

# Daniel, Prophet of the End

## \*Lesson 9 (Daniel)-From Contamination to Purification

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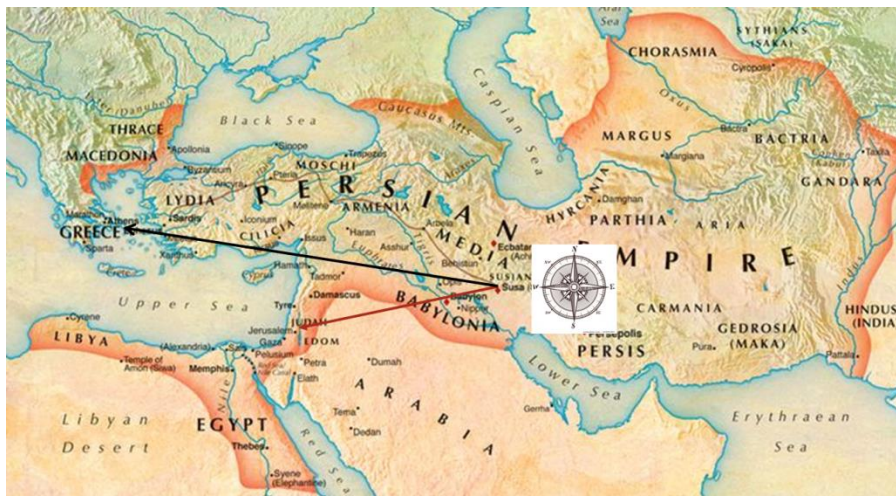


### Introduction

In chapter 8 we shall learn about the rise and fall of world empires, stretching from Persia to Papal Rome and beyond. This chapter gives birth to the correct identity of the two regimes of prophecy known as “the king of the North,” and “the king of the south.” A central focus of this prophecy is on the work and ministry of Jesus Christ (Y’shuah) in the affairs of mankind, as well as in the Sanctuary above. It is an involved chapter with great prophetic and historical details, and must be treated with sufficient depth as to dispel any doubts or questions to the validity of its correctness for the people of God today.

### Shushan, By The River Ulai; Sabbath Afternoon *February 22*

- “1 In the **third year** of the reign of **king Belshazzar** a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. 2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that **I was at Shushan** in the palace, which is in the **province of Elam**; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the **river of Ulai**.” Dan. 8: 1, 2
- “5 Now in **Shushan** the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was **Mordecai**... 6 Who had been **carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity** which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away**. 7 And he brought up **Hadassah, that is, Esther**, his uncle’s daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful...” Esther 2: 5-7
- This vision takes us back to the reign of king Belshazzar of Babylon, the king who lost his life on the night of his drunken feast (Daniel 5), while he desecrated the vessels of YHWH’s holy Sanctuary! This “palace” at Shushan (modern Susa, in Iran), would later become the home of another Hebrew legate, queen Esther. **Read** Esther 2: 5-7
- \*\* At this point, we should orient ourselves with the location of this citadel relative to Jerusalem, for this is where Daniel was, and from whence he provided the geographic coordinates of his vision. Thus, Shushan was ground-zero, as it were, in calibrating our orientations to the vision.



When Daniel turned his face to Jerusalem, for example, he was turning his back towards the sun in the east, a symbol of idolatry, while he looked in a westerly direction, towards Jerusalem, which is almost due west from the palace at Shushan.

- “The children of **Shem**; Elam\*, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.” Gen. 10:22
- “The Elam of Scripture appears to be the province lying south of Assyria and east of Persia proper, to which Herodotus gives the name of Cissia (iii. 91, v. 49, etc.), and which is termed Susis or Susiana by the geographers. **Its capital was Susa. This country was originally people by descendants of Shem.** By the time of Abraham a very important power had been built up in the same region.”—*Smith’s Bible Dictionary*/Elam
- “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again **the second time** to recover **the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, from **Assyria**, and from **Egypt**, and from **Pathros**, and from **Cush**, and from **Elam**, and from **Shinar**, and from **Hamath**, and from the **islands** of the sea.” Isa 11:11\*\*
- \* Elam is the province where lies the city of Shushan, and its people are the original Shemites. I



