

DANIEL

THE RISE AND FALL OF KINGDOMS

DANIELS' SECOND VISION - WITNESS

1. TIME

a. **Daniel 8:1-27 (NIV)** In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that had already appeared to me. ²In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal

- i. A look at another portion of scripture - a story you all know
 - (1) Abraham, his servant, and his son go up to a mount to sacrifice the son.
 - (2) The Lord provides a sacrifice.
 - (3) The servant goes to collect a bride for the son.
 - (a) the son is not seen until the servant returns with the bride.
 - (i) Abraham the Father
 - (ii) Servant the Holy Spirit
 - (iii) Son is a type of Jesus
 - (4) So we see that scripture teaches scripture
 - (5) The countries that we are going to talk about
 - (6) 'Uwlay, oo-lah'ee; of Persian derivative; the *Ulai* (or Eulæus), a river of Persia :- Ulai.



2. RAM - MEDO- PERSIA

- a. Daniel 8:³I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. ⁴I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.
 - i. We have studied this before.
 - ii. Here we see the conquest taking place.

3. HE GOAT - GREECE

- a. Daniel 8:⁵As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.
 - i. Before it was a beast with two sets of wings.
 - ii. Here you see that he came without touching the ground.
 - iii. He came from the west.

4. WAR - MEDO-PERSIA WITH GREECE

- a. Daniel 8:⁶He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. ⁷I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and

shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power.

- i. The question why again.
- ii. We will be told what this means.

5. THE FOUR HORNS

- a. Daniel 8: ⁸The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.
 - i. Again, we see Alexander the great being struck down at the age of 33 and his kingdom being divided between the four generals.

6. THE LITTLE HORN

- a. Daniel 8: ⁹Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. ¹⁰It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. ¹¹It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. ¹²Because of rebellion, the host of the saints and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.
 - i. Out of one of them came another horn
 - (1) Out of what?
 - (2) But this we know, if it grew in power to the south then it came from the north.
 - (3) From the east then it came from the West.
 - (4) And of course the Beautiful Land is Israel.
 - ii. grew until it reached the host of the heavens,
 - (1) Who is the host of the heavens?
 - iii. threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.
 - (1) **Rev. 11:1-2 (NIV)** I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. ²But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.
 - (a) Here we see that it is the priests and the worshipers
 - (b) Here you see the purpose of the antichrist.
 - (i) down to the earth and trampled on them.
 - iv. ¹¹It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host
 - (1) Here you see how far this reaches.
 - (2) What is this horn really after?
 - v. it took away the daily sacrifice from him
 - (1) This power does not want the worship of God the Father
 - vi. and the place of his sanctuary was brought low
 - (1) The temple will be destroyed, or not used for its true purpose.
- b. ALL THIS HAS DOUBLE MEANING!!!!
 - i. FIRST THIS IS WRITTEN FIRST TO THE JEW, SECOND TO US IN THE END

TIMES.

(1) TO THE JEW

(a) THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE 168 BC.

(b) THE HATRED OF THE GOD OF ABRAHAM BY THE GREEKS.

(2) TO THE CHRISTIAN

(a) THE DESTROYING OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD BY THE FOLLOWERS OF MOHAMMAD.

(i) THEY ALMOST DID IT ONCE, THEY WILL TRY AGAIN.

(3) WE WILL COVER IN DETAIL!!!!

C. WHY, WHY IS THIS ALL GOING TO TAKE PLACE?

I. ¹²BECAUSE OF REBELLION,

II. THE HOST OF THE SAINTS AND THE DAILY SACRIFICE WERE GIVEN OVER TO IT. IT PROSPERED IN EVERYTHING IT DID, AND TRUTH WAS THROWN TO THE GROUND.

7. THE QUESTION IN HEAVEN?

A. DANIEL 8:¹³THEN I HEARD A HOLY ONE SPEAKING, AND ANOTHER HOLY ONE SAID TO HIM, "HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR THE VISION TO BE FULFILLED--THE VISION CONCERNING THE DAILY SACRIFICE, THE REBELLION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION, AND THE SURRENDER OF THE SANCTUARY AND OF THE HOST THAT WILL BE TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT?" ¹⁴HE SAID TO ME, "IT WILL TAKE 2,300 EVENINGS AND MORNINGS; THEN THE SANCTUARY WILL BE RECONSECRATE."

I. TIME - MARCH 5, 445 BC TO MARCH 31, AD 30

II.

