

He Holds the Future

Daniel Chapter 08

Daniel 2

Daniel 7

Daniel 8

Babylon



Media-Persia



Greece



Rome



(1-2) In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, and I saw in the vision...

(15) I sought to understand it....

(27) I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it



A Ram with two horns

- charging westward, northward & southward
- No beast could stand before him
- No one who could rescue from his power
- He did as he pleased and became great

INTERPRETATION



(20) As for the ram that you saw with the **two horns**, **these are the kings of Media and Persia**



The Male Goat with a conspicuous horn

- The goat ran at the ram with powerful wrath
- He broke its two horns
- The ram had NO POWER
- No one could rescue him
- The goat became exceedingly great

INTERPRETATION



(21) And **the goat is the king of Greece**. And the great horn between his eyes is **the first king**.

[Alexander the Great]

The Four Horns



8(b) but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

INTERPRETATION



(22) As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, **four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power.**

INTERPRETATION



After his death Alexander's kingdom was divided between four generals: Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, Ptolemy

The Little Horn



- Grew exceedingly great (south & east toward the glorious land)
- Threw down hosts and stars of heaven and trampled them
- Became great like the prince of the host
- Regular burnt offering taken away from him
- Sanctuary overthrown



- It will end the regular burnt offering because of transgression
- Throw truth to the ground
- It will act and prosper
- For how long? 2,300 evenings and mornings
- The sanctuary will be restored to its rightful place

INTERPRETATION



(23) And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise.



- His power shall be great
- he shall cause fearful destruction
- shall succeed in what he does
- Shall destroy mighty men and the saints
- deceit prosper under his hand
- he shall destroy many
- he shall be broken--but by no human hand



The Little Horn

→ Antiochus iv Epiphanes

- Rose up from one of the 4 horns - Seleucid
- Attacked the 'glorious land'
- Stopped temple sacrifice
- Set up altar to zeus / sacrificed a pig
- Killed circumcised babies and moms
- Called himself Epiphanes "God Manifest"
- Died suddenly, not by human hands



The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, **but seal up the vision,** for it refers to many days from now."

Dan 2:28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.

The latter days of this dream is actually days in the near future of Babylon, Media Persia, Greece and Rome - not the last days as we think of them

Acts 2:17 'In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh...'

He was describing the last days as something that was happening right at that moment

Heb 1:1–2 In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

The last days is here speaking of the end of the old covenant and the bringing in of a new one

Dan 8:16-17 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." (17) So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."

Then he shows and interprets near future history (Medes/Persians, Greeks, 4 generals, Antiochus

Dan 8:19 He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end.

Indignation = God's because of transgression v 12 - it will prosper but only for a time

Dan 8:26 The vision of the (2,300) evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

Dan 8:22-23 As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, **four kingdoms shall arise** from his nation, but not with his power. (23) And **at the latter end of their kingdom**, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise.

This is the latter end of the four kingdoms not the last days as we typically think of them

Jas 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach **will be judged with greater strictness.**

(27) And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

Act 1:6-11 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (7) He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."