Glazed brick wall relief of a Persian soldier, from the palace of Artaxerxes II in Susa

also writing History, and while the rest of this story is yet untold, there is Divine wisdom in the selection of the animals that depict these empires, for in the fullness of time, the whole truth will be unraveled before our eyes. Let’s look a Messianic prophecy concerning Elam, as this will give perspective as to why the “ram” was chosen for this country, as opposed to the “goat!” **Read Isa. 11: 11**

- \*\* It is not a play on words to discover that those called “my people” are also found, among other places, in Iran (Elam). While modern politics are carving up the world and jockeying for hegemony, God is preparing the way for the proclamation of His Word in all the world, and obstacles that have been impediments for the Gospel will be removed that message of deliverance can reach the hearts of his captives, as verily as it had in ancient Egypt under Moses! Obstacles in Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, etc., around the world, will be divinely removed, that the message of redemption will have freedom of access to be received by a people who have been kept in chains of darkness for millennia! Today we stand on the verge of these prophetic events, and we are about to see the children of Shem released from their chains!

## The Ram and the Goat; [Sunday February 23](#)

- “<sup>3</sup>Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river **a ram which had two horns**: and the two horns were high; but **one was higher than the other**, and **the higher came up last**. <sup>4</sup>I saw the ram pushing **westward**, and **northward**, and **southward**; so that **no beasts might stand before him**, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and **became great**. <sup>5</sup>And as I was considering, behold, **an he goat** came **from the west** on the face of the

whole earth, and **touched not the ground**: and the **goat** had a **notable horn** between his eyes. <sup>6</sup>And **he came to the ram** that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and **ran unto him in the fury of his power**. <sup>7</sup>And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. " Dan. 8: 3-7;\*3

- 1) From Dan. 7: 17 (in our last study), we learnt that beasts as well as horns, represent kings, kingdoms, and nations, and in chapter 8, this same biblical pattern continues. These two warring animals showcase two nations in conflict with the aggressor nation seen coming from "the west." Thus, somewhere across the Mediterranean sea, we should see a rapidly advancing political power marching towards Persia. That military leader was Alexander The Great coming in from Greece, in an easterly conquest across the Levant!
- **2) The two-horned ram with the higher horn:** As previously noted, horns are kings, or rulers, thus the nation here depicted will have a dual system of governance, but the more dominant one will arise last, and such was the case of the kingdom of the Medes and the Persians, and even till our day, the Persians are the ones who are remembered as having rulership of ancient Media-Persia. Further, too, the bear in Dan. 7: 5 that "raised up itself on one side," is congruous to the two-horned ram whose "higher" horn came up last.
- \*3) Centered at Shushan in the east, this Persian "ram" is seen expanding his territory "**westward**, and **northward**, and **southward**; so that **no beasts {nations} might stand before him**," (v. 4), which is exactly what Media-Persia did after conquering Babylon and all that Babylon possessed, economies in the West and South of their boundaries.
- The direction of the "he goat" is very important, as the Scriptures took pains to state that he came "from the west." The artwork in the quarterly shows him coming from the east. This may seem trivial at this point but when we become careless in our understandings we are prone to make serious blunders, such as the case with the stone in chapter 2; rather than showing it coming from the mountain, as the Bible declares, our artists have chosen to describe it coming from heaven, resulting in an erroneous conclusion!
- **"An he goat came from the west:"** In the height of his glory, the ram was upstaged by a male (he) goat, coming from the west with lightning-like speed, as "he touched not the ground," in his easterly conquest. This nation was ruled by one sovereign, Alexander the Great of Greece. Fueled with confidence by the lunar eclipse of September 20<sup>th</sup>, Alexander engaged the Persian Army on October 1<sup>st</sup>, at Gaugamela (near Erbil, Iraq), and though greatly outnumbered by the ratio of 13: 1, undaunted by Codomannus' estimated half-million army strong, Alexander went to war against the Persians in a triangular (arrow-head) formation, and in the end lost less than a thousand of his men, while he declared victory over the Darius III and the entire Persian Empire! This great nation fell when she was



