

Daniel 8 **Time of the End**

Prophecy/Types in OT can have near & far fulfillments. Abraham/Isaac; Adam disobedience last Adam obedience; Moses mediator, deliverer, lawgiver. Melchizedek king/priest; Jonah 3 days/night; Passover lamb; Serpent on pole lifted up; Manna 'bread of life' Antiochus Epiphenes-- Antichrist

Daniel 8 has vision of Two Gentile world ruling kingdoms we've seen in previous chapters & related prophecies—Ch 8 M-P & Greece with AE rising up & a type of Antichrist of last days.

1 In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously. 2 And I looked in the vision, and it came about while I was looking, that I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision, and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal.

Third year 551 BC, 2 years after vision ch 7 four beasts-Belshazzar reigned another 12 years until 539—Heb language 7-12

Vision in citadel **fortified tower** of Susa 250 mi E of Babylon chief city of M-P, summer palace of Persian kings...headquarters of king Cyrus. Ch 8 Involves 2nd & 3rd empires, chest of silver; stomach of brass **Ch2**

Ch 7 M-P bear w/ 3 ribs in mouth....Greece Leopard w/ 4 wings—Vs 20,21

3 Then I lifted my gaze and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last. 4 I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him, nor was there anyone to rescue from his power; but he did as he pleased and magnified himself.

Horn in scripture refer to **power, authority** M-P longer horn==more power is Persian king as bear lifted up one side, higher more prominent.

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Ram symbol of fertility, virility authority & divine protection. M-P defeated **Babylon & other countries to W**---Armenia & Scythia to N---**Egypt & Ethiopia to S**---Historically accurate years before it happened.

5 While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. 6 And he came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath. 7 And I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

Empire w/ conspicuous horn is **Alex Grt**, uncanny ability to predict enemies strategy. Exceeds any king before him conquering 11/2 mill sq mi territory.

In 334 BC 35,000 army so swift w/o touching...**Hellespont** to Banks **Indus** and the Nile onto Shushan (Gk Susa)...Battle of Ganicus 334; Issus 333; Arbella 331;.....fought w/ irresistible force & stamped power of Persia to ground...rapidly conquered Syria, Phonicia; Cyprus; Pyre, Gaza; Egypt; Babylonia; Persia....Basically stamped upon Ram after breaking it's horns.

8 Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

Alex Grt less than 13 yr reign—**Mighty** saw himself as divine **son of Zeus**; his troops prostrated in reverence; **mighty broken sudden** death—in drunken debauchery 323 BC died at 32 just short of 33 birthday

Four horns—20 yr attempt to consolidate Grecian empire. Finally divided among 4 Generals---Ptolemy S Egypt; Seleucus E Syria, Babylonia, E toward India; Lysimachus N Trace, Bithynia; Cassander Macedonia

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Gods sovereign reign over Alex Grt kingdom came **Koine** (common) Grk a universal language 300BC -300 AC—Septu 200 BC & NT—Roman road 200,000 miles across Europe, N Africa, Middle East—**To get the gospel out**

*9And out of one of them came forth a rather **small horn** which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. 10And it grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the **stars to fall** to the earth, and it trampled them down. 11It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down. 12And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.*

Small horn prefigures **Antichrist** in last days ch 11:2-35—coming out of Eastern Seleucid dynasty of Syria 8th ruler who murdered his brother to rule **Antiochus 4 epiphanes** 175-164 BC—grew great S Egypt; E Persia, Parthia, Armenia & Beautiful land Jerusalem **Ps 48:1,2; 50:2**. A tyrant and oppressor of Jews :10 (Apocraphal book Maccabees)

Stars—people of Israel Rev 12:1 & holding positions of authority, responsibility—princes, priests, rabbi's

Abraham seed ref as stars of heaven—**Joseph** sun/moon 11 stars make obeisance. These killed during AE reign of terror...Began w/ assassination HP **Onias** 170 BC & continued until death of AE 164 BC. Th's massacred

