now this is speaking of the three that I've already mentioned and, indeed, they did. 'Season and a time' and that's true. Though Babylon fell, much of the culture of Babylon was continued in Persia and Medes, though the Persians fell, much of their culture continued in the Greeks. And though the Greeks fell, much of their culture continued in the Roman culture.

But in the fourth kingdom, there is no continuation. YOU know why? BEcause following the fourth kingdom will be the Millennial Kingdom of our Lord, and Saviour. There is no fifth kingdom. There absolutely is not. Man cannot establish it. Here is all of history; here is all the nations of the world, the Roman Empire being the last. Out of the Roman Empire will come the final kingdom of the antichrist but it's not even listed as a fifth kingdom.

But it's a reconstruction of that fourth kingdom. But look at

V. 13 (read) 'I kept on looking in the night visions'.. 'clouds of Heaven' represents the presence of God and often clouds of angels. He said 'I saw the Son of man'. Who is the Son of man? That's JC. Why is He called the Son of man? He was truly man, but when He calls Himself the Son of man, He's saying 'I'm representative of man'. 'I'm the second Adam, in contrast to the

first Adam. But this word 'Son of man', Jesus always used the Son of man to refer to Himself. 80 times in the Gospels, He says "I am the Son of man".

It's used to describe the mission of Jesus. Luke 19 10 (read). Turn to the scenes where Jesus comes again and it's the Son of man coming in glory. It relates Him to us. He was the Son of man, but the Son of man means the Messiah. Means 'this One who's come to be WITH man and to be one of us'.

There's been more scholarly papers written on Dan. 7:13 than any verse in all the ~~xx~~ Bible. The scholars have written and written and written on the meaning of the "Son of man".

But just plainly speaking, that's Jesus. But look, it says 'he came to the Ancient of Days and they brought Him near before Him' - literally He was presented to the Ancient of Days. Here is Jesus presented to God, the Father. You say 'but Jes. is the Judge'. But God, the Father, committed to Him judgment and God, the Father, prescribed the sentence before the Son ever carried it out. Here you have the Son of man being presented to the Ancient of Days, or JC being presented to the Father and the Father gives to Jes. the kingdom.

Now after the thousand yr. reign, according to I Cor. 15: 24 & 25, Jes. is gonna give the kingdom back to the Father. But here you have the Father giving the Kingdom to Jesus and His people and giving Him all dominion in all the world. Look at

V. 14: (read) 'given Him' that's the Son of man, that's Jesus'. Man, what a day that's gonna be. I don't think I could preach if I didn't believe this. Listen, this world is moving to that great time when Jesus will rule. When every ungodly nation and ruler will be put under the foot of Jesus. Man, I'm SO GLAD to be on the winning side. Listen, you may not feel you've won this

week and life may have blasted you but listen, you cannot lose, if you belong to Jesus. This'll make you - it'll keep you in the battle in the darkest hour! It says 'there was given to Him dominion over the whole world'. And not only that, but they should serve Jesus.

'His dominion is an everlasting one and His Kingdom shall not be destroyed!'

V. 15(read) 'really alarmed me'. This is too much for any man, of course. To see what he saw. Just think about seeing the antichrist being into the lake of fire. Think about looking into the lake of fire. This is too much for the mortal mind. Dan. says 'I'm shook up'.

V. 16(read) probably an angel. Could have been Michael. We don't know. 'Truth' (certainly). Now Dan. could have guessed and he had a pretty good idea, but he says 'I wanted to be dead sure I had the facts'. Now Here's what the angel told him,

V. 17(read) notice? He says 'out of the sea' there in V. 1 & 2. Here he says 'it's the earth'. I've already told you that.

V. 18(read) that word 'take' means receive^{it} and enter into it and possess it. That's the Hebrew word 'hesan' which means 'to take over the authority and run it'. That's my title today 'When Every Politician Under Heaven will be a Saint'. When those who run the government - every one of them - this verse says - will be a saint, and the entire universe will be run by the saints. There won't be ONE evil man running it.

But the saints of the most High. He repeats this in V. 27(read) My, ~~waka~~
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what a statement! Listen, if we believe this, we can never be defeated. The victory has been, absolutely, already won. The devil will not have this world. God has said it in His Word. This world is gonna be ruled by the saints of the Most High.

