DANIEL 7

1. Verses 18, 22, 27 all speak of the saints being given the Kingdom. Under whom will they rule and why is this important?
2. How does this harmonize with what God proclaimed when He made humanity in His image and placed them in His creation?
3. Even after Daniel was told what "the end of the matter" (verse 28) would be, he was still greatly alarmed. Why do you think that was? How should this ending encourage us and how should we be properly alarmed by it?
4. In this chapter, it is said several times that the world ruler of the end times says "great things." What is meant by this term "great things"? What would characterize his words?
5. What are some of the reasons God gave us this information?

FOR ADDED UNDERSTANDING . . .

Read Jesus' words in Matthew 24. In verses three through fourteen, He gives some information about events that will occur just as a matter of course over the centuries leading up to His return. These are part of normal life on the earth.

But notice that in verse fifteen that seems to change. Jesus begins giving a number of signs of the approach of the things Daniel witnessed, mainly His return to reign on earth. It is good to know these and to be aware of them, so that we are not deceived by false movements of false Christs if we are alive during these times. It is also good to know what these signs are that really do mark the end. Then when they come about we will not misunderstand them as simply more of the normal, routine fallen-world troubles.

Luke 24 also records Jesus' words on the same or a similar occasion. His words have a little different slant, possibly because Luke was a Gentile and included things Daniel had spoken of regarding the Gentiles occupation of Jerusalem. Both Matthew and Luke's records are significant in that in Jesus' mind there remained significant things in Daniel's writings which had not come about. The entire New Testament in speaking of future things bears this out.

These things are recorded for your understanding. Give time to learning the words of these messages. The time will come when their meaning is plain.