

# The 2300 Days Prophecy and the Sanctuary

## Part 2 - Daniel 8.



**HIGHER LEVEL MINISTRIES**

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

Philippians Chapter 2 verse 5

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In our first lesson we were introduced to the 2300 day prophecy and two prominent view points surrounding this prophecy. We learned that it is the longest time prophecy in the Bible and who the “Little Horn” is. We found that the prophecy starts with a decree in Ezra 6 and 7, by three Persian kings, for Israel to return and rebuild Jerusalem which began in 457BC. Now let’s look at the vision in Daniel 8 and see what it reveals to us...

1. Who was reigning when Daniel had the vision in chapter 8?

**Daniel 8:1** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** King Belshazzar was the son of King Nebuchadnezzar.

**Daniel 5:2** Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. **11** There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. **12** For as much as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

2a. What was the first animal Daniel saw in the vision? **Daniel 8:2-4** -

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2b. What was the second animal Daniel saw in the vision? **Dan. 8:5-7**

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2c. What else did Daniel see in the vision? **Daniel 8:8-14** -

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*(Q2c will be explained in greater detail in a later part of the study.)*

**Let’s now look at the part of the vision that was explained to Daniel.**

3. What do the ram and the horns represent? **Daniel 8:20** - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** Around 550 BC, Cyrus II of Persia also known as Cyrus the Great defeated King Astyages of Media, uniting the Medes and Persians, forming the Achaemenid Empire. Cyrus expanded the empire rapidly, conquering the Lydian Empire in **547 BC** and Babylon in 539 BC, the latter of which allowed the Jews to return to their homeland, a significant event in biblical history.

4. What does the he-goat represent? **Daniel 8:21** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Britannica states: Alexander the Great was born 356 BC, died June 13, 323 BC, Babylon (near Al-Hillah, Iraq.) Alexander was the king of Macedonia (336 – 323 BC), who overthrew the Persian Empire, and laid the foundations for the Hellenistic world of territorial kingdoms.

Alexander the Great conquered the known world in a seven year period. In Daniel 7 the third beast is pictured as a leopard with four wings. The four wings depict the swiftness of his military conquests and his four generals.

5. What happens to Alexander's kingdom at his death? **Daniel 8:22** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The Topical Encyclopedia states: Alexander the Great's four key generals, who divided his vast empire after his death were: 1. Ptolemy (Egypt), 2. Seleucus (Persia/East), 3. Cassander (Macedonia/Greece), 4. Antigonus (Asia Minor/Syria).

**Daniel 8:8 (emphasis added)** - Therefore the he goat (*Alexander*) waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken (*Died*); and for it came up four notable ones (*four generals*) toward the four winds of heaven (*conflict in four geographical areas*).

Bible prophecy uses the symbol of wind to represent strife or warfare. See **Jeremiah 49:36-37** and **Revelation 7:1-3**.

**Note:** The four horns of the divided Greek Empire were causing strife and confusion as these powers all tried to conquer one another. These generals fought amongst themselves for decades, eventually establishing three major Hellenistic kingdoms: the Ptolemaic Kingdom in Egypt, the Seleucid Empire in the East, and the Antigonid Kingdom in Macedonia (Greece), with Lysimachus also ruling Thrace and parts of Asia Minor.

6. How influential will the little horn's role be from Daniel's day to the end of time? **Daniel 8:9-14 and 23** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Now look at the text with emphasis added on the supplemental page.**

**Note:** God abominates the Papal system of mediation because of its idolatry and its cruelty to His people.

Here are just a few examples: Worship of Mary, Mary as a Mediatrix, Mary as a Co-redemptive, The Confessional, Purgatory, the sale of Indulgences and Transubstantiation.

7. How does Daniel see these three successive empires?  
**Daniel 8:4, 8 and 9** - Fill in the blanks -


Verse	Symbol	Empire	Description of strength
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As we can see from the vision, each successive empire is described as being greater than the one before.

**Note:** 1. Both Medo-Persia and Greece affected the Jewish people. 2. In Daniel 8, The Little Horn and the King of fierce countenance represent Pagan and Papal Rome, who affect the Jewish nation and God's end time people. 3. In Daniel 7, the Beast and the Little Horn represents the two phases of Rome – Pagan Rome and Papal Rome. 4. In Daniel 2, The iron legs represent Pagan Rome and the feet of iron and clay represent the era of Papal Rome and the state, when his power is restored in the last days he will amass the forces of earth to slay God's people.

**See: Revelation 17:12-14. Now review the chart from Lesson 1.**

**Our next lesson will look at the rest of the vision and what it means.**

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**Supplemental page: Shows *Daniel 8:9-14 and 23* with emphasis added for clarity.**

**9** And out of one of them came forth a little horn (*Rome*), which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (*Territories added to the Roman empire*) **10** And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars (*God's people*) to the ground, and stamped upon them. (*Pagan Rome destroyed the Jewish nation and the sanctuary, these verses have a dual application in the substitution of the Papal system of mediation and the removing of the sanctuary teaching throughout church history*) **11** Yea, he magnified himself (*Rome*) even to the prince of the host (*Christ*), and by him (*Rome*) the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down (*Rome's system of belief takes away the merit from Christ's continual work in the heavenly Sanctuary*). **12** And an host (*army*) was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground. (*the Papacy loaded the truth with traditions and obscured it by superstition*) and it practised, and prospered. (*persecuted those who stood for truth*) **13** Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake (*Christ & Gabriel*), How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? (*Gabriel's question is answered in verse 14*) **14** And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed (*The false papal system in conflict with the true church of God throughout the ages past the fulfilment of this prophecy and beyond*) **23** And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. (*After the division of Greece, when the Jewish nation had fully disobeyed God's requirements, Rome rose up*).



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