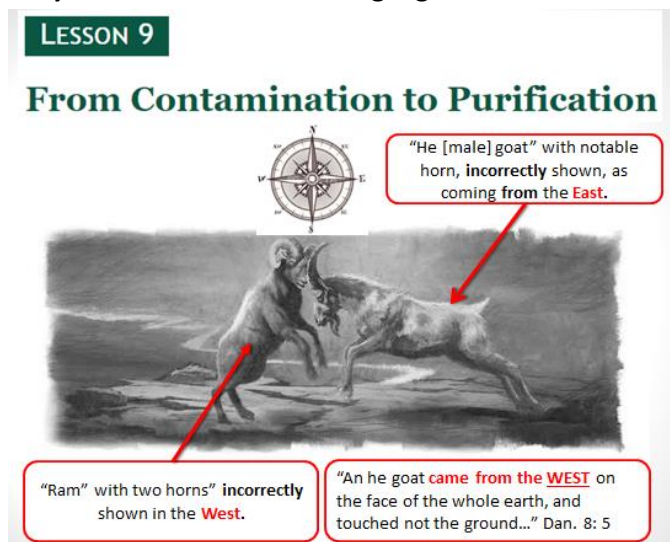


most militarily prepared and economically confident, yet most morally bankrupt and independent of God! Since this chapter features **the Day of Atonement**, it should not surprise us that the great Designer has so scheduled these events as to call attention to this great and most solemn day! In the year 331BC, as in 2021 AD, the lunar eclipse occurred on the full moon of September 20<sup>th</sup>, thereby announcing the upcoming Day of Atonement (judgment), on October 7<sup>th</sup> (the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, using), *seven days* after the fall of Persia!

- **The Ram and the Goat:** The Ram and the Goat are sacrificial animals, but the fact that they are in conflict brings out another aspect, for in the end, they represent, not sacrifices but nations. Thus, the nations depicted would bear the characteristics of these two beasts. The ram is a male sheep, and we know that Christ and his followers are represented by sheep/lamb, while the goat represents Satan and his followers.
- The goat, “**touched not the ground**,” indicating that he was moving rapidly, yet God did not chose to outfit this beast with wings! As we’ve shown in chapter 7, wings are transport mechanisms, and in both Daniel and Revelation, they do not represent speed, but time travel. The familiar expression “time flies” contains much biblical truism!

### Alexander the Great (356 - 323 BC)

- “The eclipse took place on 20th September, **ten days before the battle**... the eclipse was a sign that the showdown with Darius would take place that month and that Alexander’s sacrifices showed that he – the Macedonian king – would triumph.” – 20th September 331BC: A Blood Red Lunar Eclipse; The Second Achilles
- “Against overwhelming odds, he led his army to victories across the Persian territories of **Asia Minor**, **Syria** and **Egypt** without suffering a single defeat. His greatest victory was at **the Battle of Gaugamela**, in what is now northern Iraq, in 331 BC. The young king of Macedonia, leader of the **Greeks**, overlord of **Asia Minor** and **pharaoh of Egypt** became ‘**great king**’ of Persia at the age of 25.
- “Over the next eight years... Alexander led his army a further 11,000 miles, founding over 70 cities and creating **an empire that stretched across three continents** and covered around two million square miles. The entire area from **Greece in the west**, **north** to the Danube, **south** into Egypt and as far to the **east** as the Indian Punjab... This was **united by a common Greek language and culture**...”-- [www.bbc.co.uk/history](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history)
- This may seem trivial to some, but when we are "careless" with spiritual things, we are apt to make serious blunders! A similar course has been followed in Dan. 2, and today most SDA's will confess that the stone in that chapter came "from heaven" as shown on all our artwork and videos on this topic, yet, the Bible flatly teaches that it came from a mountain, which itself was here on earth and not in heaven! As a result of this erroneous artistic rendition, it has led to other errors in doctrines as well. We should note that when the illustration is incorrect, then the conclusions will also be correct, if they are drawn from the illustration! A word to the wise!



## The Ram and the Goat; [Sunday February 23](#)

The ram and the goat are sanctuary (sacrificial) animals, but there is a deeper lesson involved here. Of interest is the fact that the Media-Persian empire housed the church of God, for a while, and as such was represented by the “ram”—sheep, whereas the “goat” presents a symbol of an ungodly nation—Greece, a nation of barbarians!