11 Jewish history 1st Maccabees, AE conquered Jerusalem (Beautiful land) Sacrificed pig on altar of burnt offerings, sprinkled pig broth over entire building...Proceeded to corrupt youth by lewd practices – Feast of Tabernacles changed to feast of Bacchus—Auctioned HP office—True worship of YHWH forbidden---Idol worship introduced, Jupiter, Olympus --- carried out murder of 100,000 pious devoted Jews—Type, foreshadowing

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Matt 24:15 “Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

History dates Sept 6, 171 BC AE began his evil deeds toward the temple & Jews. Judas Maccabeus revolt 167-164

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?” 14 And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”

The phrase 2300 eve/morn could indicate 2300 24 hr days or 1150 eve 1150 morn equaling 2300

Cults have risen out of speculation of the passage—Wm Miller & follower Millerites Jesus return 1843 not happen 1844...woman convert Ellen G White said Jesus came cleansed heavenly temple began 7th Day Adventist

In context putting a stop to 2300 morn/eve sacrifice seems to refer to 1150 morn & 1150 eve sacrifices. This small horn makes itself equal w/ God AE (Lit shining upon) halts sacrifices 2300 days & at end resumes

15 And it came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man. 16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, “Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision.” 17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.” 18 Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright. 19 And he said, “Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.

Dan seeks insight – Gabriel messenger angel who announced John Bapt birth fo Zecharias and six months later Jesus to Mary-Lk 1:8-20; 26-38

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19 Double fulfillment—AE lived & died 375 yrs after vision & foreshadows another who is yet to come Antichrist prior to 2nd coming Dan 11; Rev 13

20 "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. 21 "And the shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 "And the broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power

Cyrus Persian stronger than Medes and dominated but Alex Grt of Greece conquered both but when he broken his four Generals divided the kingdom. "Worn out by wounds, hardship and overdrinking he fell ill to a fever. Soon he could neither move nor speak. He was propped up and each officer and soldier filed past He acknowledged each man w/ his eyes or a slight movement of his head w/in two days Alex died he was not yet 33 yrs old. Others say drunk stupor wet slept pneumonia.....

23 "And in the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, A king will arise Insolent and skilled in intrigue. 24 "And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. 25 "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without human agency. 26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, For it pertains to many days in the future."

Dual fulfillment—AE oppressor of Jews Dec 168 sent his General Apollonius w/ 20,000 troops seized Jerusalem on Sabbath, erected idol of Zeus & desecrated altar offering swine—Jews referred to action as Abomination that makes desolate & is a type of future AD under antichrist in rebuilt temple in Jerusalem Matt 24:15

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AE slaughtered 10's ths Jews, forbid worship or possess script or circum of babies if so death by hanging by neck. Dec 16, 167 command Jews offer unclean sac & eat swines flesh or death. AE minted coins w/ image & title 'god manifest' Jews renamed AE (light shinning upon) to A epimanes (the madman)

164 AE became very ill after hearing Judas Maccabeus having victories over AE armies in seeking to free Jews and this only days before AE died.

Dec 14, 163 Judas Mac rededicated temple, cleansed and renewed daily sac. This restoration of worship took place 1150 dys after AE abolished sac to God just as Dan said vs 14 2300 eve/morn or 1150 days—Jews celebrate Hanukah in Dec Hanukkah 2026 begins at sundown on Friday, December 4, 2026, and ends at nightfall on Saturday, December 12, 2026

25 Opposes prince of princes Ref to Jesus Christ & what antichrist does in last days Rev 19:19 – Broken w/o agency suggest supernatural judgment as Jesus destroys w/ brightness of His appearing **2Thes 2:8** appearing w/o agency of man.

Dwight Pentecost 'So it may be concluded that there is a dual reference in this striking prophecy It reveals Israel history under the Seleucid influence of AE during the time of Grk domination but it also looks forward to Israel experiences under antichrist whom AE foreshadows is a type of.

27 Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king's business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.

Exhaustion—we live between two histories both written in advance—Dan lived behind looking forward and we live in middle looking back – fulfilled in AE and forward to last days of antichrist in anticipation of Jesus Christ