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CHAPTERS OF the Book of DANIEL

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Foreword

This book is a compilation of what was originally individual classes from the book of Daniel. I started this project over two decades ago and first used these classes with my own teenagers and then eventually translated them into Spanish for our weekly Bible classes while being missionaries in Mexico. My part has been mainly to search for the appropriate quotations and commentaries that would shed more light into this astonishing Book of Daniel. The idea from the beginning was to go through the prophetic chapters of the book, chapter 2 and then chapters 7 to 12, and, verse by verse, find and choose Bible cross references, fitting commentaries, pictures, images and charts that would catch the imagination of the reader, keep his interest as well as make it easier to grasp and visualize God's often mysterious revelations. The prophecies in the Old Testament book of Daniel are not very well-known nor understood by most but they are nevertheless the key to understanding the New Testament End Time prophecies.

Each Bible verse or group of verses in the classes is either introduced or followed by commentaries. Although some of the comments and timeline charts are mine, the material in this book does not originate with me only. I used a number of resources which are listed in the bibliography at the end of this book. Many of these quotations were rephrased and edited to fit each verse as well as to keep the classes compacted. I have kept on updating and adding new clarifications.

These classes are not comprehensive by any means as I wanted to keep them short and easily understandable to as many people as possible. I am a missionary and not a formal theologian, nonetheless there is a lot to learn here. My goal has been to provide a simple, basic and general picture of the visions and prophecies of the book of Daniel, not too dogmatically I trust, with the idea to be prepared and to apply its message as if we were to be the very ones destined to live some of those future events. And who knows, maybe we will.

My hope is that you will grow in your knowledge of God's great plan for you personally and for this world. There is a plan. God is in control. Now is the time to prepare for what is coming ahead, to study the Words from Heaven and absorb all that God said. For in those coming days of darkness, things of the earth won't mean so much. What will matter then is our knowledge of the Word. Are you ready?

“...Whosoever reads it, let him understand...” (Matthew 24:15)

Why study the book of Daniel?

By Mark McMillion

I assume, if you're reading this, that you probably already have a passing interest in the subject of Bible prophecy and the future. In these times, more and more people are beginning to have at least some curiosity about this subject and are trying to find out more about it. But once you start searching around, you can really find many different, even opposing ideas about it all. So much of it can even engender fear or confusion. Often folks just give up trying to grasp any constants or absolutes that can be found about the subject of Bible prophecy. Some have even said, *"Why study the book of Daniel? Hasn't it all already been fulfilled? Isn't it only written for Jewish people?"* That's what some say.

Here's why. If you are looking for authority in the Bible, there's no greater than Jesus Himself. Did He talk about the future, the time before His return and His coming Kingdom? Absolutely. The two main chapters where He talked about this were Matthew 24 and Mark 13. He's quoted as saying this in both chapters but I'll quote from Matthew 24:15. *"When you shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place."* When asked about the future, Jesus didn't refer to Ezekiel, or Isaiah, or any other book in the Bible. But He did refer specifically to the book of Daniel and even to a specific passage of Scripture in that book. Then He went on to say, *"Whosoever reads it, let him understand."* Jesus both emphasizes that book and made it unusually clear, highlighting the importance of understanding that particular passage. Admittedly, that verse, Matthew 24:15, is not very easy to understand at first glance. That is one of the reasons why in this series on Daniel, it starts with the first prophetic chapter in Daniel and then build on it. The series begins with chapter 2, then goes on to chapter 7 and 8, before we are really ready to look at this emphasized statement that Jesus made about certain passages in what turns out to be Daniel 9 and 11. Then if we look at what is considered the most specifically prophetic book in the New Testament, the book of Revelation, it is full of material that refers back to characters and events first introduced in Daniel's visions and prophecies some 600 or more years earlier than the date of the book of Revelation.

