

**Outline #8** From the Stormy Sea to the  
Clouds of Heaven

Blessed be the name of God (Daniel 2:20-23)

**1. Four animals coming out of the Great Sea**

- a) Daniel 7:1-7 Why does God use animals to represent earthly powers?
- b) What similarities and differences do you notice between the vision in Daniel 2 and this vision recorded in Daniel 7?

**2. The Little Horn power**

- a) Daniel 7:8, 19-25 What important information is revealed concerning this Little Horn power?
- b) The Protestant Reformers identified this Little Horn power as the Roman Papacy. What led them to this conclusion?
  - i) It arose out of the Roman empire.
  - ii) It plucked up 3 horns.
  - iii) It had eyes like the eyes of a man.
  - iv) It spoke pompous words against the Most High.
  - v) It persecuted the saints of the Most High.
  - vi) It sought to change times and laws.
  - vii) It oppressed the saints for 1260 years.

**3. Judgment scene in heaven**

- a) Daniel 7:9-10
- b) Daniel 7:26-27

**4. The Coming of the Son of Man**

- a) Daniel 7:13-14 Who is described here as “One like the Son of Man”?

- i) Matthew 8:20, 9:6, Mark 13:24-27, Luke 9:26

- ii) 1 Timothy 2:5

- b) Is the coming of the Son of Man in the clouds to the Ancient of Days a description of the glorious return of Jesus to earth or an event that precedes it?
- c) What other Scriptures emphasize the important role the Son of Man plays in the judgment prior to His glorious return to earth? John 5:22
- d) How is your attitude about the final judgment impacted by knowing Jesus is also your Advocate in the final judgment? 1 John 2:1-3

**5. Judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High**

- a) What does the judgment reveal about the abuse of the saints by the Little Horn power? Daniel 7:21, 25
- b) What judgment decision is made regarding the saints of the Most High God? Daniel 7:21-22, 27, 18.
- c) How does this revelation give you hope when you are persecuted as a follower of Jesus?
- d) Recount some persecutions the apostle Paul suffered as a follower of Jesus (2 Corinthians 11:24-25). What impacts you as you hear his testimony, recorded in Romans 8:35,37-39?
- e) How can God work for good (Romans 8:28) even in times of persecution for our faith in Jesus?