- “By these domestic beasts inspiration conveys the thought that **the inhabitants of earth** are but sheep and goats -- **true and false religion**. It also signifies that wars are a strife between good and evil. But why Medo-Persia by a ram, and Grecia by a goat? Why not the reverse? **The kings of the Medo-Persian empire became believers in the true God** as previously explained; thus having principles **contrary to those of Grecia**. For that reason **Medo-Persia was represented by a ram and Grecia by a goat**. Wonderful it is to note how perfect and thoughtful was the great wisdom and care of the Infinite One, as exercised to devise these symbols. Only omnipotence can invent such **perfect prophetic art**, foretelling historical events.” – V.T. Houteff, 1932, *The Shepherd’s Rod*, Vol. 2, p. 53.
- “<sup>8</sup>Therefore **the he goat waxed very great**: and when he was **strong**, the **great horn was broken\***; and for it came up **four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven**. <sup>9</sup>And **out of one of them\*** came forth a **little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the **south**, and toward the **east**, and toward the **pleasant land**. <sup>10</sup>And it **waxed great**, even to the **host of heaven**; and it **cast down** some of the **host** and of the **stars to the ground**, and **stamped upon them**. <sup>11</sup>Yea, he magnified himself even to the **prince of the host**, and **by him the daily sacrifice was taken away**, and the **place of the sanctuary was cast down**.” Dan. 8: 7-11
- “<sup>20</sup>The **ram** which thou sawest **having two horns** are the **kings of Media and Persia**. <sup>21</sup>And the **rough goat** is the **king of Grecia**: and the **great horn** that is between his eyes **is the first king**. <sup>22</sup>Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, **four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation**, but not in his **power**.” Dan. 8: 20-22
- Inspiration informs us that “**the great horn ... is the first king**” of Grecia (v. 21), and history declares his name to be Alexander The Great! The “breaking” of the horn, therefore is obviously announcing Alexander’s death, and the “four” horns which grew in its place symbolize Alexander’s four generals who themselves ultimately became kings, spread across his empire, “toward” the four cardinal points of the compass! **Seleucus** (east), **Cassander** (west), **Lysimachus** (north), and **Ptolemy** (south).
- “**Out of one of them:**” It has been suggested in the Quarterly that the “them” in this verse is reflective of the “four winds,” but this is most inconsistent with the sense of the prophecy, and with the revelations of sacred history, as to be an attempt to “stumble at the Word.” Back in Daniel 7: 8, we saw how the little horn uprooted three horns, and reigned in their places, and in chapter 8: 9 we are seeing a similar event wherein a single horn is broken (uprooted) and replaced by four horns! Note carefully, these horns only went in the direction of (towards) the “four winds” but were never replaced by them. Thus to infer that the little horn came from one of the four winds is to suggest that the horns were transformed into becoming “the four winds!” This “new theology” teaching in the quarterly is rather new to the Advent faith, and was initially developed in Adventism to counter the Evangelicals’ false doctrine that this “little horn” is Antiochus Epiphanes! While we agree that Scripture does not support Antiochus as this little horn that “waxed exceedingly great,” we equally reject the notion that Rome did

not come to prominence through one of the four Grecian divisions! We will appeal to Scripture, History, and culture to sustain the truth written in the Scriptures concerning this very significant power of prophecy, and willingly admonish that “two wrongs do not make one right!” One thing we must resolutely guard against is to not “cast the Truth to the ground,” as has been done by the little horn power, but instead, stand on the platform of truth in the confidence of Gabriel, that “there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince!” (Dan. 10: 21).

- It of great importance to teach what the Bible says, on this matter, and what it says is clear: “for it came



up **four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.” (v. 8).** So, the horns did not become the four winds of heaven, but were only spread out “toward” the four winds of heaven, hence, from one of these directional winds where one of the four horns spread, “a little horn” will come forth! As in chapter 7, **new horns grow up after an existing horn has been removed or uprooted**, and the pattern holds true in chapter 8 as well!