The book of Daniel is the foundation on which Revelation is built. And this is where it is really important about understanding prophecy. Because, from my experience, starting with the book of Revelation is really a tough way to begin. I'd suggest a good foundation in the prophecies of Daniel first. Why? The book of Daniel is the foundation on which Revelation is built. Daniel is like the skeleton; Revelations is the skin and organs. The book of Daniel is the foundation and frame of the house, Revelation is the walls and windows. If we are to look for instruction from the Bible as to what the future holds, there's no clearer or more unambiguous book in the Old Testament than Daniel. And no, definitely, it has not all been fulfilled. Numerous things that are first clearly spoken of in Daniel, and further clarified and defined in Revelation, just haven't happened yet. With so much speculation nowadays having to do with fulfilled prophecy and possible events soon to come, I'm convinced that a solid understanding of Daniel's prophecies offers the best hope of establishing a foundation of understanding future certainties. And it seems Jesus Himself pointed us in the right direction when He referred to specifics in the book of Daniel yet to be fulfilled and said ... to read and understand. Let's do this, shall we?



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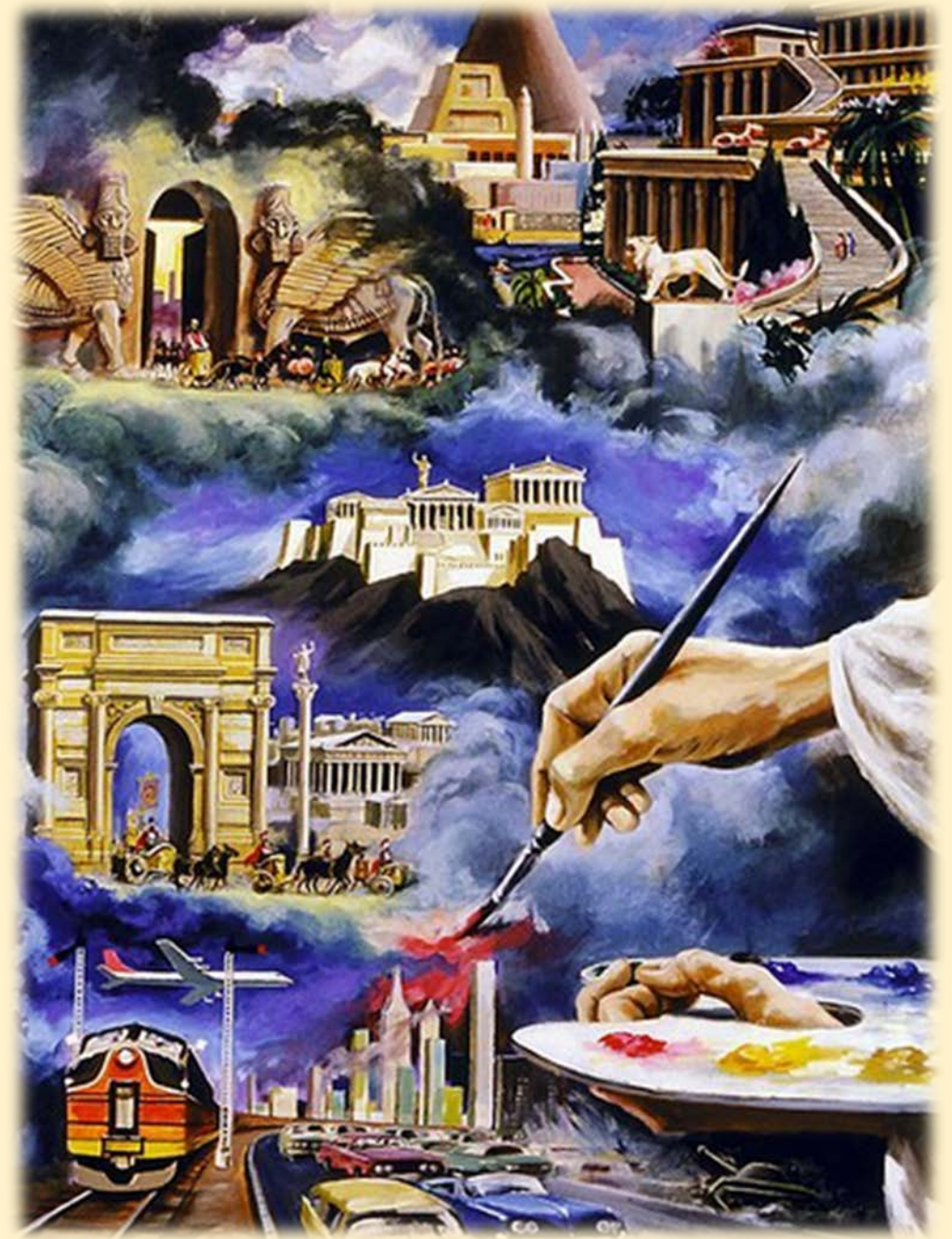
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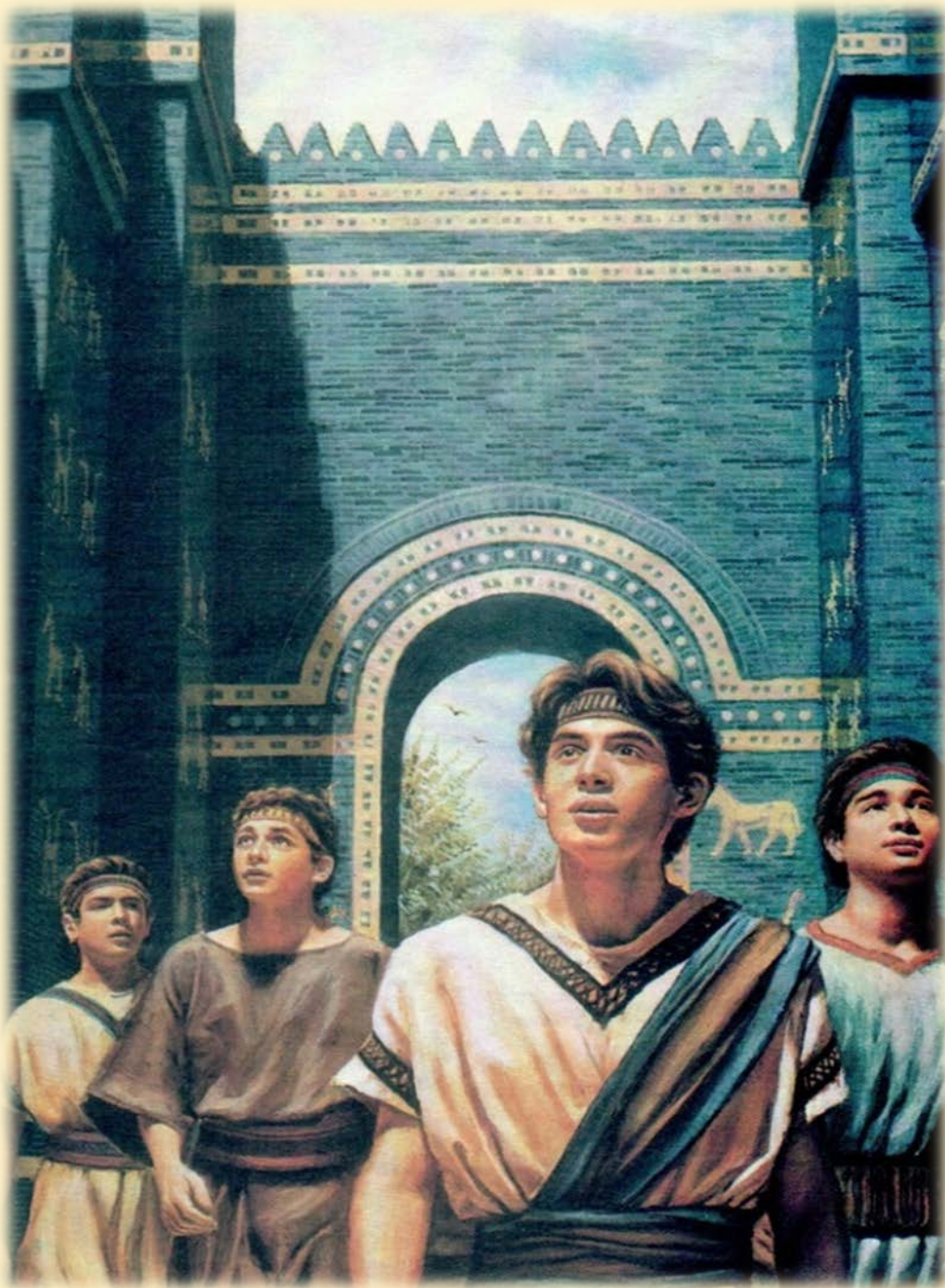
**A dream of a great
metallic image
and of the Stone
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The Book of Daniel is one of the most astounding books of the Bible. It is amazing for the prophecies contained in it that have already been fulfilled, and it is astounding for the prophecies specifically about the last days of the current epoch, known as the End time, that are yet to be fulfilled. The accuracy of the prophecies it contains, which include among other things the exact year that Jesus would be crucified, stand as a testament to its divinely inspired author and to his God. The fact that God, around 2,500 years ago, had these messages passed on to Daniel, many of which are directed to us in the twenty-first century, is proof of God's love and concern for us. He wants us to be aware of the cataclysmic events that are soon to come upon the world so that we can prepare for them and be part of the glorious victory with Him at the end of it all.