V. 19(read) of course, the chapter is focused always on this fourth beast. 'His Nails' now that's claws of brass. That's injected for the first time. That's just another little item to say how terrible this fourth beast was. 'Devoured' broke in pieces and stomped the rest with his feet'.

V. 20 (read) now there's a tremendous gap between the fourth kingdom and the ten nation confederation. We don't know how long. I'll talk about that in a few moments. 'that one that had eyes and a mouth that spoke very great things' (you see? That's the little horn; that's the antichrist). 'Whose look was more stout (or more imposing) than his fellows'. See?

There were ten other but one little horn called in V. 8, 'a little horn' and in V. 20 is described as 'a tremendous horn'. He's only described 'little' because he gradually, gradually comes in to this mighty power of a ten nation confederation. He has to war. He has to fight him - fight his way into this victory, but he does it.

V. 21(read) course we read about this in Rev. 19, we read about it in Zechariah 13 and 14 - it says 'two thirds of the Jews will be killed'. 'Jerusalem will be taken'. This will be in the time of the Great Tribulation. Look, it says 'and prevailed against them'.

V. 22(read) 'Ancient of Days came' - that's when the Father and Son come to judge the antichrist and to destroy him completely and set up His Eternal

Kingdom. 'Given to the Most High'. You say 'well, I thought Judgement was given to the Father and the Son'. Also to the saints. Everything that belongs to Jesus belongs to you and me, even the judgment of the world. I Cor. 6:2. Not only will Gods people run the government and everybody will be a saint, but Gods people will sit in judgment over the wicked and over the entire world.

Today, you know we can be spit upon and we can be hated but I tell you, the time's coming when nobody will be anybody except a child of God. Listen, a man that's got a lot of education and sense can spend his life and make money, but listen, if he doesn't have Jesus, it's foolishness. The only place to invest a life is in the LORD! You can't lose in the Lord. You're a pauper in this life, gonna rule and reign and judge the world, the Bible says.

V. 23 (read) That was the **Roman** Empire. They devoured the whole world of that day, including England and 'shall tread it down'. But look at

V. 24(read) 'shall arise' you see, the old Roman Empire is going to be reformed and Charlemagne didn't do it and Otto the First didn't do it. Hitler didn't do it. But it's going to be reconstructed and it's the ten kingdoms that will become the kingdom over which the little horn and the big horn is going to reign.

Latter part of verse: that's the little horn again. That's the antichrist.

V. 25(read) 'words against the Most High' that's the blasphemy ~~againxixthex~~ of the little horn and the antichrist. 'Wear out the saints of the Most High' (kill out 2/3 of the Jews). Going to kill MANY of Gods people before it's put down. And 'think to change time and laws'. What's that? The

Jewish religious festivals. He's gonna change all these things of Gods people. It's gonna be a reign of terror. Kinda like the French Revolution when they changed the week to ten days. You remember your history? These radicals in the French Revolution said 'we're not gonna have 7-day week; gonna have ten.

Gonna just change all these institutions and paganize them and make them like he wants to. But look at latter part of V. 25... notice it says 'they shall be given'-God's gonna permit it. Mystery. God's gonna permit it. 'into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time'. What in the world is he talking about? Turn to Rev. 11: here's the reason we have to stick with Dan. We would not know - we would not KNOW how to interpret the Book of REvelation without Daniel.

Look at V. 2 of Rev. 11 - the latter part of it says 'they shall tread under foot, the Holy City, forty and two months! Look at V. 3 (read)'they shall prophecy two hundred and threescore days'- that would be one thousand, two hundred and sixty days. Forty two months is the same as one thousand, two hundred and sixty days. But look at Chap. 12: 14 (read) 'nourished for a time and times and half a time'. Forty two months; one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Time, times and a half a time.

Now when we get to Dan. 9: 26 & 27, it tells us right in the midst of the Great Tribulation, the antichrist is gonna break the Covenant of Peace with the Jews. This is a seven yr. period and for three and a half yrs. shall persecut them to the fullest extent. What's time? Times? And a half a time? Time - one year. Times - two years. A half - half a year. 3½ yrs. That's exactly what you have here. This intense period in which the little horn and the antichrist will be permitted to persecute the people of God forty two

months; one thousand two hundred and sixty days - or time, times and half a time; 1 year; two year or two plus 1 is 3 and a half year. That's $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.