- **Lesson Notes:** “After depicting four horns **spreading to the four winds of heaven**, the biblical text says that **from one arose a little horn**. The question here is whether this horn/power comes from one of the four horns, which, as we saw yesterday, represent the four generals of Alexander — **or one of the four winds**. The grammatical structure of the text in the original language indicates that **this horn comes from one of the four winds** of heaven.”
- “The text says, “out of one of them,” - meaning one **of the four kingdoms into which Alexander's was divided**, - “came forth a little horn.” Rollin says “that these four kingdoms all became Roman provinces between the years 148 and 30 B.C.” Of course, they ceased to be kingdoms. And, as this little horn “came out of one of them,” it must have arisen before Christ...” (See Rollin, vol.iv.pp.210, 246, 264, 377.)-- William Miller (1842), Miller's Works. Volume 1, p. 173.2.
- This interpretation is designed, as stated before, to weaken the popular doctrine that it represents Antiochus, but it does not stand on the sure foundation of prophecy or history, nor is it recognized by our historical SDA theology on the subject, as shown in Miller's Works! To its credit, however, the lesson, in the final paragraph has laid out a most compelling Biblical treatment of the identification of the little horn as being the Roman power in both phases, consistent with the historical basis of the light given in the Third Angel's Message!
- While we may not blindly trust translations, there is broad agreement with the Original SDA position from the body of Bible Translations on the passage in question, a few of which shall be cited:
- **Berean Study Bible:** “**From one of these horns a little horn emerged** and grew extensively toward the south and the east and toward the Beautiful Land.”
- **Good News Translation:** “**Out of one of these four horns grew a little horn**, whose power extended toward the south and the east and toward the Promised Land.”

- **GOD'S WORD® Translation**: “Out of one of the horns came a small horn. It gained power over the south, the east, and the beautiful land.”
- **New International Version**: “Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land.”
- **New Living Translation**: “Then from one of the prominent horns came a small horn whose power grew very great. It extended toward the south and the east and toward the glorious land of Israel.”
- Again, we do not recommend all translations on the Bible as they are filled with sectarian theology, however, the above renderings are congruous with the established Adventist position which we held for over a century, and to now improve upon it with the thinnest of evidence, by trusting Scholars to reconstruct the grammar of prophecy, is to move a surely anchored landmark! Given a few years, this theology will morph into the evangelical doctrine that the “little horn” is a Macedonian power, namely Antiochus Epiphanes—the very thing we are today trying to forestall with this new doctrine! I wish to now share a word of caution from the pen of Inspiration so elegantly given to this emerging remnant people of God:

### Words of Warning!

- “I have been shown that **sleepless vigilance is the price of safety. The truth is still the truth.** Not a peg of the principles of our faith has been moved, or will be moved. Even though you and many others apostatize and turn from the precious light that has come to our world that will not make truth error. **Men will arise as they have done to impair confidence in the faith once delivered to the saints.**—Letter 4, 1897, p. 5. (To Brothers and Sisters in Adelaide, April 5, 1894.) --174- {7MR 173.2}
- “When the test and trial comes to every soul, there will be apostasies. Traitors, heady, highminded and self-sufficient men **will turn away from the truth, making shipwreck of the faith.** Why?—because **they did not dig deep and make their foundation sure.**—Ms 87, 1897, p. 3, {7MR 174.2}
- “The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the Word of Inspiration. **Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages** than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.” {2SM 104.2}
- “Life in Greece continued under the Roman Empire much the same as it had previously. **Roman culture was highly influenced by the Greeks;** as Horace said, *Graecia capta ferum victorem cepit* (“Captive Greece captured her rude conqueror”).”-- [Wikipedia.com](http://Wikipedia.com)
- “Captive Greece **held captive her uncouth conqueror and brought the arts to the rustic Latin lands,**” as the poet Horace wrote toward the end of the first century B.C., encapsulating in a few words **the fusion of cultures that would decide the future direction of western art and architecture.**”— [NY Times Book REVIEW](http://NYTimesBookReview), Aug. 13, 2010, *The Face of Captive Greece in Rome*\*
- \*Today we live in a Greco-Roman world! The Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, Literature, Arts, Sports, Entertainment, and Architecture are all of Greek origins. This truly encapsulates the essence of the prophecy that “out of one of them” came forth the little horn, for Greece overthrew Rome internally, who would rule the world for over 1500 years, thereby fulfilling the prophecy, “And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.” Dan. 2: 39.