Examining prophecies that have been fulfilled also builds our faith in prophecies yet to be fulfilled, and God's revelations today. Just as God was able to reveal these things to Daniel over two and a half millennia ago, He is also able to speak to us and reveal to His servants now, as Daniel was His servant then, what will happen in the very near future.





We can stand in awe of the insight into the distant future that He gave Daniel, but we should also stand in awe that the God who spoke to Daniel can also speak to us today. He is as concerned about the world now as He was then, and He is concerned about you and me.

As we study Daniel's amazing book, let it build in us the faith for the future God wants us to have, and also the faith in His Word — both the written Word and the living Word — that He wants to speak to you and me.

The second chapter of the book of Daniel is one of the best-known prophetic passages in the Bible. The chapter is set in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, when he completed the conquest of Jerusalem (606 BC), Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were among the young Jewish nobility carried off to Babylon. The four were chosen for their intellect and beauty to be trained as advisors to the Babylonian court (*Daniel 1*), Daniel was given the name *Belteshazzar*, i.e., *prince of Bel*, or *Bel protect the king!* He was a slave in Babylon at the time of this chapter, and was still being trained with some fellow Jews as one of the King's wise men.



DAN.2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

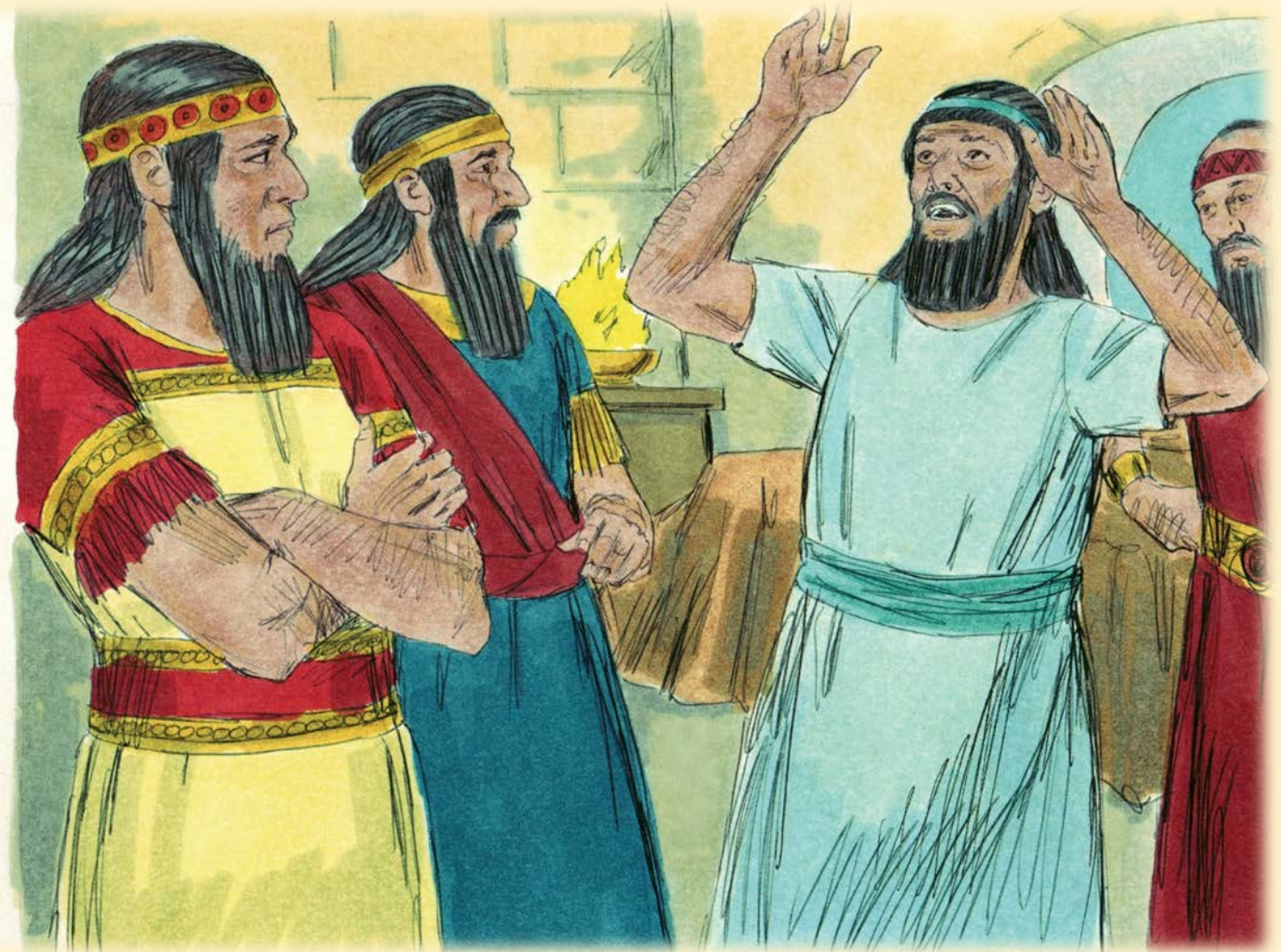
DAN.2:2 Then the king commanded to call the **magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers**, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So, they came and stood before the king.

