

Parallel Comparison of Daniel 2, 7 & 8

Introduction

After hearing George Knight speak about losing touch with our prophetic heritage at the 2006 NAD Teacher's Conference in Nashville, TN, I went back to school and gave some thought as to how I could incorporate the SDA understanding of the prophecies in the book of Daniel into my high school world history courses.

I came up with a parallel comparison of Daniel 2, 7, and 8. I added an historical component and the Adventist understanding of these three visions given to Daniel.

I then used it for my worship talks at the beginning of class, tying them to the content of the textbook. I believe it helped the Bible and ancient western history become more meaningful for my students.

Feel free to use it in any way you want. Putting it into a Power Point presentation with good pictures of the ancient world would be a good idea too.

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Parallel Comparison of Daniel

Chapters 2, 7, and 8

New International Version

<i>Daniel 2:31-45</i>	<i>Daniel 7:2-26</i>	<i>Daniel 8:3-25</i>	
<p>31 You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance.</p> <p>32 The head of the statue was made of pure gold,</p>	<p>2 Daniel said: In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea.</p> <p>3 Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.</p> <p>4 The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it.</p>	<p>-----</p>	<p><i>“Winds” denote strife and war – see Jeremiah 25</i></p> <p><i>“Sea” and/or “Waters” prophetically represent large numbers of people, ie, nations – see Revelation 17:15</i></p> <p><i>First Kingdom Babylon</i></p>

<p>its chest and arms of silver,</p>	<p>5 And there before was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, "Get up and eat your fill of flesh!"</p>	<p>3 I looked up, and before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later.</p> <p>4 I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.</p>	<p><i>Second Kingdom Media/Persia</i></p> <p><i>"three ribs" represent Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt</i></p>
<p>its belly and thighs of bronze,</p> <p><i>Cassander-Macedonia Lysimachus-Thrace Ptolemy-Egypt Seleucus-Syria</i></p>	<p>6 After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.</p>	<p>5 As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.</p> <p>6 He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage.</p>	<p><i>Third Kingdom</i></p>

<p>33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.</p>	<p>7 After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.</p>	<p>7 I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power.</p> <p>8 The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.</p>	<p><i>Fourth Kingdom</i></p>
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<p><i>The Heruli – AD 493</i> <i>The Vandals – AD 534</i> <i>The Ostrogoths – AD 553</i></p>	<p>8 While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and <u>three of the first horns were uprooted</u> before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.</p> <p><i>(in place of Christ as Mediator between God and humanity)-----</i></p> <p><i>(the mass)-----</i></p> <p><i>(seeking forgiveness from priest rather than Jesus)-----</i></p>	<p>9 Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land.</p> <p>10 It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.</p> <p>11 It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low.</p> <p>12 Because of rebellion, the host of the saints and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.</p>	<p><i>Little Horn Power</i></p> <p><u><i>Characteristics</i></u></p> <p><i>Horn Symbol</i></p> <p><i>Persecutes God’s People</i></p> <p><i>self exalting and blasphemous</i></p> <p><i>extends till end of time</i></p> <p><i>supernaturally destroyed</i></p> <p><i>Antiochus Epiphanes?</i></p> <p><i>Syrian King who ruled from 175-164BC</i></p> <p><i>Non-Biblical teachings like Sunday/Sabbath, immortality of the soul, purgatory, church authority and traditions superior to Scripture</i></p>
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	<p>9 As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.</p> <p>10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousands stood before him. The court was seated and the books were opened.</p> <p>11 Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.</p> <p>12 (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)</p> <p>13 In my vision at night I looked, and</p>	<p>13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, “How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?”</p> <p>14 He said to me, “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated.</p>	<p><i>Judgment in Heaven</i></p> <p><i>2,300 day prophecy</i></p> <p><i>Fourth Beast destroyed</i></p>
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<p>34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands.</p> <p>It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.</p> <p>35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace.</p> <p>But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.</p>	<p>there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.</p> <p>14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.</p> <p>15 I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me.</p> <p>16 I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this.</p>	<p>15 While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man.</p>	<p><i>God sets up His Kingdom</i></p>
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<p>36 This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king.</p>	<p>So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things:</p>	<p>16 And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."</p> <p>17 As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate.</p> <p>"Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."</p> <p>18 While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet.</p> <p>19 He said: "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end.</p>	
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<p>37 You, O king, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory;</p> <p>38 in your hands he has placed mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.</p> <p>39 After you, another kingdom will rise, inferior to yours.</p> <p>Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth.</p>	<p>17 The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth.</p> <p>18 But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, forever and ever.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>20 The two horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia.</p> <p>21 The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king.</p>	<p><i>The Kingdom of Babylon</i></p> <p><i>Fall of Babylon – see Isaiah 47</i></p> <p><i>Isaiah 45 – Cyrus the Great prophesied</i></p> <p><i>Alexander the Great</i></p>
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<p>40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.</p> <p>41 Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay.</p>	<p>19 Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws—the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.</p> <p>20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.</p>	<p>22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.</p> <p>23 In the later part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise.</p> <p>24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people.</p> <p>25 He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes.</p>	<p><i>Fourth Kingdom Pagan/Papal Rome</i></p> <p><i>Pagan/Papal Roman Power at the end of time</i></p>
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<p>43 And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.</p>	<p>25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.</p>	<p>Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.</p>	<p><i>“A time, times and the dividing of time...” is an expression used in Daniel and Revelation to refer to 3 ½ years, 1,260 days, or 42 months (see Rev. 11:6, 14 and 13:5)</i></p>
<p>44 In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.</p>	<p>26 But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever.</p>	<p>Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.</p>	<p><i>Judgment in Heaven</i> <i>Supernatural demise of little horn power</i></p>
<p>45 This is the meaning of vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy.</p>	<p>27 Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High, His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.</p>	<p>Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.</p>	<p><i>God’s final Kingdom</i></p>