



# The 2300 Days Prophecy and the Sanctuary

## Part 3 - Daniel 8 continued.



**HIGHER LEVEL MINISTRIES**

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

Philippians Chapter 2 verse 5

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As we continue our study of Daniel chapter 8, Let's now look at the rest of the vision and it's explanation...

1. Which part of the vision did Daniel not understand? **Daniel 8:23-27** -

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**Note:** Here is an overview of the events that we have just read: **v23** After the division of Greece, when the Jewish nation had disobeyed God's requirements, Rome rose up... **v24** Rome dominates nations through time, and persecutes and destroys God's people in the dark ages. **v25** Papal Rome will stand against God's remnant people at the end of time until it's final destruction. (*compare Daniel 2:45*)... **v26-27** The vision was closed to Daniel because it dealt with future events. After Daniel had seen the vision, it made him ill. He then continued with his daily life but still had a picture in his mind, of future events beyond his understanding.

2. Why didn't Daniel understand the vision? **Daniel 8:26-27** -

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**Note:** Daniel didn't understand the vision as it referred to events that were to happen within the near future. It also pointed to events that were to happen near the end of time, which was far beyond his understanding.

3. Who was sent to help Daniel understand the vision? **Daniel 8:15-19** -

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**Note:** Daniel continued to try and understand the vision and divine help, in the form of Gabriel, was sent to him to explain what the vision meant:

1. God's indignation or displeasure with the Papal system which has lead the world to a false system of worship and ultimately sin.

2. The appointed time of the end is reached when the desolating papal power would be destroyed, an event connected with the coming of Christ (2 Thess. 2:8.) The fact that the last events represented in the vision will be fulfilled at the end of this world's history must be considered when seeking an interpretation of the symbols of the vision. Any exposition that finds a complete fulfilment of the vision in an earlier period such as in the time of Antiochus VI Epiphanes falls short of meeting fully the angel's specifications, and must be considered erroneous and misleading.

Is the Roman pagan/papal system, the correct interpretation of the prophecy? Throughout history, Rome has always been referred to as the Iron Kingdom. Let's now look at a prophecy from the book Deuteronomy and three prophetic verses in the book of Daniel...

**4a.** What two symbols represent the Roman Empire in this prophecy?

**Deuteronomy 28:48-49 -**

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**Note:** It is not uncommon for a yoke to be made of iron, but there is greater prophetic significance to this narrative. Nebuchadnezzar's image was made out of multiple metals. The part of the statue that represented the Roman empire was the legs of iron. This was no coincidence! Here we see God prophesying that a nation would come against Israel and place them in a yoke of iron. Then one of the nations that did come against Israel was the Roman Empire - a nation that was prophetically represented by iron.

This nation is also compared to an eagle. We must recognize that the Roman legions considered the eagle as a representation of them in war.

**4b.** What did the fourth beast represent? **Daniel 7:7 -**

**4c.** What did the legs of the image represent? **Daniel 2:40 -**

**Note:** The Roman Empire was divided into the Western Roman Empire (capital: Ravenna) and the Eastern Roman empire (capital: Constantinople) The Western Roman empire centred around Italy. The Eastern Roman empire centred around the Byzantine empire. Papal Rome took over both.

**4d.** What did the feet and toes of the image represent? **Daniel 2:41-43 -**

**Note:** The Feet and Toes of Iron and Clay = Papal Rome and the kings of the earth (The state). You may well ask the question: "How do we come to this conclusion?"

History shows that pagan Rome came to an end in 476AD. The only era of Rome that can be left, is it's Papal phase. During the "Dark Ages", Rome used the civil powers of the countries it ruled to inflict the most cruel persecution on God's people. Daniel 2 and 7 show that iron has always been a symbol of Rome. Daniel 7 and 8 depicts the same power as a "Horn" and a fierce king...

**Note:** Throughout European history, Catholic kings and queens inter-married, particularly during the 15th-17th centuries, to solidify alliances, secure lands across Europe, maintain religious power, and prevent the spread of Protestantism. The practice was driven by the need for Catholic alliances against Ottoman expansion and the Protestant Reformation.

5. How does this power arise in earth's final days?

**Daniel 8:23-25 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 - \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Note:** Daniel sees a power that rises up and stands in the place of God. The Bible says the end-time antichrist will sit "in the temple of God as God." (Rome) The vision reaches it's climax when the desolating power is finally destroyed at the second coming of Christ.

**In the next two verses, Daniel describes the image being destroyed by a stone and another kingdom being set up...**

6a. What does the stone accomplish? **Daniel 2:45 & Daniel 8:25 –**

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6b. Who and what does the stone represent? **Daniel 2:44-45**  
Compare: **Matthew 21:42-44** and **1 Corinthians 10:4 –**

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**Note:** In verse 44 the stone that destroys these kingdoms is a symbol of Christ, therefore, Papal Rome and the kings of the earth must be the last power before the coming of Christ when He establishes the final kingdom that will rule for all eternity...

**For a recap of how prophecy proves that Rome is the final power before Christ's second coming, see chart on the supplemental page.**

In our next lesson on chapter 9, we will look at Daniel's prayer and the answer to that prayer by the heavenly messenger Gabriel. We will look at the vision of 2300 day prophecy and how Gabriel divides it into four time periods starting in 457BC and when it would meet it's fulfillment.



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As we look at these prophetic chapters, each one shows that Rome must be the final kingdom before the coming of Christ.

**Daniel 2**

Head of Gold

= Babylon

Chest of Silver

= Medo-Persia

Thighs of Brass

= Greece

**Legs of Iron**

= Pagan Rome

**Feet of Iron & Clay**

= Papal Rome/state

**Daniel 7**

Lion

= Babylon

The Bear

= Medo-Persia

Leopard

= Greece

**The Beast /**

**Little Horn**

= Pagan and

Papal Rome

**Daniel 8**

Babylon is now

at an end...

Ram/Two Horns

= Medo-Persia

The Rough Goat

= Greece

**Little Horn / A king of**

**fierce countenance**

= Pagan and

Papal Rome