- “The definitive **Roman occupation of the Greek world was established after the [Battle of Actium](#)** (31 BC), in which Augustus defeated Cleopatra VII, **the Greek Ptolemaic queen of Egypt**, and the **Roman general Mark Antony**, and afterwards conquered **Alexandria** (30 BC), the last great **city of Hellenistic Greece**. The **Roman era of Greek history** continued with Emperor Constantine the Great's adoption of Byzantium as *Nova Roma*, the capital city of the Roman Empire; in AD 330, the city was renamed Constantinople. Afterwards, **the Byzantine Empire was a generally Greek-speaking polity.**” *Greece in the Roman era*, [Wikipedia](#)
- “<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as **the appearance of a man**. <sup>16</sup> And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, **Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision**. <sup>17</sup> So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. <sup>18</sup> Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. <sup>19</sup> And he said, Behold, **I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.**” Dan. 8: 15-19
- These verses make clear that God controls the revelation of His Word, and in diverse manners and at sundry times he sends divine intelligences among us, and reveals truth through his appointed agencies. We cannot merely trust “scholars” who are not in communication with God and Angels, and even Daniel, though a prophet, was not at liberty to inject his own thoughts as to the meaning of the vision! He asked of God for light, and sufficient was provided for with the added expansion, that the rest would be “closed” till the time of the end.
- Further, let not the phrase, “**the time appointed,**” escape our attentions, for it is integral to much of the remainder of Daniel, and points to God’s calendar events, also called “appointed times.” These “times” are recorded in Leviticus 23, one of which is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month—the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)!

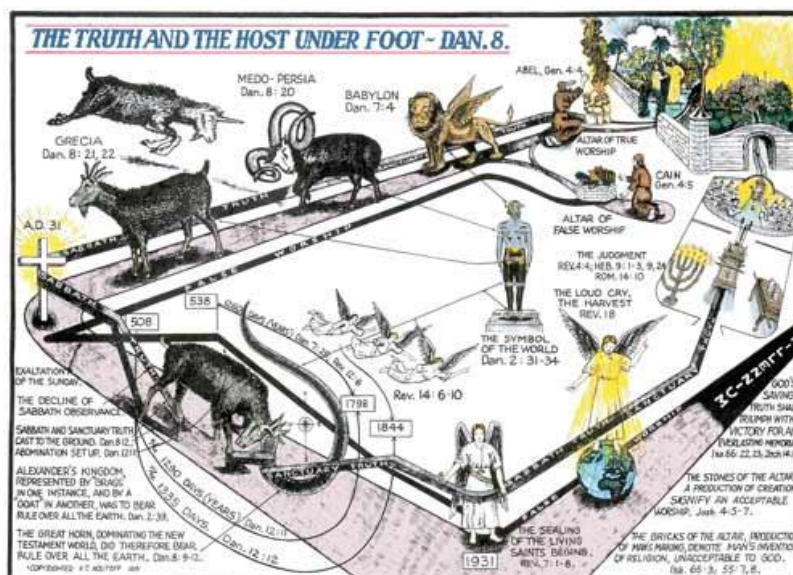
## The Attack on the Sanctuary; [Tuesday February 25](#)

- “<sup>12</sup> And **an host** was given him **against the daily** sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it **cast down the truth to the ground**; and it practised, and **prospered**. <sup>13</sup> Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, 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? <sup>14</sup> And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Dan. 8: 12-14
- **Host:** H0635, *tsaba’* and carries the following renderings in *Strong’s Concordance*: “war, army, battle, service, appointed time, warfare, soldiers, company.”\*



