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OPEN

Did you know that God is a bookkeeper, that He has a lot of books that He is keeping? In the book of Revelation we read about the day when the books are opened and when men are judged according to their deeds out of the things that are written in the books. They're also judged as to whether their name is found in the book of life. If they're not in the book of life, then they go into the lake of fire. But He also keeps a book of remembrance, a book of those who live righteously for Him. We'll look at it today.

PART ONE

Okay beloved, it's down to business, the business of studying to show ourselves approved unto God, workman that needeth not be ashamed when we see Him, when the books are opened, workman that handle accurately the Word of God. Or another way to put that, from the Greek is to cut it straight. And you want to cut prophecy straight. Listen the Bible is full of

prophecy. Because the book of Amos tells us that God does nothing, but what He reveals it to His servants the prophets ahead of time. Why? Because He doesn't want you and me to be in the dark. Now as we study these things, as we study Daniel, chapter 7, it's like the epicenter of the rest of the prophecy in Daniel. Because in Daniel 7, he gives us details that we need to pay close attention to because he's going to develop those details as we go on in the book of Daniel, so you've got to pay attention. You've got to get out your Bible; and get this under your belt. This is serious stuff. But you know what? You're a child of God and you need to know these things. God is keeping books. He's keeping a book of remembrance; the book of Malachi tells us that. He has rewards. He's going to reward us at the judgment seat of Christ if we're children of God, or there's going to be a loss of reward. And so you and I want to understand these things because the courts are going to sit and the books are going to be opened. That's what Daniel, chapter 7 says. So now, we saw a statue with a head of gold, a chest of silver, a belly and thigh of bronze, and feet of iron and clay, legs of iron, feet of iron and clay. All right those feet have ten toes on them and those ten toes are representative of ten kings. Part of them are strong and part of them are brittle. But they come together as a divided kingdom. In the days of those toes, those kings, a stone cut, without hands comes down and crushes the statue on the feet and blows away all the parts of the statue and the God of heaven sets us a kingdom, which will never be destroyed. Parallel: next to the head of gold, what do we have? In Daniel, chapter 7 we have the first beast. It's a lion with wings on its back. It is brought low and then it is given; look at what it says, a, it is made to stand on its feet like a man and it is given a human mind. This is what happened to Nebuchadnezzar. So there's a parallel. The symbol for Babylon was a winged lion. So here you have a parallel. After the head of gold there came the chest of silver. After the winged lion there came a bear. That bear was raised up on one side, implying these sides, even as you see on the statue, with two arms. That bear

had in its mouth three ribs, okay. That bear was, it says and let's look at it. It was to arise and devour much meat. Now what does that mean? We're not going to tell you. You're going to see for yourself as we progress inductively through Daniel, cause I want you to know that you know that this is what God's Word says. All right, the third part of the statue was the bronze. It was the belly and it was the thighs and it was going to rule. It was going to have dominion. Okay, you come to the third animal. It's a leopard. It's a leopard with four wings, with four heads, and it rules. All right, so you see the parallel there. You come to the fourth part of the statue, the two legs, the two feet, the ten toes; you come to the fourth beast and that is a beast that has teeth like iron. It is a beast that crushes and devours the other beasts, even as the fourth kingdom destroys the other kingdoms that are in the statue. You see that it has ten horns. You see that the feet of the statue have ten toes. So you see the parallel. Now what is happening? He's giving us additional insight into this fourth beast. He says, verse 8: While I was contemplating the horns; here's the additional insight. Behold, another horn, a little one. You've marked that. If you haven't marked that color it orange. Color it any color you want, but I want you to color it a certain, specific color so that you will know every pronoun that relates to it. Behold, another horn, a little one came up among them. The statue tells us nothing about this little horn or eleventh toe, okay. And it says it came up among them and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it. So if those ten toes, now watch, represent ten kings on the statue, then the ten horns in all probability represent ten kings or ten kingdoms. And then up among them comes another horn, or another king and this horn has watches, and three of the first horns are pulled out before it. And then it says and behold this horn, this little horn that comes up among the ten possesses eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts. All right, he keeps on looking; the vision is not over. God's only going to tell him one segment of this vision at a time. So he keeps looking and this is where you want to pick up with me in verse

