UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tues, Oct 27 | *The Bible's Longest Time Prophecy*
Wed, Oct 28 | *Prophecy's Greatest Promise*
Fri, Oct 30 | *Revelation's War in Heaven*
Sat, Oct 31 | *The Greatest Issue in the Book of Revelation*
Tues, Nov 3 | *Understanding the Antichrist*

Hope Rising continues through November 7



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DISCOVERY TIME

1. What feelings or mental pictures <u>first</u> come to mind when you hear the words . . . "judge" or "judgment"?

2. **READ Psalm 7:8 and 76:8-9** and ask...
   a. What kind of perspective do you think David had about God rising to judgment?
   b. Is it possible for us today to view God's judgment in such a positive light? How/Under what circumstances?

To many of us, the concept of a final judgment day stirs up a very ominous sense of doom, fear, and even shame. But should it? When the just and merciful God gives us an anticipation of judgment in Bible prophecy, what is His primary intent? Tonight, we will discover prophecy's truth that God's final judgment and its timely arrival is indeed good news (cf. Rev. 14:6-7)!

PROPHETIC PARALLELS

- ☐ Daniel 7:1-3 — Similar to the four metals in Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan. 2:31-33), Daniel sees a vision of four <u>beasts</u> that represent four _____ rising up in earth's history (v. 17).
- ☐ Dan. 7:9-14 — Similar to the stone kingdom's arrival, the succession of kingdoms in Daniel 7 is then followed by a second scene of divine dominion.
- ☐ Why the repetition? In the prophecies of Daniel (and Revelation), God employs a teaching technique of "Review & _____," that is, each new vision reviews and then enlarges upon the revelations of previous visions.

WHAT'S NEW IN DANIEL 7

- ☐ Carnivorous imagery — a depiction of the violent way these kingdoms would wield their power.
- ☐ Shift from passive to active verbs — a literary nuance to highlight the 4th kingdom's disregard for divine authority.
- ☐ New characters in the vision — the enlargement that Daniel had to know the truth about (Dan. 7:19).

THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

- ☐ Daniel 7:7-10, 19-22, 24-27 — While the vision of Daniel 7 was partly a review of Daniel 2, God repeatedly emphasized the new information in an obvious sequence:
  1) **D**_____
  2) **L**_____
  3) **J**_____
  4) **G**_____

  In this way, God enlarges our understanding of two significant events that we can expect to take place **after** the division of the Roman Empire and **before** the return of Jesus: 1) the rise of the _____ _____ (Antichrist), and 2) the initiation of the final _____ in heaven.

- ☐ So what is the good news about the final judgment here?
  1) Daniel 7:9-10 — Judgment is God's redemptive response to _____ His people from the oppressive influence of the Little Horn power. The primary purpose of God's judgment is not to destroy us but deliver us! (See also Rev. 14:6-7; Isa. 35:3-4.)
  2) Daniel 7:13-14 — God's judgment results in giving dominion to the Son of _____, the One who fully identifies with and represents humanity.
  3) Daniel 7:18, 27 — The kingdom that belongs to Christ is ultimately given to _____ !

SIGNIFICANT REVELATIONS

- ☐ Does Daniel 7's description of the Little Horn give sufficient description to unmistakably identify the Antichrist power in earth's history? _____ (*More in Session 7*.)
- ☐ Real hope is found in the revelation of the Son of Man and God's judgment that saves His people.
- ☐ The big storyline: The beasts of Daniel 7 represent all human efforts to rule apart from dependence upon God, apart from a trusting relationship with God. The Little Horn power takes that to its ugly extreme. But when we look to Jesus as Judge, we have **hope** that ALL the destructive consequences of our self-rulership can and will be overcome.
- ☐ Isaiah 33:22 — The vision of Daniel 7 concurs with Isaiah. Prophecy reveals a Judge who _____.

PERSONAL REFLECTION



Attention | What caught my attention tonight?

Connection | How does this connect with my life right now?

Invitation | What is God inviting me to do in response?