

BOOK OF DANIEL

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER WORLD HISTORY (DAN. 7:9-14) – COREY STARK

I. OUTLINE OF DANIEL 7:1-14

- A. Four great beasts symbolizing four world empires (7:1-8)
- B. God's sovereign leadership over history (7:9-14)
 - 1. God enthroned in majesty (7:9-10)
 - 2. Destruction of the Antichrist (7:11-12)
 - 3. Jesus' exaltation as King over the nations (7:13-14)

II. OVERVIEW: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST

A. Daniel sees a vision of the eternal Sovereign seated upon His throne in heaven (7:9-10) immediately after seeing the dreadful beast empire of the Antichrist (7:7-8). It's important to understand the intentional continuity between verses 7-10, which display the Father's sovereignty over the Antichrist's reign. Daniel is even told the day and method of his demise 2,500 years before (Dan. 7:11-12; 12:11; 2 Th. 2:8; Rev. 19:20).

Dan. 7:7 Behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong... 9 I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days [the Father] was seated... His throne was a fiery flame...

B. God will use the Antichrist to accomplish His purpose, but who is most responsible? God's sovereignty, Satan's rage, and people's sinful choices are *all involved* in the Antichrist's reign. Since God is love (1 Jn. 4:8, 16), we know everything He does is motivated by love for the good of His people and the planet!

Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God...

C. Premise: Only God has the ultimate authority to set governmental leaders in place to serve His sovereign purposes (Ps. 103:19; Dan. 2:20-21; 4:17, 25-26; 5:21). Jesus affirmed this when speaking to Pilate (Jn. 19:11). Paul even affirmed this, during the reign of evil Emperor Nero, who ultimately had Paul killed (Rom. 13:1-4). After the resurrection, Jesus was given *all authority* in both heaven and on earth (Mt. 28:18).

Ps. 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

Rom. 13:1 There is no authority except from God... the authorities that exist are appointed by God... 4 He is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

D. God raised up Pharaoh in Moses' day as the most powerful man on earth (Ex. 9:16; Rom. 9:17). He raised up an evil Assyrian leader named Sennacherib to judge Israel in 721 BC (Isa. 10:5). In 586 BC, He raised up Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon to discipline Israel (Jer. 22:7; 25:9, 12; 27:6; 43:10; Hab. 1:5-7). God raised up evil Persian kings to judge the Babylonians (Isa. 13:3-5; Jer. 51:1, 11). God will raise up and release the Antichrist to serve His sovereign purpose of judging other evil institutions, gathering the wicked, purifying the saints, magnifying His power and revealing His name (Ez. 38:16-17, 23; Rev. 6:1-8; 13:5-7; 17:6).

Rom. 9:17 The Scripture says to Pharaoh, "I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

Rev. 13:5 And he [Antichrist] was given authority to continue for forty-two months... 7 And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

E. The phrase "it was given" (or equivalent), speaking of God granting authority, was used often in Daniel and Revelation (Dan. 2:23, 37, 38; 4:16; 5:28; 7:4, 6, 14, 25, 27; Rev. 6:2, 4, 8; 9:1, 3; 11:2; 13:5, 7, 14-15).

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III. THE ANCIENT OF DAYS AND THRONE OF FIRE: PREPARATION FOR VICTORY (DAN. 7:9-10)

A. After seeing the dreadful beast empire (7:1-8), God shows Daniel His eternal sovereignty and majestic beauty (7:9-10), followed by the defeat of the Antichrist (7:11-12), and finally the exaltation of Jesus over the nations (7:13-14). The way to overcome fear is to grow in understanding of the eternal Sovereign seated upon His throne in majestic beauty. The love of God that flows from His throne gives us courage and confidence before the enemy's threats. If all we see are the threats, then we are vulnerable to compromise and fear.