9 of Daniel, chapter 7. I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His vesture was like white snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. Pure wool is white; I mean just white. And His throne was ablaze with flames and its wheels were a burning fire. Now fire and blaze speaks of purification and it also speaks of judgment. And you see many times we don't want to think of God as a God of judgment. We don't want to think of Him as a righteous God. We want to think of Him as a loving, a loving God that is easy to pull one over on and a loving God that says O, that's all right, you know, you did wrong, but I'll let you get away with it. That is not love. Love does not let you continue in your sin. Love does not let you self-destruct. Love is not permissive. The love that he's talking about when he talks in the Word of God, usually about God, is an agape kind of love, a love that desires your highest good. Yes, God is a God of grace. God is a God of grace, but God can be a God of grace because He is also a God of wrath, because in His righteousness He has dealt with sin, and because He has dealt with sin in Jesus Christ dying on the cross and being made sin for you, then He can be gracious to you because Jesus took the penalty for you, if, if you will believe it, if you will receive it. All right, so here is His throne ablaze with flames and its wheels are a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming from Him. Thousands upon thousands were attending Him. And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him. Now listen; thousands upon thousands are attending Him and myriads of myriads are standing before Him. So there are some people that are in attendance with God, attending God. This shows that these are people that are on God's side, that are supporting God if they're attending Him. But then it says in myriads and myriads; this is countless, were standing before Him. And when they're standing before Him it says the court sat; the court is sitting and the books were opened. Okay, so this is part of the vision; the court is sitting, the books are opened. All right, now I want to keep going on with the vision, then we're going to come back after the break and we're

going to look at the court sitting, so that you can understand what's coming and why it's important for you to study the way we're studying, why it's important for you to handle God's Word accurately, to cut it straight, because God's going to hold us accountable, even for the words that we speak. Okay, then he says I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words, which the horn was speaking. So you mark the horn again. This is the little horn that comes up among the ten. I kept looking until the beast was slain. What beast? The fourth beast is going to be slain. And its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. Now remember that, the burning fire. As for the rest of the beasts, number one, number two, number three, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. So whatever this fourth beast is, those involved in this fourth beast, those ten kings and that little horn that comes up, they're going to be destroyed. The little horn is going to be dealt with and we'll see that in greater detail later. Those are going to be destroyed. But the other kingdoms are going to be given an extension of life. It says I kept looking in the night visions and behold with the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man was coming and he came up to the Ancient of Days. Now what do you know immediately? You know that the Ancient of Days is not Jesus. You know that the son of man is separate from the Ancient of Days. The Ancient of Days is sitting on His throne and the son of man comes up to the Ancient of Days. And it says He, the son man was presented before Him, the Ancient of Days. And to Him, the son of man, and this is what I would mark: I would mark it all in yellow, to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. What does that tell you? That tells you that when it's all over, everybody on the face of this earth will be serving Jesus. If it's saying that, then isn't it important to start serving Him now? We'll talk about it when I come back.

PART TWO

When the Son of Man is presented before the Ancient of Days then it says that to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom. Glory means it's the word *doxa* and it means to give a correct estimate of, a correct opinion of someone. So when you give glory to God you're giving in essence, a correct opinion of Him. In other words, you're honoring Him as you should honor Him. That's why if you're a child of God you don't go around saying O Jesus Christ or O Christ. It's an offense. It's taking the name of the Lord in vain. And God says He will not hold him guiltless who takes the name of the Lord in vain. So you're giving Him glory. You're living and dressing and acting in such a way as to bring Him glory. You say, but this is when He comes. Well listen, if He's coming and He's got books and He's keeping books and there are in essence a book of remembrance for those that honor Him, I mean, shouldn't you start doing it now? I mean, don't you want to lay down your records? So many that call themselves Christians don't want to put in the effort to be godly. I mean they don't want to put in the effort to study the Word of God. They don't want to think. And God says come now and let us reason together. As Paul took the gospel, he got to the synagogues where the Jews were and he reasoned with them from the scriptures; he caused them to think. So come now and let us reason together and let's see what he's saying. All right, he's saying that when He comes glory and a kingdom is given to Him. And it goes on to say to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom that all the peoples. I want you to get this. Everyone on the face of this earth, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion. Now this part in Daniel, chapter 7 parallels with the stone cut without hands that sets up a kingdom. You got the parallel, all right, which will not pass away. So we know definitely cause God has told us what the first kingdom is. It's Babylon. We know what the last kingdom is. The last kingdom is the kingdom of Christ. So we've got to assume that if you have four parts to the statue and you have four beasts and

