

# Daniel 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

## Analysis

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After describing the little horn's blasphemous activity (v. 25), the angel declares: "But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end." The emphatic "But" introduces divine reversal—despite the little horn's apparent triumph, judgment comes certainly. The phrase "the judgment shall sit" depicts a courtroom scene where divine tribunal convenes, matching the earlier vision (vv. 9-10). God's verdict is final and irrevocable.

The comprehensive destruction—"take away...consume and to destroy it unto the end"—ensures complete, permanent removal of this blasphemous power. Unlike previous empires that lost dominion but retained cultural influence (v. 12), this final opposition faces utter annihilation. The phrase "unto the end" emphasizes finality—no remnant survives, no legacy continues. This matches Revelation's description of the beast cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20), suffering eternal punishment.

This judgment provides ultimate comfort for persecuted believers: their oppressor faces certain, complete destruction. While persecution may temporarily "prevail" (v. 21), divine judgment ensures final victory for God's people. The promise that blasphemous opposition will be utterly destroyed undergirds Christian hope and fuels patient endurance. Christ, the judge (John 5:22, 27), will execute this sentence at His return, vindicating suffering saints and establishing eternal righteousness.

## Historical Context

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Various historical tyrants have faced divine judgment—Antiochus IV Epiphanes died in agony (164 BC), Roman persecutors fell, medieval and modern oppressors were destroyed. Yet the emphatic "unto the end" and connection to final events (vv. 27-28) indicate primary reference to eschatological judgment when Christ returns. Historical judgments prefigure ultimate fulfillment but don't exhaust the prophecy's meaning.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the certainty of divine judgment ("the judgment shall sit") encourage perseverance when blasphemous opposition appears to triumph?
2. What does the complete destruction "unto the end" teach about God's thorough vindication of His name and His people?
3. How should knowing that Christ will judge all opposition shape our response to current persecution and blasphemy?

## Interlinear Text

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לְהַשְׁמִיד הַיְמִינָה אֶלְעָלָתָה הַיְמִינָה וְיִמְעַד וְיִמְעַד  
But the judgment shall sit his dominion and they shall take away to consume  
H1780 H3488 H7985 H5709 H8046

סֹוףָא: עַד וְלֹהַזְבֵּד הַיְמִינָה  
and to destroy it unto the end  
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