1 Jn. 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.

B. No aspect of God's grace transforms and exhilarates us more than when the Holy Spirit reveals the majesty of God to the human heart (Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14; 1 Cor. 2:9-11). This is Jesus' desire (Jn. 17:24). I don't only want to serve Him; I want to be obsessed with His magnificence— to experience the glory, pleasure and transforming power of encountering God (Ps. 17:15; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Jn. 3:2). This equips us to overcome compromise, resist temptation, endure persecution and engage in intimate partnership with Him and His plans.

Jn. 17: 24 Father, I desire that they whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me...

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

C. Daniel sees the eternal Sovereign upon His throne in the heavenly court and books were opened (7:9-10).

Dan. 7:9 I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days [the Father] was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; 10 a fiery stream [river; NAS] issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

D. Ancient of Days: This name depicts the Father's eternal nature, as One who establishes all of His plans from an eternal perspective. It is only used in Daniel 7 (3x 7:9, 13, 22). We cannot understand the intensity of evil and magnitude of destruction in God's end-time plan from a temporal perspective. To be equipped to prevail we anchor our hope in the sovereign One with the last word who establishes His plans from eternity.

E. Seated: The Father is always revealed as seated upon His throne in total confidence and security. Though all the nations of the earth gather against Him nothing can overthrow His sovereign purpose (Ps. 2:1-6).

Ps. 2:1 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed... 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh... 6 "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

F. White as snow: God's garments and hair are as "white as snow" (v. 9). White speaks of purity, holiness and righteousness (Eccl. 9:8; Isa. 1:18; Dan. 7:9; 12:10; Mt. 17:2; 28:3; Acts 1:10; Rev. 7:9; 15:16; 19:8-9). The Father's "garments" speak of His deeds (Rev. 19:8); the "hair of His head" speaks of His wisdom, purity of thought and righteousness in governing. All of the Father's motives and actions are totally pure and wise.

Rev. 19:8 ...fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

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G. His throne: God's eternal throne is the governmental epicenter of the entire created order, guaranteeing that His plans will come to pass. His throne is a main theme in the book of Revelation, referred to forty times, with seven throne scenes (Rev. 4:2-5:14; 7:9-17; 11:15-19; 14:1-5; 15:2-8; 19:1-8; 21:1-22:9). God's throne is the place of greatest fascination, intimacy, celebration, provision and protection. It is the place Jesus directed our attention in prayer (Mt. 6:9) and where we appear before God when we pray and worship (Heb. 4:16).

Heb. 4:14 Seeing that we have a great High Priest who passed through the heavens... 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

H. Everyone must stand before God's throne. The saints will be rewarded (Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10), while God's enemies will be punished (Rev. 20:11-15). Divine decrees are released from the throne (Zeph. 2:2).

2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Rev. 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it... 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books... 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

I. A fiery stream: A river of fire (NAS) issues forth from the throne pouring into the sea of glass. It is the great convocation center and heavenly "upper room" where the saints and angels gather before God (Rev. 15:2).

Rev. 15:2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast... standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3 They sing... the song of the Lamb...

J. Thousands ministered: God has an innumerable multitude before Him (1 Kgs. 22:19; Dan. 7:10; Rev. 5:11).

1 Kgs. 22:19 I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by...

Rev. 5:11 I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands...

K. Thrones were put in place: Even now the twenty-four elders sit on thrones before the Father.

Rev. 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders...

L. The court was seated: Daniel saw God's court in session (7:9-10, 26) with the Judge seated to evaluate the nations. In the midst of chaos on earth is the all-powerful throne of God. The heavenly court administers God's decrees concerning the earth. History is not spiraling out of control. When God's court convenes the implication is that there will be dramatic events that unfold on earth as a result of His righteous decrees.

M. Books were opened: God's books contain a detailed account of every believer and unbeliever (Ex. 32:32; Ps. 139:16; 87:6; Dan. 7:10; 12:1; Lk. 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27). For the believer, our sins are blotted out of the books by the blood of Jesus when we repent (Isa. 44:22; Acts 3:19; Col. 2:14). In Daniel 7:9-10 the words and deeds of the Antichrist (i.e. little horn) are under review, as God brings divine accountability and decrees righteous judgment against him (7:11-12). The pompous words of the Antichrist (7:8) bring a strong response from God's heavenly court.