there's parallels all the way through, he's giving us additional insight into this statue. And he's adding insight. He's added the fact that there is an eleventh horn. He's added the fact that this horn has a mouth like a man and eyes like a man and he's making boastful words, but that he is going to be destroyed and a kingdom is going to be given to the Son of man who approaches the Ancient of Days and this kingdom is one and it will not be destroyed. All right now, let's look at the scriptures that deal with the Son of man and then deal with the books. All right I want you to go to Mark, chapter 13, Mark, chapter 13. And as you write it down, write verse 24 to 27, Mark 13 and it's verse 24 to 27. But in those days after that tribulation, remember the word tribulation, the sun will be darkened. The moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from heaven and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send forth the angels and gather together His elect, His chosen from the four winds. Remember we saw the four winds coming and stirring up the sea of humanity and then the four beasts coming out, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven. So you see the Son of man. You see Him coming in clouds with great power and great glory and then you see these four winds gathering the elect. All right, now from there I want you to go to Matthew, chapter 24, verse 29, Matthew 24, and it's verse 29. Okay, and immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give it's light. The stars will fall from the sky and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of man will appear in the sky and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn. You know why they're going to mourn, because all of a sudden, they're going to realize that what they heard about the coming of Jesus Christ was true and they didn't believe it. And they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to

the other. Then you drop down and it says in verse 42: Therefore, be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. It says for this reason you too, verse 44, be alert too, for the Son of man is coming at an hour when you don't think He will. In other words, you and I are always to live as if He is coming. Now Revelation, chapter 1, verse 7, Revelation, chapter 1, verse 7. And in Revelation, chapter 1, verse 7, all of this refers to the Son of man coming, which I told you in our last program, we would look at it. It says behold. Well, let me start in verse 5. And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him, who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood. Jesus released us from our sins by His blood. He has made us to be a kingdom and priest to His God and Father. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, amen. Behold, He is coming with clouds and every eye will see Him. Now when He comes, what's going to happen? Well I'm not going to give you all the details today because I want us to see it first in the Word of God. But I want to take you to Revelation, chapter 20. When at the end, after He reigns on this earth for a thousand years, and it talks about it in Revelation, chapter 20 in verses 1 through 7, okay. After He reigns, then it's the end. The kingdom is totally God's forever and the books are opened. It says I saw the dead, the small and great standing before the throne. Now the dead are not saved people. The dead are lost people. I saw the dead, the great and small standing before the throne, the great white throne, that the Ancient of Days is on, and the books were opened and another book was open, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged according to the things, which were written in the book, according to their deeds. They're judged there because their name is not in the book of life. Listen beloved, when you believe in Jesus Christ, your name remains in the book of life. It's not erased, but it remains there. But if you die apart from Jesus, then your name is erased from the book of life. But there's a book of deeds, by which God judges you because He's a righteous judge. And if you were to refuse to

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believe in Jesus, you would be cast into the lake of fire according to your deeds. In other words, God is just and God is fair. You'll spend eternity in the lake of fire and the degree of punishment in that lake of fire will be determined by how you lived, by your deeds, because God keeps books. When the Son of man comes for the church, there's the judgment seat of Christ and there we are judged according to our deeds for rewards, not to be kicked out of heaven, but to be rewarded for our faithfulness. The unsaved will be judged at the great white throne judgment, as I said. The question today for you beloved, is: will you believe on Jesus Christ? Will you kneel before the Son of man and say I want You to be my Lord, I want you to be my God, I want to serve You now with all my heart, soul and strength?