

The Appointed Time!

Daniel: *Timeline for the End Times*

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The vision of the beasts/kingdoms of the Times of the Gentiles (Daniel 7) left Daniel alarmed yet holding it in his heart. Two years later the vision of Daniel 8 will leave him appalled and sick for days. Prophecy is not just about intellectual awareness, but faithful prayer (Dan 9) and concern for people subject to the LORD's judgment!

DANIEL'S ALARMING VISION

Daniel 8:1-14

The setting — Third year of King Belshazzar (551 BC)

Daniel still impacted by first vision 2 years earlier (Dan 7)
(in vision) in Susa, (future capital of Medo-Persia) Uai canal

The Ram — 2 horns, latter (Persia) becoming greater

Charging/conquest - West (Babylon, Syria, Asia Minor)
North (Armenia, Caspian Sea region) - South (Egypt, Ethiopia)
Powerfully overcame all he pleased and became great
cp with chest & arms of silver (ch 2), bear (ch 7)

The Goat — came from west, seemed to fly across the earth

Prominent horn = Alexander the Great of Greece
Charges the ram in rage, rapidly, powerfully
Breaks the rams 2 horns, casts ram down & tramples
Ram beyond rescue, Goat becomes great & strong
Great horn broken, 4 conspicuous horns arise & divide (301 BC)

The Little Horn — out of 1 of the 4 on the goat (175 – 164 BC)

Greek/Syrian became great to south, east, glorious land (Israel)
Even to host of heaven/stars = Jews (Dan 12:3; Gen 15:5)
Casts down and tramples some, acts boldly & prospers
Even to the Prince of the host (God Himself)
Seizing burnt offering, temple grounds/ trampling "truth"
"How Long?" abomination of desolation of temple worship
2300 evening/morning = days, then temple restored
(literally fulfilled during time of Antiochus Epiphanes)



Hannukah – Festival of Lights

(Feast of Dedication – John 10:22-23)

As the Maccabees reclaimed and cleansed the Temple on their defeat of Antiochus & the Greek/Syrian army (164 BC) the burning of one days oil remaining in the menorah miraculously lasted for 8 days, till more oil was available. The 9 light menorah is used with the central/servant candle lighting one of 8 branches per day.

GOD'S INTERPRETATION VIA GABRIEL

Daniel 8:15-27

The messenger: Gabriel "mighty man of God" Dan 9:21; Luke 1:19,26

Daniel – "sought to understand" (prayer) Dan 10:12; Jer 33:3
"O son of man" a Messianic title, *one on behalf of mankind*
"the (appointed) time of the end" "the indignation" Tribulation

The Ram — kings of Media & Persia (Persia later & greater)

The Goat — king of Greece, great horn = Alexander the Great
Conquered Medo-Persia Empire in about 3 years (Mt 16:26)
At height ... died of fever after drinking binge, age 32, 323 BC
4 generals divided empire with diminished power

"Fierce Face" — king, this little horn a type of antichrist Dan 7:24-26

Near fulfillment = Antiochus Epiphanes "God Manifest"

In great power, but not his own, insolence & intrigue
Hatred to Jerusalem; killed 80K Jews, sold 40K as slaves
Outlawed circumcision, Sabbath worship, burning torah
Slaughtered pig, spread blood about temple, idol of Zeus
Denied God, sought worship of self (Dan 11:31-35)

End Time fulfillment = antichrist, man of sin (1 Jn 2:18; 2 Th 2:1-10)

Master of diplomacy, breaks covenant suddenly, against Jews
Oppose God & Christ, worship of self in temple (Dan 9:26-27)
"He shall be broken" but not by any human means

Response — sealed to "many days from now," not understood

Physically ill for days, continued in service to King