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DEFINING MOMENTS

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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SERMON NOTES
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- **WHAT IS AN “APOCALYPTIC AWAKENING”?**
- **WILL WE SURVIVE?**
- **HOW DO WE THRIVE?**

APOCALYPTIC (GREEK “APOKALYPSIS”):
“MEANING, REVELATION, OR UNVEILING”

**AWAKENING: BECOMING AWARE OF SOMETHING
PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN AND EXPERIENCING LIFE-
CHANGING REALIZATION.**

**“ 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. 2 DANIEL DECLARED, “I SAW IN MY
VISION BY NIGHT, AND BEHOLD, THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN
WERE STIRRING UP THE GREAT SEA”**

[DANIEL 7:1-2 ESV]

3 AND FOUR GREAT BEASTS CAME UP OUT OF THE SEA, DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER. 4 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. 5 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.' 6 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 7:3-8 ESV]

7 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. 8 I CONSIDERED THE HORNS, AND BEHOLD, THERE CAME UP AMONG THEM ANOTHER HORN, A LITTLE ONE, BEFORE WHICH THREE OF THE FIRST HORNS WERE PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS. AND BEHOLD, IN THIS HORN WERE EYES LIKE THE EYES OF A MAN, AND A MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS.

[DANIEL 7:3-8 ESV]

**PROPHECY BRINGS US BACK TO THE FUTURE
AND SHOWS US ONLY GOD IS IN CONTROL.**

[DANIEL 7:1-8; REVELATION 13:1-9 ESV]

If Back To The Future took place today Marty would travel back in time to 1994





“AND I SAW A BEAST RISING OUT OF THE SEA, WITH TEN HORNS AND SEVEN HEADS, WITH TEN DIADEMS ON ITS HORNS AND BLASPHEMOUS NAMES ON ITS HEADS. 2 AND THE BEAST THAT I SAW WAS LIKE A LEOPARD; ITS FEET WERE LIKE A BEAR’S, AND ITS MOUTH WAS LIKE A LION’S MOUTH. AND TO IT THE DRAGON GAVE HIS POWER AND HIS THRONE AND GREAT AUTHORITY. 3 ONE OF ITS HEADS SEEMED TO HAVE A MORTAL WOUND, BUT ITS MORTAL WOUND WAS HEALED, AND THE WHOLE EARTH MARVELED AS THEY FOLLOWED THE BEAST. 4 AND THEY WORSHIPED THE DRAGON, FOR HE HAD GIVEN HIS AUTHORITY TO THE BEAST, AND THEY WORSHIPED THE BEAST, SAYING, “WHO IS LIKE THE BEAST, AND WHO CAN FIGHT AGAINST IT?” 5 AND THE BEAST WAS GIVEN A MOUTH UTTERING HAUGHTY AND BLASPHEMOUS WORDS, AND IT WAS ALLOWED TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY FOR FORTY-TWO MONTHS.

[REVELATION 13:1-9 ESV]

6 IT OPENED ITS MOUTH TO UTTER BLASPHEMIES AGAINST GOD, BLASPHEMING HIS NAME AND HIS DWELLING, THAT IS, THOSE WHO DWELL IN HEAVEN. 7 ALSO IT WAS ALLOWED TO MAKE WAR ON THE SAINTS AND TO CONQUER THEM. AND AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN IT OVER EVERY TRIBE AND PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE AND NATION, 8 AND ALL WHO DWELL ON EARTH WILL WORSHIP IT, EVERYONE WHOSE NAME HAS NOT BEEN WRITTEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD IN THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN. 9 IF ANYONE HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR:”

[REVELATION 13:1-9 ESV]

“9 ‘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. 10 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. 11 “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. 12 AS FOR THE REST OF THE BEASTS, THEIR DOMINION WAS TAKEN AWAY, BUT THEIR LIVES WERE PROLONGED FOR A SEASON AND A TIME. 13 “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.