- The context of the word will dictate which rendering is most fitting for the occasion and application. In the first instance, the “host” that was given “AGAINST the daily” cannot of a divinely approved source, and demands that we obtain a correct rendering of this phrase—the daily sacrifice.
- **\*The Daily Sacrifice:** H08548, *tamiyd*, pronounced, taw-meed’, and carries these various renderings from **Strong’s Concordance**: “continually, continual, daily, always, perpetual, and evermore,” among others, and is used in the KJV at least 104 times. This is used exclusively with the ministration of the Levitical priestly ministry in and around the Sanctuary, and it is on this basis that the word must be understood. Thus, something that was created by God, and intended to be “perpetual” or “continual,” among his people, and also associated with his “appointed times” has been tampered with by this little horn power of prophecy. The only such thing is our “worship” to YHWH, *the “times and seasons” in His word and on His calendar, when he has his office hours opened to His saints!* We learn from Dan. 7:25 that the worship “times and laws” would be tampered with by the “little horn” of that chapter! Chapter 8 is now expanding on that event to show us what has actually been tampered with by Rome! It is without surprise that the tampering has had to do with his “times and laws”—thus the whole system of worship advocated by God under Moses, has been supplanted—
- **The daily worship services**, in their three appointed seasons (that’s why Daniel **prayed three times per day** as recorded in Ps. 55: 17), the weekly worship services—the Sabbath, the monthly worship services—the new moons, and the annual (yearly) worship services—the “appointed times,” commonly known today as “the feast days!” Hence, the whole system of true worship handed down from God to Adam, and from Adam to all humanity has been tampered with by this “little horn” power of prophecy, today’s Roman Catholic church—the Papacy! Does Rome take credit for tampering with all these Divinely-appointed statutes? Let the record of history bear witness to these claims:
- “Your note was forwarded to me here where I reside at present. ...I still offer \$1,000 to anyone who can prove to me, from the Bible alone, that I am bound under pain of grievous sin to keep Sunday holy. We keep Sunday in obedience to the law of the Catholic Church. The Church made this law long after the Bible was written; hence the law is not in the Bible. **The Catholic Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the Jewish Festivals.** Those who deny the authority of the Catholic Church and obey only the Bible must *answer correctly the following*: 1. Where does the Bible teach that we must keep Sunday holy; 2. Where does it teach that we must keep Sunday once a week and not once a year like Christmas; 3. Where does it teach that we must keep Easter always on the 1st Sunday after the full moon of the Vernal Equinox; 4. **In Lev 23 you find 7 holy days** binding as strictly as the Sabbath. **Where does the Bible say that they are abolished?** ... **Here also you obey the Catholic Church and not the Bible.**” T. Enright CSSR. The Mission Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Detroit, Michigan, *Letter*, April 26, 1902. [Italics and emphasis added.]
- “My brethren, look about you upon the various wrangling sects and denominations. Show me one that claims, or possesses the power to make laws binding on the conscience. There’s but one on the face of the whole earth—the Catholic Church—that has the power to make laws binding upon the conscience, binding before God, and binding under pain of hell fire. Take for instance the day we celebrate—Sunday. What right have the Protestant churches to observe that day? None whatever.

- “You say it is to obey the commandment, ‘Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.’ But Sunday is not the Sabbath according to the Bible and the record of time. Everyone knows that Sunday is the first day of the week, while Saturday is the seventh day and the Sabbath, the day consecrated as a day of rest. It is so recognized in all civilized nations.
- “I have repeatedly offered \$1000 to anyone who will furnish any proof from the Bible that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep, and no one has called for the money... It was the holy Catholic Church that changed the day of rest from Saturday to Sunday, the first day of the week. And it not only compelled all to keep Sunday, but at the Council of Laodicea, A.D. 364, anathematized those who kept the Sabbath and urged all persons to labor on the seventh day under the penalty of anathema.
- “Which church does the whole civilized world obey? Protestants call us every horrible name they can think of—antichrist, the scarlet-colored beast, Babylon, etc., and at the same time profess great reverence for the Bible, and yet by their solemn act of keeping Sunday they acknowledge the power of the Catholic Church.
- “The Bible says, ‘Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,’ but the Catholic Church says, ‘No, keep the first day of the week,’ and the whole world bows in obedience.” -- father T. Enright, C.S.S.R. of the Redemptorist College, Kansas City, MO, printed in *The Industrial American*, Harlan, Iowa, December 19, 1889; also in *The American Sentinel*, June 1, 1983.
- “<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. <sup>25</sup> And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. <sup>26</sup> And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. <sup>27</sup> And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.” Dan. 8: 23-27.