JEREMIAH 25:11 (NIV)	THIS WHOLE COUNTRY WILL BECOME A DESOLATE WASTELAND, AND THESE NATIONS WILL SERVE THE KING OF BABYLON SEVENTY YEARS.	605 BC - 539 BC
EZRA 1:1-2 (NIV) ISAIAH 21:2 (NIV)	IN THE FIRST YEAR OF CYRUS KING OF PERSIA, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE WORD OF THE LORD SPOKEN BY JEREMIAH, THE LORD MOVED THE HEART OF CYRUS KING OF PERSIA TO MAKE A PROCLAMATION THROUGHOUT HIS REALM AND TO PUT IT IN WRITING: ² "THIS IS WHAT CYRUS KING OF PERSIA SAYS: " 'THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, HAS GIVEN ME ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH AND HE HAS APPOINTED ME TO BUILD A TEMPLE FOR HIM AT JERUSALEM IN JUDAH. A DIRE VISION HAS BEEN SHOWN TO ME: THE TRAITOR BETRAYS, THE LOOTER TAKES LOOT. ELAM, ATTACK! MEDIA, LAY SIEGE! I WILL BRING TO AN END ALL THE GROANING SHE CAUSED.	539 BC CYRUS

NEH. 2:1-8	IN THE MONTH OF NISAN IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF KING ARTAXERXES, . . . "MAY THE KING LIVE FOREVER! WHY SHOULD MY FACE NOT LOOK SAD WHEN THE CITY WHERE MY FATHERS ARE BURIED LIES IN RUINS, AND ITS GATES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE?" . . . "If IT PLEASES THE KING AND IF YOUR SERVANT HAS FOUND FAVOR IN HIS SIGHT, LET HIM SEND ME TO THE CITY IN JUDAH WHERE MY FATHERS ARE BURIED SO THAT I CAN REBUILD IT." . . . "If IT PLEASES THE KING, MAY I HAVE LETTERS TO THE GOVERNORS OF TRANS-EUPHRATES, SO THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE ME SAFE-CONDUCT UNTIL I ARRIVE IN JUDAH?"	RESTORE THE TEMPLE AND THE KINGDOM - 490 BC - 45 YEARS TO REBUILD
DANIEL 7:6 (NIV)	"AFTER THAT, I LOOKED, AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS ANOTHER BEAST, ONE THAT LOOKED LIKE A LEOPARD. AND ON ITS BACK IT HAD FOUR WINGS LIKE THOSE OF A BIRD. THIS BEAST HAD FOUR HEADS, AND IT WAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO RULE.	ALEXANDER THE GREAT & GENERALS 330 BC
	SYRIAN RULE - THE ANTIOCHUS	280 BC TO 65 BC
DANIEL 11:13-19	THE KING OF THE NORTH - ANTIOCHUS THE GREAT	223BC
DANIEL 13:20	A RAISER OF TAXES - SELEUCUS PHILOPATER	187 BC
DANIEL 11:21-32	THE VILE PERSON - ANTIOCHUS IV - EPIPHANES - HE WAS KICKED OUT OF EGYPT BY THE ROMANS - TURNING ON THE JEWS - THE FIRST [TYPE OF THE ANTICHRIST] BY PUSHING THE HELLENISTIC RELIGION - STILL ACTIVE DURING THE TIME OF JESUS	175 BC
	THE MACCABEE - REBUILT THE TEMPLE - CLEANSED THE TEMPLE	65 BC

8. THE INTERPRETATION

- A. DANIEL 8:¹⁵WHILE I, DANIEL, WAS WATCHING THE VISION AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IT, THERE BEFORE ME STOOD ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE A MAN. ¹⁶AND I HEARD A MAN'S VOICE FROM THE ULAI CALLING, "GABRIEL, TELL THIS MAN THE MEANING OF THE VISION."

- I. WAS WATCHING THE VISION
- II. TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IT
- III. THERE BEFORE ME STOOD ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE A MAN.
- IV. ¹⁶AND I HEARD A MAN'S VOICE FROM THE ULAI

- (1) **REV. 19:10 (NIV)** AT THIS I FELL AT HIS FEET TO WORSHIP HIM. BUT HE SAID TO ME, "DO NOT DO IT! I AM A FELLOW SERVANT WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR BROTHERS WHO HOLD TO THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS. WORSHIP GOD! FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY."
- (2) **REV. 22:8-9 (NIV)** I, JOHN, AM THE ONE WHO HEARD AND SAW THESE THINGS. AND WHEN I HAD HEARD AND SEEN THEM, I FELL DOWN TO WORSHIP AT THE FEET OF THE ANGEL WHO HAD BEEN SHOWING THEM TO ME. ⁹BUT HE SAID TO ME, "DO NOT DO IT! I AM A FELLOW SERVANT WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR BROTHERS THE PROPHETS AND OF ALL WHO KEEP THE WORDS OF THIS BOOK. WORSHIP GOD!"
- V. GABRIEL, TELL THIS MAN THE MEANING OF THE VISION."
 - (1) THE FIRST TIME GABRIEL IS MENTIONED BY NAME.

9. TIME OF FULFILLMENT

- A. DANIEL 8:¹⁷AS HE CAME NEAR THE PLACE WHERE I WAS STANDING, I WAS TERRIFIED AND FELL PROSTRATE. "SON OF MAN," HE SAID TO ME, "UNDERSTAND THAT THE VISION CONCERNS THE TIME OF THE END." ¹⁸WHILE HE WAS SPEAKING TO ME, I WAS IN A DEEP SLEEP, WITH MY FACE TO THE GROUND. THEN HE TOUCHED ME AND RAISED ME TO MY FEET. ¹⁹HE SAID: "I AM GOING TO TELL YOU WHAT WILL HAPPEN LATER IN THE TIME OF WRATH, BECAUSE THE VISION CONCERNS THE APPOINTED TIME OF THE END.
 - I. "UNDERSTAND THAT THE VISION CONCERNS THE TIME OF THE END."
 - II. BECAUSE THE VISION CONCERNS THE APPOINTED TIME OF THE END.

