

Kingdom Courtroom

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Daniel 8

¹ 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. 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. 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.



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.

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.’



²¹ As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.



The Beasts



^{2b} the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Sea

Four Winds

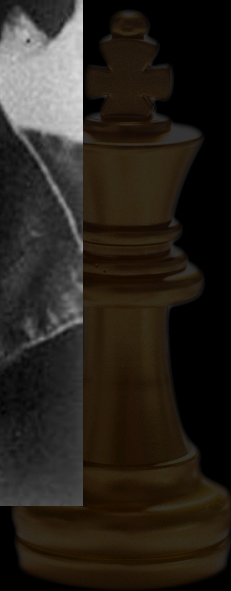
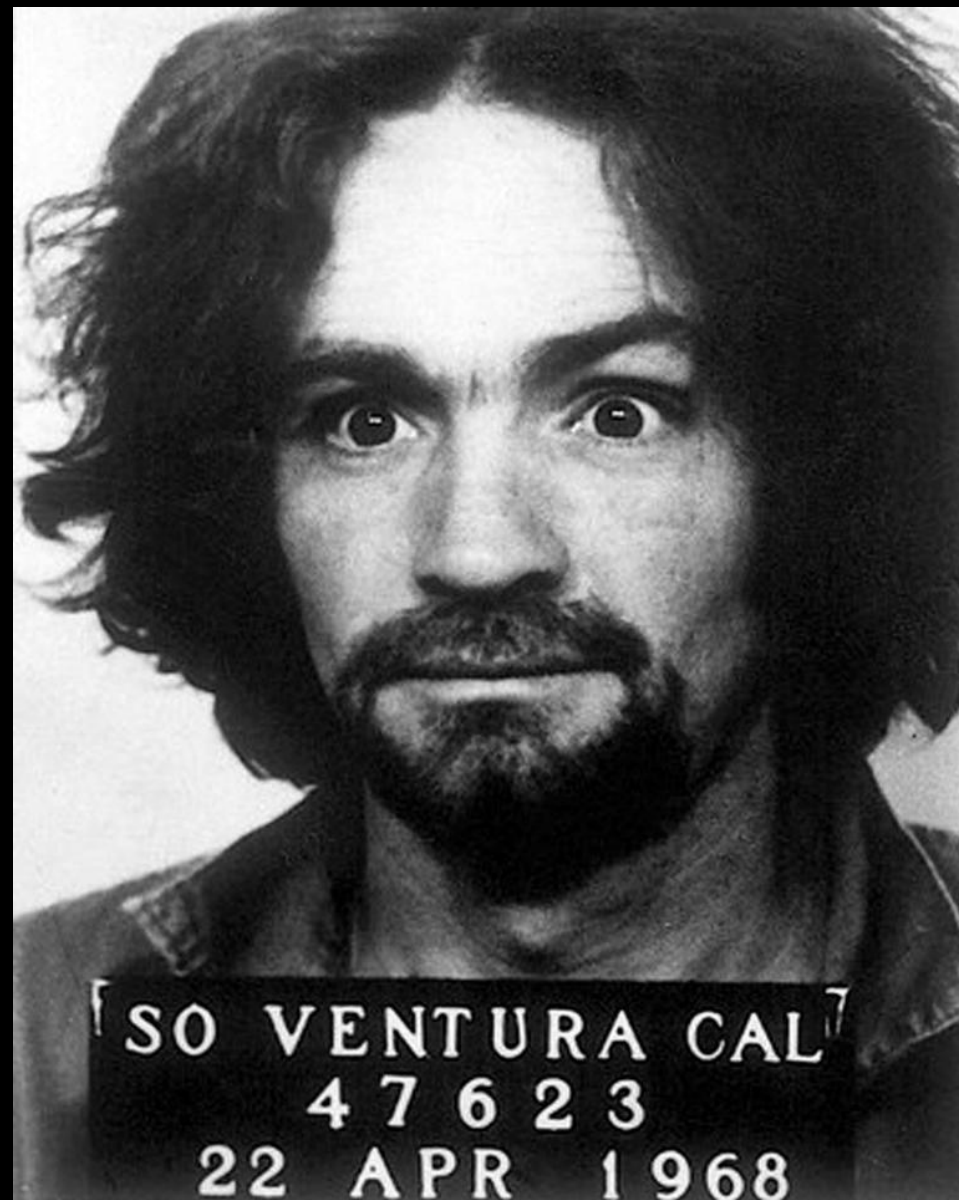


Ten Horns,
Little Horn

A Season
and a Time

Revelation 17:12
And the ten horns that you
saw are ten kings who have
not yet received royal power,
but they are to receive
authority as kings for one
hour, together with the beast.





Ancient of Days

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***.



⁹ “As I looked, thrones were placed,
and the *Ancient of Days* took his seat;

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Isaiah 44:6

Thus says the LORD, the
King of Israel and his
Redeemer, the LORD of
hosts: “I am the first and
I am the last; besides
me there is no god.

Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and
the Omega,” says the
Lord God, “who is
and who was and
who is to come, the
Almighty.”



The Son of Man

13^b “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.



Romans 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.



11^a And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

Hebrews 2:9

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.



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.



The Saints of the Most High

¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High...

Psalm 139:5

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.



¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”



Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.



The Reality and Evil of the Enemy

The Overwhelming Greatness of God

The Life Now and Forever