Man, if I didn't believe the Bible for any other reason, I'd believe it because of this. This detail here confirms the accuracy of the Word of the Lord. That's what that is. $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. That's time, times and a half a time.

V. 26(read) that's the judgment of the antichrist.

V. 27(read) in a few moments, I'm gonna flash these things on the screen.

V. 28(read) 'hitherto' or just simply 'this is the end of the matter' or 'this is the end of the vision'. 'As for me (Daniel) my cogitations (that is simply 'my thoughts') much troubled me'. REally devastated me.

How do you think you would feel if you saw what he saw? Just think what he's seen! He says 'I was overwhelmed'. 'And my countenance'(or the color of my countenance)changed on me, but I pondered the matter in my heart'. Let me show you something. Now listen real carefully.

When will the Kingdom of Christ come? Jesus says 'of that day and hour, knoweth no man' Matt. 24:36. Don't ever believe a man who tells you that Jes. is coming in April of 1983. He's out of the Scrip. orb. But Dan. 7 tells us the sequence of events which WILL occur before the Lord comes. When will the Kingdom of Christ

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..... will follow the Kingdom of Babylon, Persia, Greece and the Roman Empire. Now that's already past. So if that's all we had; if it was gonna

follow immediately, we would be ready for the Kingdom of Christ. But you see, that's only part of it.

First

SECONDLY: THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST WILL FOLLOW THE KINGDOM OF NATIONS.

Be sure you pick up your main heading there: Kingdom of Christ will follow the Kingdom of Nations.

SECONDLY NOW: THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST WILL FOLLOW THE FINAL FORM OF THE KINGDOM OF NATIONS. Which will be the ten nations confederacy. Or the ten horns - ten toes. Which are ten feet. What is that? That is the final form of the Fourth Kingdom, which will be the reconstruction of the old Roman Empire. When the Common Market of Ten Nations - we cannot dismiss this, brothers and sisters, especially when we tie it with what's happening in the Middle East.

There are ten nations in the Common Market, in the area of the old Roman Empire, which centered in England, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain--all these nations. One of the leaders - probably not knowing the Bible at all - said when it was organized; 'We are witnessing a revival of the Roman Empire'. I'm quoting a documented statement of one of the leaders. So the Kingdom of Christ cannot come until this final form of the Fourth Kingdom, which, of course, will be the Ten Nation Confederation, ruled over by the little horn - the antichrist.

But that's not all of it. In the

THIRDLY: THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST WILL FOLLOW THE FINAL RULER OF THE FINAL FORM OF THE FINAL KINGDOM. In other words, the Kingdom of Christ cannot come until the antichrist ascends over the final form of the final king-

dom of the Fourth Kingdom. Christ cannot come (until the antichrist comes) to establish His kingdom. Now He can come for His people - I want to point this out in just a few moments.

FOURTHLY: THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST WILL FOLLOW THE FINAL PERSECUTION OF THE FINAL RULER OF THE FINAL FORM OF THE FOURTH KINGDOM. Now you're still with me, aren't you? The kingdom, not only will follow the final ruler of the final form (that is, the antichrist) but the antichrist must persecute before the Kingdom of Christ is going to come. But that's not all. Here's the sequence - you need to know this. It's very, very helpful and as a young preacher, Bible student, for years, I did not know this.

If I had known it; oh, ~~what the delight it would have been~~ / ^{the} Light I could have shed. People ask me all the time 'when is Christ gonna come?' We have the sequence absolutely here. Finally

FIFTHLY: THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST WILL FOLLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FINAL RULER OF THE FINAL KINGDOM. The Kingdom of Christ cannot come until Christ comes and destroys the antichrist because the antichrist must be put out of business before the Kingdom of Christ can come upon the earth. Then the Kingdom of Christ! Are you ready now to take a test from this? You think you all can make a hundred?

