



Love & Monsters

Daniel 7 — Unshakable Faith

3-21-21

1. First a word about biblical interpretation:

A. In interpretation, we want to know what the author was trying to tell his _____ and we find that by looking first at the _____ context and the _____ context.

B. Biblical prophesy may include _____ (future happenings), it is always first forth-telling (what God is telling the original audience).

C. Attaching excessive _____, and _____ interpretations can serve to drown out the original message meant for its original hearers.

2. Be _____! Beastly kingdoms will always _____ and _____ God's people.

"...so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them." 1 Thessalonians 3:3, NIV

A. The world's real problem is the _____ of people which will color _____ kingdoms.

Daniel 2:

Babylon = gold

Medo-Persia = silver

Greece = bronze

Rome = iron/clay

Daniel 7:

Babylon = Lion with eagles wings

Medo-Persia = lopsided Bear

Greece = flying leopard w/ 4 heads

Rome = unknown beast of iron teeth

"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." — Matthew 24:15-16

"Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour." (Hint that we are in the Millennium.) — 1 John 2:18

B. Don't _____ to the world's values & pursuits. And don't _____ on imagining God's holiness in an unholy world.

"Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. ...For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men."

— 1 Peter 2:11-12, 15

3. Be of _____! The eternal kingdom will go to _____ people.

A. Every _____ will be destroyed, and God's _____, though always facing oppression and struggle here, will inherit _____ that lasts forever.

B. For those who belong to Jesus, it will be _____ when we see Jesus.