

Deciphering the Outline of World History

Daniel 7

"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,"¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

Isaiah 46:9-10

Proposition: *God has not left us in the dark concerning our future. In the Bible He has given us an accurate blueprint of human destiny, his plans for the nations, for Israel, and for the church. There is a new and righteous kingdom coming to replace the evil world system. The wicked will face retribution, believers will be vindicated, and God will receive the glory due His name*

I. World History _____

A. The Four Beasts (Daniel 7:1-8, Revelation 13:2)

- The 1st beasts represents the _____
- The 2nd beasts represents the _____
- The 3rd beasts represents the _____
- The 4th beasts represents the _____

B. Day in Court—The _____ of Human History

1. Final Judgment on the _____ Verse 9
2. The last ruler of the Gentiles is _____ Verse 11-12
3. Messiah establishes an _____ kingdom Verse 13-14

Psalms 2:6, Revelation 19:15 Daniel 7:15

II. World History _____

A. The _____ Story (Verses 17-22)

1. A _____ Statement

- a. The four beasts represent four great _____
- b. The saints will take _____ of an everlasting kingdom

2. A _____ Question

- Satan is always out to _____ us

B. The _____ Story

(Verses 23- 25, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Daniel 4:25, 12:11 Revelation 11:2, 13:5)

1. A _____ Kingdom

2. A _____ Kingdom

3. A _____ Kingdom

- He _____ God's authority
- He _____ the saints
- He _____ laws and traditions
- He has the authority to do so for _____.

C. _____ of Story (Verse 26-28)

The wicked will face _____

Believers will be _____

God will receive the _____

Application

- **Look at life through the lens of scripture and live accordingly**
- **Not only eagerly await the Lord's return, but pray for His return**
- **Be reconciled to God**

"The cross simultaneously stands as the irrefutable evidence that God demands retribution and cries out that it is the measure of God's love."

D.A. Carson

Alexander's Ragtime Band" is the name of a song by Irving Berlin. It was his first major hit, in 1911.

"Alexander's Ragtime Band" is not itself an example of the ragtime musical idiom; apart from some mild syncopation, it has almost none of ragtime's characteristic features. Nonetheless, the lyrics clearly refer to the arrival of African-American musicians on the popular scene with their then-new idea of playing standard songs in a more exciting up-tempo style.

Alexander's Ragtime Band is also the name of a 1938 film that takes off from the Berlin song to tell a story of a society boy who scandalizes his family by pursuing a career in ragtime instead of in "serious" music. It stars Tyrone Power, Alice Faye, Don Ameche, Ethel Merman, Jack Haley and Jean Hersholt.