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IV. THE FATHER'S ROYAL COURT AND BEAUTY REALM OF GOD

A. The Father's royal court surrounds His majestic throne within the heavenly temple (Ps. 11:4; Rev. 16:17).

Ps. 96:6 Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

B. About 500 years later, John sees the Father's throne followed by Jesus' exaltation as well (Rev. 4-5), which expands Daniel's vision (Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14). We gain more understanding studying both passages together.

C. Revelation 4 gives us one of the greatest revelations of God's beauty found in Scripture, referred to as the "beauty realm" of God. What God put around Himself expresses His beauty to the rest of the created order.

Rev. 4:3 He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne... like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones... I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their head. 5 From the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal... around the throne, were four living creatures...

D. There are four main categories with twelve details in John's description of God's royal court:

1. The beauty of God's person: how God looks, feels, and acts (Rev. 4:3)
2. The beauty of God's people: the saints enthroned, robed, and crowned (Rev. 4:4)
3. The beauty of God's power: manifestations of power in lightning, thunder, voices (Rev. 4:5a)
4. The beauty of God's presence: His fire on lamps, seraphim, and the sea (Rev. 4:5b-7; 15:2)

E. Glorious light filled with many colors radiates from God's presence, including the brightness of diamonds (jasper), fiery red glory (sardius), and the colors of the emerald rainbow (Rev. 4:3). The jasper speaks of His magnificent splendor; the sardius speaks of His fiery desires; the rainbow speaks of His extravagant mercy.

F. God's throne releases beautiful, glorious, and terrifying manifestations of His heart and mind to the saints as lightnings, thunderings, voices and musical tones that proceed from His throne (Rev. 4:5a).

G. God's beauty is seen in how the Holy Spirit imparts His fiery presence to those around Him, manifested in fire upon the seven lamps, the four seraphim (i.e. burning ones), and the crystal sapphire sea (Rev. 4:5-7).

V. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ANTICHRIST (DAN. 7:11-12)

A. Though many in the nations are marveling at the Antichrist (Rev. 13:3-4), God's royal court has already decreed that the beast and his empire would be destroyed at Jesus' second coming (7:11-12). Daniel is even told the day and method of his demise 2,500 years ahead of time (Dan. 7:11-12; 12:11; 2 Th. 2:8; Rev. 19:20).

Dan. 7:11 I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. 12 As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

B. Pompous words: The Antichrist's arrogant claims will be heard in God's court leading to divine decrees of righteous judgment issued against him. Daniel emphasized his arrogant words four times (7:8, 11, 20, 25).

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C. Beast was slain: Daniel described the Antichrist as being slain, destroyed, and consumed (Dan. 7:11, 26).

Dan. 7:11 I watched till the beast was slain [lit. killed], and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame... 26 But the court... shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

1. Paul describes how the Antichrist will be “consumed” and “destroyed” using the same verbs as Daniel.

2 Thes. 2:8 The lawless one [Antichrist] will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

2. John tells us how the Antichrist is “slain” and “destroyed” in the burning flame.

Rev. 19:20 The beast was captured, and... cast alive into the lake of fire...

D. Dominion taken away: Daniel contrasts the Antichrist empire with the former three beast kingdoms. Whereas, the first three empires had their dominion taken away, but were still allowed to “live on,” the Antichrist empire will suffer full and final destruction at Jesus’ coming never to rise again (2:34-35, 44-45).

Dan. 2:34 You watched while a stone... struck the image on its feet... 35 The iron, clay, bronze, silver, gold were crushed together, and became like chaff... the wind carried them away so that no trace was found.

