

(cf. Ps. 2); and in verse 22 to God the Son, in describing His second advent.

Daniel's purpose in these four verses was to ask for further information about the fourth beast and the boastful horn and in so doing he added details that had not been mentioned before. The next five verses give the bystander's answer.

The Enlarged Explanation of the Latter Part of the Vision

(23) "He gave me this explanation: "The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. (24) The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. (25) He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time. (26) But the court will sit,* and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. (27) Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him."

This additional explanation begins with the statement that the fourth beast represents a kingdom that would be different from all the previous kingdoms. Its control would extend further and would be more destructive.

*Better "the judgment is set" as in KJV. Since the verb *y^etib* often means "remain" or "abide," "is set" is a justifiable rendering. See *Excursus on pp. 106-109*.