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INTERPRETATION RULES FOR UNDERSTANDING PROPHECY

1. The Golden Rule of Interpretation

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicates clearly otherwise.

2. The Law of Double Reference

The Law of Double Reference is the principle of associating similar or related ideas, which are usually separated from one another by long periods of times, and which are blended into a single picture like the blending of pictures by a stereopticon. (A clear cut example of this law may be found in Isaiah 11:1-5. Verses one and two refer to the First Coming of the Messiah and verses three through five tell of the second time He comes to earth.)

3. The Law of Recurrence

The Law of Recurrence involves the recording of an event and the repetition of the account which gives added details. This principle may be illustrated by the artist who “blocks out the portrait” of a person at the first sitting and adds details at subsequent sittings.

Example: Ezekiel 38:1 - 39:16

Chapter 38 gives a complete account of the coming invasion of Israel by Russia and the subsequent destruction of the Russian army in Israel. Chapter 39 then repeats the account from the beginning giving additional details.

4. A Text Apart from its Context is a Pretext

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

I. DANIEL TWO

- A. Babylon
- B. Medo-Persia
- C. Hellenistic
- D. The Fourth Empire
 - 1. The United Stage
 - 2. The Two Division Stage
 - 3. The Ten Division Stage
- E. The Messianic Kingdom

II. DANIEL SEVEN

- A. Babylon
- B. Medo-Persia
- C. Hellenistic
- D. The Fourth Empire
 - 1. The United Stage
 - 2. The One World Government Stage
 - 3. The Ten Division Stage
 - 4. The Antichrist Stage
- E. The Messianic Kingdom

III. SUMMARY AND COMBINATION OF DANIEL TWO AND SEVEN

- A. The First Empire: Babylon
- B. The Second Empire: Medo-Persia
- C. The Third Empire: Hellenistic
- D. The Fourth Empire: Imperialism
 - 1. The United Stage: Rome
 - 2. The Two Division Stage
 - 3. The One World Government Stage
 - 4. The Ten Division Stage
 - 5. The Antichrist Stage
- E. The Messianic Kingdom

IV. REVELATION THIRTEEN

A. The Beast

1. The Final Stage of the Fourth Empire
2. Word refers both to the final form of the government and the final rule: Antichrist

B. The Ten Horns: The Ten Kingdoms

C. The Seven Heads: New Element

V. REVELATION SEVENTEEN

A. The Beast - The Final Form of the Fourth Empire

B. The Ten Horns: The Ten Kingdoms (Contemporaries)

C. The Seven Heads: The Seven Kings (Sequential)

1. Tarquin Kings – 753-510 B.C.
 2. Consuls – 509-494 B.C.
 3. Plebians – 494-390 B.C.
 4. Republicans – 390-59 B.C.
 5. Triumvirate – 59-27 B.C.
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6. One is: Imperialism – 27 B.C. until the Middle of Tribulation
 7. One is to Come: Antichrist – from Middle to End of Tribulation

D. The Position of the Antichrist

1. He is an Eighth - Contemporary Horn
2. But is of the Seven - The Seventh Sequential Head

VI. SUMMARY OF THE FOUR CHAPTERS

A. The Four Gentile Empires

1. Babylon
2. Medo-Persia
3. Hellenistic
4. Imperialism

B. The Development of the Imperialistic Form of Government

1. Tarquin Kings – First Head
2. Consuls – Second Head
3. Plebians – Third Head
4. Republicans – Fourth Head
5. Triumvirate – Fifth Head

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1. The United Stage: Rome
2. The Two Division Stage
3. The One World Government Stage
4. The Ten Division Stage (Horns)

SIXTH HEAD IS

5. The Antichrist Stage: The Seventh Head – **IS TO COME**

a. World War I of Tribulation: Rises to Power

b. World War II of Tribulation

(1) Killed

(2) Resurrected

(3) Kills three kings and seven kings submit

(4) Rules world for 3½ years

c. World War III of Tribulation – Killed by Christ