E. Lives were prolonged: The ethnic people, geographic territory, natural resources and wicked traits of the former three beast kingdoms are absorbed and incorporated into the kingdom that follows. This again confirms that the Antichrist Empire is a “composite beast,” as seen earlier (Dan. 2:34-35, 40; Rev. 13:2).

Rev. 13:2 Now the [Antichrist] beast which I saw was like a leopard [Greece], his feet were like the feet of a bear [Medo-Persia], and his mouth like the mouth of a lion [Babylon].

VI. JESUS’ EXALTATION AS THE SON OF MAN WITH EVERLASTING DOMINION (DAN. 7:13-14)

A. Daniel saw Jesus’ coronation in heaven, as King of kings (7:13-14). Daniel 7 highlights the Father’s plan to exalt Jesus, as a *resurrected human King* over all the nations of the earth forever (Ps. 72:8-11; Dan. 7:13-14; Zech. 14:9). This is the *main theme* of the book of Revelation— Jesus’ victory over all the enemies of God when He returns on the Day of the LORD to establish His Father’s Kingdom over all the nations of the earth forever (Rev. 1:5, 7; 2:26-27; 7:9-10; 11:15-19; 12:5; 15:4; 19:11-16; 20:4-6; 21:24-26; 22:7, 12, 20).

Dan. 7:13 Behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

B. The Father’s eternal plan is to give Jesus the nations of the earth as His inheritance (Ps. 2:7-8; Rev. 11:15). This promise is fulfilled *in part* during this age, and will be fulfilled *in fullness* during the Millennium.

Rev. 11:15 And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

C. Daniel was shown this violent overthrow of wicked kingdoms earlier in chapter two (Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45).

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D. Son of Man: Daniel had the *only* vision in the O.T. revealing the Messiah as the “Son of Man”. Jesus identified Himself as the “Son of Man” more than any other title in the N.T. (83x). Each time He was pointing back to the Messiah of Daniel 7:13 who sits at the right hand of God and will return to earth on the heavenly clouds to rule the nations (Mt. 16:27, 24:30, 26:64; Mk. 8:38, 13:26, 14:62; Lk. 9:26, 21:27, 22:69).

Mk. 14:61 The high priest asked... “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, coming with the clouds of heaven.”

1. God told Moses that no man could see His face and live (Ex 33:20). Later He revealed that no man could see His glory and live (Lev. 16:2, 13)! So it must have been shocking to see a human in heaven approach Almighty God and be given dominion over every nation and sphere of society forever, then sharing this eternal term with the saints (Dan. 7:18, 22, 27).

Ex. 33:20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

2. The “*son of*” designation denotes one possessing the characteristics that follow. For example, Barnabas was a “son of encouragement” because he encouraged (Acts 4:36). Jesus referred to a “son of peace” as one who brought peace (Lk. 10:6), etc. As the “*Son of Man*”, Jesus is the Father’s ideal or perfect Man, ultimately fulfilling all of His *original design* for man to be created in His image and likeness, His *original desire* for man to be in intimate fellowship with Him and His *original decree* for man to subdue the earth and take global dominion (Mt. 6:10; 1 Cor. 15:45).

Gen. 1:26 “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...” 28 Then God blessed them... “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion... over everything...”

E. The core truth being revealed through the title “Son of Man” is that Jesus is both *fully God* and *fully Man*.

Mt. 16:13 “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”...16 Peter said, “You are the Christ [humanity], the Son of the living God [divinity].”...18 On this rock [of truth] I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

F. There is no one like Jesus! When He descended from heaven at the incarnation He *never ceased* to be God. When He ascended back to the Father after the resurrection He *never ceased* to be Man. He is the only *unique Person* to be both fully God and fully Man forever. The Father and the Spirit are *not human* and *no human* will ever be God, yet Jesus reveals the perfection of both in His dual nature, as the glorious Son of Man!