- From what we have seen from Father T. Enright, he makes the case most succinctly concerning the ministry of the Roman Catholic church as to render it most efficient in fulfilling this prophecy. For time and space, we will address this aspect of the prophecy again, in our discussion of Chapter 11.

## The Cleansing of the Sanctuary; Wednesday February 26

- “<sup>14</sup> And he said unto me, **Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then** shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Dan. 8: 14
- “<sup>29</sup> ¶ And this shall be a **statute for ever** unto you: that **in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month**, ye shall afflict your souls... <sup>30</sup> For **on that day** shall the priest make an atonement for you, to **cleanse you**, that **ye may be clean from all your sins** before the LORD... <sup>34</sup> And this shall be an **everlasting statute** unto you, to **make an atonement** for the children of Israel for all their sins **once a year**. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.” Lev. 16: 29-34
- “<sup>26</sup> And the **vision of the evening and the morning** which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be **for many days**.” Dan. 8: 26
- As we have here shown, the day of atonement is an annual event, therefore the expression unto 2,300 days amounts to 2,300 annual “days of atonement” or 2,300 years! This measure of time being so long, Daniel was to let it alone, for it is for a very long time to come —**many days of atonement**— stretching down to the time of the end (Dan. 12: 4)! We will get to discuss this long time prophecy in chapter 9. Stay tuned!

## The Prophetic Timetable; Thursday February 27

- “<sup>13</sup> Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, 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? <sup>14</sup> And he said unto me, **Unto two thousand and three hundred days [evenings and mornings]**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed... <sup>26</sup> And **the vision of the evening and the morning** which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.” Dan 8: 13, 14, 26
- “<sup>21</sup> Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in **the vision at the beginning**, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. <sup>22</sup> And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider **the vision**.” Dan. 9: 21-23
- It is a matter of little knowledge that there were two visions given in one to Daniel in chapter 8. First was the vision of the Ram and the Goat, and second was the vision of “evenings and mornings,” a protracted time after which the sanctuary would be cleansed, extends from the Persian Empire to the year 1844 AD! This aspect will be more directly treated of in the next lesson.

## Further Study & Application Friday February 28

- “<sup>2</sup> Behold, there shall stand up yet **three kings in Persia**; and the **fourth** shall be **far richer** than they all: and by his strength **through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia**. <sup>3</sup> And **a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion**, and do according to his will. <sup>4</sup> And **when he shall stand up**, his kingdom shall be **broken**, and shall be **divided toward the four winds** of heaven; and

not to **his posterity**, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for **his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others** beside those. 5 And **the king of the south shall be strong**, and **one of his princes**; and he shall be **strong above him**, and have dominion; **his dominion shall be a great dominion.**” Dan. 11: 4, 5

- “A [famous line](#) refers to a blood moon, a **lunar eclipse** on **Sept. 20, 331 BCE** that happened right before the Arbela battle of **Alexander the Great**. A blood red moon has been seen throughout history as a sign of impending **doom.**”—[Jewish Bubba](#)
- Below we read from, Andrew Michael Churrgg (2015) [Concerning Alexander The Great](#), p. 427

The Battle of Arbela/Gaugamela can be precisely dated, because a Lunar eclipse occurred on 20th September 331BC (Julian) with totality beginning at around 9pm local time. This was eleven days before the battle (Plutarch, *Alexander* 31.4). This is precisely consistent with the emendation proposed by Kinch (and adopted by me) to Curtius 4.9.14 to the effect that Alexander reached the Tigris fourteen days before the battle (see Reconstruction section 5.44 below).

### Thought Questions:

1. How is the little horn power still trampling on the sacred “times” and laws” of God today?
2. How is our world today the shell of the Grecian empire?
3. How was the Sanctuary “in heaven” polluted thereby necessitating a “cleansing”?
4. Are you confident that the 2,300 days are not merely 6.5 years, terminating in the years of Antiochus Epiphanes?
5. Am I depending on Gabriel’s interpretation of the prophecies vs. that of “Scholars?”

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