

APPLICATION

5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon

1

_____ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

Like the Troubled Sea: The World is always at war with _____!

1 Thessalonians 5:3 – “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...”

2

Deep Ties to _____

We need each other’s fellowship and encouragement!

DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 – Heartfelt Community _____

Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)

3

Courageous Testimony: _____ but _____

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

4

Reliance on _____: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

DANIEL CHALLENGE #2 – Heartfelt Community _____

Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.
→ *When will your prayer time be?*

Remember: _____ don’t win... _____ wins!

2 Corinthians 4:11 – “For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”

5

Gardening with an Eye on the _____

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

People need to know how to _____!

“Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.” – Robert Munger



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

Part 13: “The Beast and the Little Horn”

TODAY’S TEXT: Daniel 7:17-28

7:17-19 – The _____ Beast

- Emerges from the ‘great sea’ stirred by the ‘winds’ of heaven
= **The spiritual war stirring up the nations of the earth**
- Is the 4th Gentile Power to Rule over _____



Babylon



Medo-Persia



Greece



Rome

- The 4th Beast is _____ and dreadful
“Diverse” = *šānâ* = changed, altered, twisted (see: **Daniel 3:19 & 4:16**)

7:20-22 – The Details of the Little _____

- Only lasts for a little _____ (see: **Job 36:2**)
- Wipes out _____ of the other horns
- Has eyes, a boasting _____, and a masterful appearance
“Eyes” = picture mental and *spiritual* focus
Genesis 3:5 - “...in the day ye eat thereof, then your **eyes** shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”
“Mouth speaking Great Things” = arrogance, boasting, and blasphemy
“Stout” = *raḥ* = great, captain, chief, lord, master
- Goes to war with the _____... and _____!
“Saints” = *qadīš* = holy ones, separate, special
Exodus 19:6 - “Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy (qāḏōš) nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”
“Prevailed” = *yāqēl* = to have ability, to prevail, to overcome
- Will ultimately be _____ by the ‘Ancient of Days’

7:23 – The _____ Fourth Kingdom

Daniel 2:40-43 – “And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.”



→ The 4th Kingdom is ‘divided’ but not ever _____!

→ The 4th Kingdom becomes **10** ‘mingled’ but not truly _____!

For more? **Daniel part #6: ‘Ten Toes...’** (10/26/2025)

7:24 – The Unusual _____ Kings

Revelation 17:7-14 – “I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition... And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth... 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. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

- “Was / Is Not / Shall Ascend” = past, present, and _____
- “Goes to Perdition” = is the _____ empire
- Sits on ‘7 mountains’ = Revived _____: “the city of 7 hills”
- Has ‘10 horns’ which are 10 future _____
- These kings rule only _____, to empower the Beast (*Rome*)
- 3 of the kings are replaced by 1 king: the _____
- The final empire goes to _____ with God... and is destroyed

7:25 – The Horn’s _____ Against God

- Speaks “great words against the Most High”
- “wears out the saints”
= *bʾlā* = wear away, harass constantly, wear down
- Thinks (*intendeds*) to change ‘times and laws’
= new calendar (no more **AD?**), new morality
- Enjoys success for _____
‘time’ = *ʾidān* = a set/definite time, typically a year

7:26-27 – The _____ of the Most High

Daniel 2:35-44 – “...and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth... in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed”

7:28 – A Sober and _____ Response

“Kept” = *nʾtar* = keep, guard, maintain, preserve

“Heart” = *lēb* = heart, mind, core: inner person, soul

OUR THEME VERSE FOR 2026

1 Peter 4:7-11 – “But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer... that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

🌟 The _____ of the Little Horn is _____ at work!

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 – “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God... For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (*katechō* = restrains, holds back) will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”

🌟 People need to know the Truth about _____ to escape!

1 Peter 1:24-25 – “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”