G. As the Son of Man, Jesus is the highest revelation of God to us, revealing all the fullness and perfection of the Godhead (Col. 1:15, 19; 2:2-3, 8-10; 2 Cor. 4:4-6). Jesus is our “divine invitation” into the presence of God by revealing how He related to the Father *for us* and how He represented the Father *to us* (Jn. 14:6, 7-11).

Col. 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness [of the Godhead 2:9] should dwell...

H. As the Son of Man, Jesus is the highest revelation of Man to us, revealing all of the fullness and perfection of who man was *ultimately intended* to be (Lk. 13:32; Heb. 2:10; 5:9; 7:28)! He is our “divine invitation” to comprehend and apprehend our original design, legitimacy and eternal destiny (1 Cor. 15:49; Col. 3:3-4).

1 Cor. 15:49 As we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall bear the image of the heavenly Man.

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I. John declares Jesus is “coming with clouds” (v. 7) just prior to giving the *greatest revelation* of Jesus as the “Son of Man” (v. 13). John understood that Jesus is the coming Messiah of Daniel’s prophecy (Dan. 7:13-14).

Rev. 1:13 One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

J. Coming on clouds: Jesus will return to earth on the clouds of heaven (Mt. 24:30; 26:64; Mk. 13:26; Lk. 21:27; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thes. 4:17; Rev. 1:7; 14:14-16; cf. Dan. 7:13; Ps. 68:4; 104:1-3). Transportation in heaven occurs sometimes by the use of clouds. God is described as visiting the earth on clouds (cf. Ex. 13:21-22; 19:9, 16; 1Kgs. 8:10-11; Ps. 18:10; Isa. 19:1; Jer. 4:13; Ezek. 10:4; etc.).

Rev. 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him...

K. To Him was given dominion: The end time Church will declare that Jesus’ dominion is everlasting. This exaltation is manifest *fully* in heaven, *in part* on earth now, and will be *in fullness* in the Millennium.

Ps. 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. 9 ...His enemies will lick the dust. 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.

L. In the Millennium Jesus will receive an unprecedented measure of favor in 7 specific spheres of life. The key to understanding this passage is in Jesus’ ability, as a *resurrected human King* to “receive” this directly from the Father and through the collective grace of the Spirit upon His people. The Lamb who was “worthy” to *give everything* in love for the sake of all is now “worthy” to *receive everything* in love for the sake of all.

Rev. 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb... to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing!”

1. Power - all of the political power and authority to govern every national government.
2. Riches - all of the financial wealth and resources of both heaven and earth to execute His plan.
3. Wisdom - all of the wisdom of the Spirit and collective insight of His people for His purposes.
4. Strength - an infinite supply of spiritual and emotional stamina, as He directs the strength of nations.
5. Honor - the most sought out Man throughout the nations as He receives the utmost relational honor.
6. Glory - every knee will bow and every tongue confess, as He receives all of the glory due His name.
7. Blessing - an unprecedented blessing from the Father and all the people for His purposes and plans.

M. Jesus’ *primary mandate* in the Millennium is to *prepare the earth for the Father’s permanent coming* by restoring the atmosphere, agriculture and animal life back to the conditions experienced in Eden, while bringing the nations into a voluntary righteousness that has grown, matured and been tested (Rev. 20:7-10).

1 Cor. 15:24 Then comes the end [of the Millennium], when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father... 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death... 28 then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father]... that God may be all in all.

N. Jesus’ successful execution of the Father’s master restoration plan (Rev. 5), makes way for His eternal state in heaven (Rev. 4) to be openly manifest upon the New Earth, where we will dwell in unhindered face-to-face communion with our Father in the paradise-like conditions of the garden of Eden forever (Rev. 21:1-8)!

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VII. CONCLUSION: WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR (DAN. 7:9-14)

- God is sovereign over the Antichrist and his empire.
- The Antichrist Empire will never rise again after Jesus destroys it.
- The saints will be prepared for victory.
- Jesus will rule the earth forever!
- Jesus' primary mandate in the Millennium is to prepare the earth for the Father's permanent coming.