[DANIEL 7:9-18 ESV]

14 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. 15 "AS FOR ME, DANIEL, MY SPIRIT WITHIN ME WAS ANXIOUS, AND THE VISIONS OF MY HEAD ALARMED ME. 16 I APPROACHED ONE OF THOSE WHO STOOD THERE AND ASKED HIM THE TRUTH CONCERNING ALL THIS. SO HE TOLD ME AND MADE KNOWN TO ME THE INTERPRETATION OF THE THINGS. 17 'THESE FOUR GREAT BEASTS ARE FOUR KINGS WHO SHALL ARISE OUT OF THE EARTH. 18 BUT THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL RECEIVE THE KINGDOM AND POSSESS THE KINGDOM FOREVER, FOREVER AND EVER."

[DANIEL 7:9-18 ESV]

**THE ANTI-CHRIST IS DEFEATED, AND IS
“ANTI-YOU”, KNOWING CHRIST HAS THE VICTORY.**

[DANIEL 7:9-18; REVELATION 5:1-10 ESV]

“THEN I SAW IN THE RIGHT HAND OF HIM WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE A SCROLL WRITTEN WITHIN AND ON THE BACK, SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS. 2 AND I SAW A MIGHTY ANGEL PROCLAIMING WITH A LOUD VOICE, “WHO IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL AND BREAK ITS SEALS?” 3 AND NO ONE IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH OR UNDER THE EARTH WAS ABLE TO OPEN THE SCROLL OR TO LOOK INTO IT, 4 AND I BEGAN TO WEEP LOUDLY BECAUSE NO ONE WAS FOUND WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL OR TO LOOK INTO IT. 5 AND ONE OF THE ELDERS SAID TO ME, “WEEP NO MORE; BEHOLD, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID, HAS CONQUERED, SO THAT HE CAN OPEN THE SCROLL AND ITS SEVEN SEALS.” 6 AND BETWEEN THE THRONE AND THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES AND AMONG THE ELDERS I SAW A LAMB STANDING, AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN SLAIN, WITH SEVEN HORNS AND WITH SEVEN EYES, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD SENT OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH.

[REVELATION 5:1-10 ESV]

7 AND HE WENT AND TOOK THE SCROLL FROM THE RIGHT HAND OF HIM WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE. 8 AND WHEN HE HAD TAKEN THE SCROLL, THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES AND THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS FELL DOWN BEFORE THE LAMB, EACH HOLDING A HARP, AND GOLDEN BOWLS FULL OF INCENSE, WHICH ARE THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS. 9 AND THEY SANG A NEW SONG, SAYING, "WORTHY ARE YOU TO TAKE THE SCROLL AND TO OPEN ITS SEALS, FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, AND BY YOUR BLOOD YOU RANSOMED PEOPLE FOR GOD FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION, 10 AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM A KINGDOM AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD, AND THEY SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH."

[REVELATION 5:1-10 ESV]

“23 ‘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. 24 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. 25 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. 26 BUT THE COURT SHALL SIT IN JUDGMENT, AND HIS DOMINION SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY, TO BE CONSUMED AND DESTROYED TO THE END.

[DANIEL 7:23-28 ESV]

27 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.’ 28 “HERE IS THE END OF THE MATTER. AS FOR ME, DANIEL, MY THOUGHTS GREATLY ALARMED ME, AND MY COLOR CHANGED, BUT I KEPT THE MATTER IN MY HEART.”

[DANIEL 7:23-28 ESV]

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE HINGE OF HISTORY,
AND WE EXPERIENCE VICTORY THROUGH
THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

[DANIEL 7:23-28; REVELATION 3:20-22; 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7 ESV]

“20 BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK. IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM AND EAT WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME. 21 THE ONE WHO CONQUERS, I WILL GRANT HIM TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE, AS I ALSO CONQUERED AND SAT DOWN WITH MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE. 22 HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES.”

[REVELATION 3:20-22 ESV]

**“6 FOR THIS REASON I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME
THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN YOU THROUGH THE LAYING
ON OF MY HANDS, 7 FOR GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF
FEAR BUT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.”**

[2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7 ESV]

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

**WILL YOU SWING THE DOOR OPEN TODAY AND
RESPOND TO JESUS?**

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

**WILL YOU LET THE HOLY SPIRIT “GREASE
THE HINGE” WITH HIS POWER, LOVE,
AND SELF-CONTROL?**

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