10. THE RAM EXPLAINED

- A. DANIEL 8:²⁰THE TWO-HORNED RAM THAT YOU SAW REPRESENTS THE KINGS OF MEDIA AND PERSIA.
 - I. SEE ABOVE

11. THE HE GOAT EXPLAINED

- A. DANIEL 8:²¹THE SHAGGY GOAT IS THE KING OF GREECE, AND THE LARGE HORN BETWEEN HIS EYES IS THE FIRST KING.
 - I. SEE ABOVE

12. THE FOUR HORNS - GREECE, TURKEY, SYRIA, EGYPT

- A. DANIEL 8:²²THE FOUR HORNS THAT REPLACED THE ONE THAT WAS BROKEN OFF REPRESENT FOUR KINGDOMS THAT WILL EMERGE FROM HIS NATION BUT WILL NOT HAVE THE SAME POWER.
 - I. SEE ABOVE

13. THE LITTLE HORN

- A. DANIEL 8:²³"IN THE LATTER PART OF THEIR REIGN, WHEN REBELS HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY WICKED, A STERN-FACED KING, A MASTER OF INTRIGUE, WILL ARISE.
 - I. THIS IS ANTIOCHUS IV - SEE ABOVE
 - (1) THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TIMES!
 - (A) WHEN REBELS HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY WICKED

14. THE HORNS POWER AND WAR ON THE SAINTS

- A. DANIEL 8:²⁴HE WILL BECOME VERY STRONG, BUT NOT BY HIS OWN POWER. HE WILL CAUSE ASTOUNDING DEVASTATION AND WILL SUCCEED IN WHATEVER HE DOES. HE WILL

DESTROY THE MIGHTY MEN AND THE HOLY PEOPLE.

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III. HE WILL DESTROY THE MIGHTY MEN

(1) HE WILL HAVE POWER OF MIGHTY MEN

IV. AND THE HOLY PEOPLE.

(1) HERE IS HIS REAL FOE

(A) HE FORCES GREEK CULTURE AND MANNERS ON THE JEWS.

(B) IMPOSING HELLENISM ON THE JEW FORMING A GREEK CULTURE.

(C) HE WAS SUCCESSFUL AMONG THE "FREE THINKING" SECTION OF THE
PRIESTHOOD,

(I) BUT A CORE OF THE PRIESTHOOD AND PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO ABANDON
THE FAITH.

15. THE HORNS SUCCESS

A. DANIEL 8: ²⁵HE WILL CAUSE DECEIT TO PROSPER, AND HE WILL CONSIDER HIMSELF
SUPERIOR. WHEN THEY FEEL SECURE, HE WILL DESTROY MANY

I. IN 170 BC HE ANNOUNCED A LAW REQUIRING ALL CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEMSELVES
FOUR TIMES A YEAR TO PAY HIM HOMAGE AS THE SENIOR GOD THE SELEUCIDS.

(1) SEVEN CITIES OF ASA-MINOR

II. IN 168 BC HE CAME INTO JERUSALEM, ENTERED THE HOLY OF HOLIES,

(1) DESECRATED THE SANCTUARY BY OFFERING UNCLEAN ANIMALS UPON THE ALTER
OF BURNT-OFFERINGS,

(2) POLLUTED THE WHOLE BUILDING BY SPRINKLING IT WITH WATER IN WHICH FLESH
HAD BEEN BOILED.

(3) DEDICATED THE TEMPLE ITSELF TO JUPITER OLYMPIAS

(A) ERECTED THE STATUE OF JUPITER IN THE TEMPLE

(B) AND TOOK AWAY THE TEMPLE TREASURES THAT HAD JUST BEEN RESTORED.

16. THE HORN WILL TAKE ON THE MESSIAH

A. DANIEL 8:25B AND TAKE HIS STAND AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES. YET HE WILL BE
DESTROYED, BUT NOT BY HUMAN POWER.

I. ALL THE ABOVE OF COURSE WAS DIRECTED AT THE PRINCE OF PRINCES.

17. THE TIME OF THE VISIONS

A. DANIEL 8: ²⁶"THE VISION OF THE EVENINGS AND MORNINGS THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN YOU IS
TRUE, BUT SEAL UP THE VISION, FOR IT CONCERNS THE DISTANT FUTURE." ²⁷I, DANIEL,
WAS EXHAUSTED AND LAY ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THEN I GOT UP AND WENT ABOUT THE
KING'S BUSINESS. I WAS APPALLED BY THE VISION; IT WAS BEYOND UNDERSTANDING.

I. ALL THAT YOU HAVE READ IS TRUE IS HISTORY.

(1) IT IS A SHADOW OF WHAT IS ABOUT TO COME.

II. 8: ²⁶"THE VISION OF THE EVENINGS AND MORNINGS THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN YOU IS
TRUE,

III. BUT SEAL UP THE VISION,

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