Close your books and take out your notebooks. When will Christ come? Would you make a hundred on it? How many of you think you could make a hundred on this? Well, I see several -- well, that's wonderful. I'll just let you take a test. How many of - you think you'll flunk it, raise your ~~hand~~ hands. Well, how many of you think you'd make a 'C'? Well, how many understand what I'm saying? How many do not understand what I'm saying? Well, I'm

gonna go over it one more time - it's very, very vital. When will the Kingdom of Christ come? ~~THE~~

The Kingdom of Christ must follow these things :

1st: It must follow the kingdom of the nations. They've all come and gone. Rome fell in 476 A.D. in the West; 1453 in the East. Rome is buried. ^{2nd:} So that part's been fulfilled. / But the Kingdom of Christ must follow the final form of the kingdom of the nations.

Or the final form of the Fourth Kingdom. We think we're seeing the fulfillment of this, in the Ten Nation Confederacy of the European Common Market. It's hard to dismiss that. But you see, the

3rd thing has not occurred. We know it's not occurred. The Kingdom of Christ will follow the final ruler of the finalfour. Now some people say the antichrist is alive. He could be, if we're as close to the rapture of the church as I think we are, he could be. But he's not on the scene. He's not doing what is described in DAN. 7 and Rev. 13. So #3 - we don't have this yet.

4th: The Kingdom of CHrist must follow the final persecution of the final ruler or the final persecution of the antichrist. Not the first persecution of the 3½ yrs. but that final 3½ yrs. - that time, times and ~~max~~ dividing of times or 42 months, one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Now you're getting, aren't you? Everybody makes a hundred now. O.K.

5th: The Kingdom of Christ will follow the destruction of the final ruler of the final kingdom. Then the Kingdom of Christ is going to come!

All right, now you say 'but you said the Lord could come any time'. Yes, He can but not the Kingdom. The thing that's going to occur next will not be the Kingdom of Christ.~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Conclusion: we are thus safe in saying 'the stage is not yet ready for the final kingdom' or really, I should say 'Christ's Kingdom'. Just put Christ's Kingdom - that's not the best term - because that's confusing. We are safe in saying 'the stage is not yet ready for the Kingdom of Christ'. I don't know if this brother is here or not, but he comes from Poteau and he just assumed the Bible gave a date. He asked me last Sunday night, he said 'tell me when Christ is gonna come'.

I said 'well, you can't do that'. But having said that, you see, that does not mean the Bible does not shed tremendous Light and the Bible warns us not to be ignorant. We ought not be ignorant and many people are ignorant. They've not been taught this. But this is just as clear in the Bible as John 3:16. The Rapture will begin the events LEADING to the establishment of the final Kingdom.

The Rapture will be the next thing which will be ~~xxx~~ the evacuation of Gods people from Planet Earth to Heaven. Then the world will find itself in seven yrs. of tribulation, in which the antichrist will emerge and for 3½ yrs. will make peace with the Jews - Dan. 9:26. But right in the midst of those seven yrs. will break it; declare war on Gods people; kill two thirds of the Jews and that'll be one of the worst times in history.

At the end of that seven yrs., the Ancient of Days (the Father) and the Son will appear to judge the antichrist. That tribulation period - this final form of the final Kingdom - will be intact. I think we're very close to

the Rapture. If we're close to the Rapture, we're close to the total process. But when I say we're close to the Rapture, I'm not saying it has to happen in '83. I have thought, seriously, that it could very well happen by 2000. We don't know. We DO know this: we know the four nations have come and gone and we KNOW there's pretty great evidence that final form of the final kingdom(that is, the ten nations) are now taking place.

If this is true, the Rapture has to be near. And the antichrist could be in the wings. Are you ready? Are you ready? That's the question. Not a question of 'is Jesus coming' - is He coming for you? Only the saints will go. That doesn't mean a person is perfect but it DOES mean a born again person, who's been changed by the Grace of God and who has the H.S. living in him in the New Birth. It's wonderful.

Turn to the person next to you and say 'I'm Born Again and Tomorrow looks Terrific!' Can you say that? If so, I want you to do that. The tomorrow I'm talking about is this Tomorrow of that Kingdom. It does look terrific! Isn't it WONDERFUL? Man, this is shouting ground.

Let's stand and pray.