

six chapters was a tremendous blessing to them then, and the 7th chapter would say, Well, the kingdom of the saints is coming, God's going to set up the kingdom, He's not going to let the world forever be under control of this sort of thing. But he doesn't say it is going to come right away. But it is coming eventually. We certainly should keep our eyes on God to trust Him, and follow Him, and then ch. 8 speaks specifically of A.E. And he was predicted, and God says ~~if~~ he is going to come, and do these terrible things, but God says he is going to be broken without hands. We certainly then should stand true to God and resist him, because God is so great, He's able to predict he is going to be broken without hands, and then in ch.11 we have a description of him again and further evidence he is going to be destroyed, and so the great purpose of the book is for the time of A.E. But then after A.E. is over, it goes on and is of value with its great principles for all periods of persecution and all periods of difficulty, and is important for all ages, because it gives them a survey forward, and shows us that God is going to set up His kingdom, and do His great work at the end, and we of course, at our particular...15... are sepecially interested in what we can learn about that from thas book....end of D 28

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.....the conclusion, that is, the end of the Gentile rule, the end of ungodly/~~the~~ control. What do we find of that in the book? Well, ch.8 nothing, the end of this particular difficulty, in ch.8, what this little horn does is going to be ended, the temple is going to be cleansed, this is coming to an end. But the end of Gentile rule, that there's nothing about in ch.8. There's alot about it in ch.7, but we have already had something about it. Where have we had something about it before? Ch.2 went right up to the end of Gentile rule. And so we look at ch.2 and see what we can tell from ch.2 about the end of Gentilerule. And we find in ch.2 that it ends with the great image being destroyed. There was a great image, and a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet of iron ~~and~~ and clay, and break them to pieces. Now, we ask right away. Here is an image. Here is a picture. We don't expect the picture to have every aspect of it to have a meaning, we don't expect taht. In the parables, they may be given to give a great truth. Here's a parable with all kinds of detail.