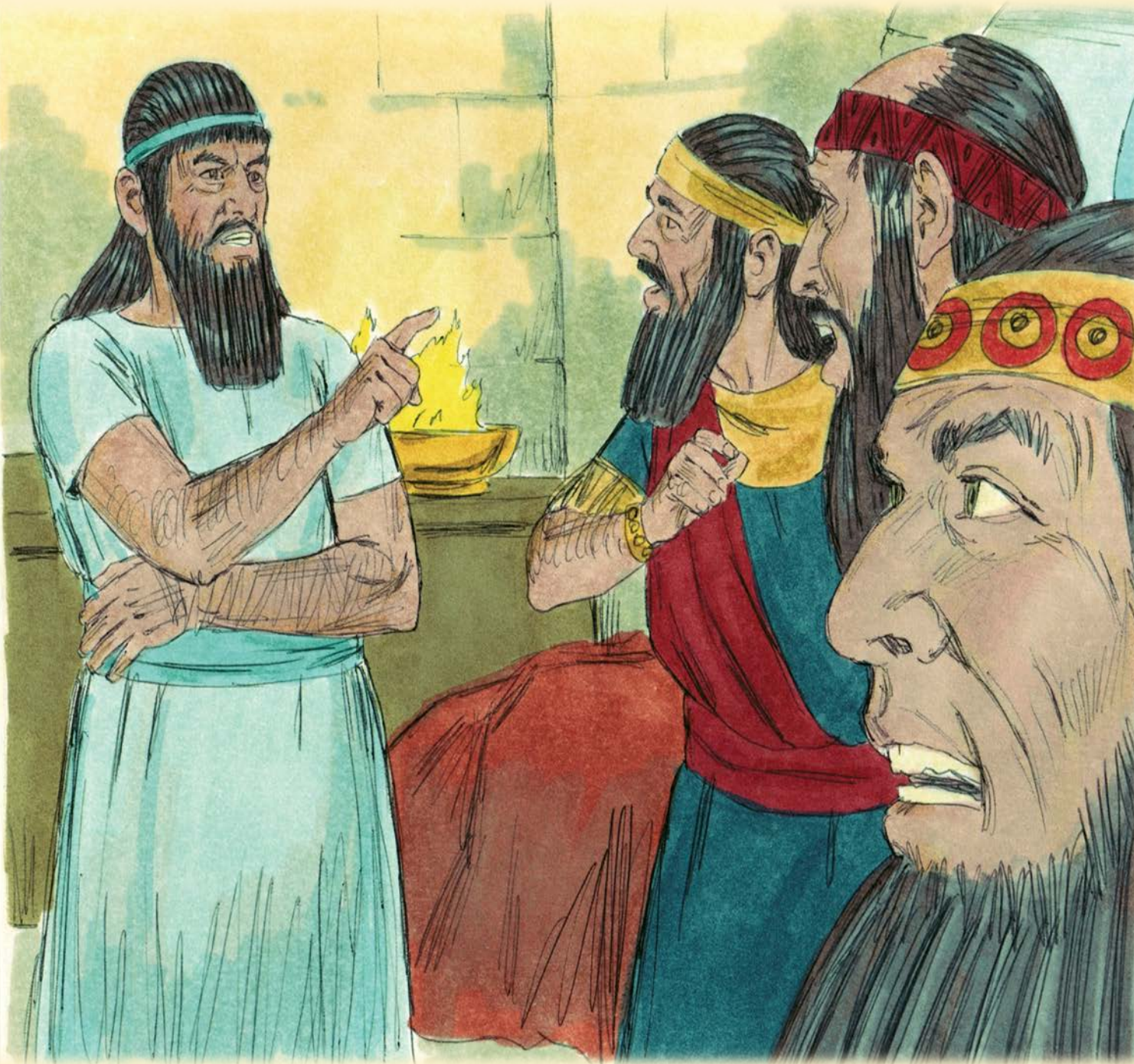
DAN.2:3
And the king said

unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

DAN.2:4 Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live forever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.

DAN.2:5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, **the thing is gone from me:** if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.





DAN.2:6 But if ye show the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore, **show me the dream, and the interpretation** thereof.

DAN.2:7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it.

DAN.2:8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

DAN.2:9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore, **tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation** thereof.

King Nebuchadnezzar had dreamt an outstanding, troubling dream, apparently recurring. He had been awakened from sleep by the dream. People in those days believed dreams to be significant, so Nebuchadnezzar was determined to find out the meaning of what he had dreamt.



He called together his magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and the Chaldeans — in other words, the “wise men” — in order that they could tell him what he wanted to know. However, there was a problem. The King James Version translates it as *“the thing is gone from me,”* thus giving it the meaning that he had forgotten the dream. Perhaps the Living Bible puts it in the clearest way when it quotes

Nebuchadnezzar as saying, *“I tell you the dream is gone — I can’t remember it” (Daniel 2:5).*

Interpreting a dream might not have been too hard for these fellows, but to tell the king what the dream was in the first place was totally beyond their powers.

Nebuchadnezzar was used to getting his way and would have none of their protests that he was asking the impossible. If they couldn't tell him what he wanted to know, and do so quickly, then they were useless to him and he was going to execute them all.

DAN.2:10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, there is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter: therefore, there is no king, lord, nor ruler that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

DAN.2:11 And it is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is none other that can show it before the king, **except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.**

DAN.2:12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

DAN.2:13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, still being in their apprenticeship, apparently were not in the court of the king when he pronounced his judgment on the wise men.



They heard about the sentence from Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, when he came to enforce the decree, which applied to them as well. Their lives on the line, Daniel took an enormous step of faith. He convinced Arioch to bring him before the king. Daniel told the king that he would be able to answer the matter if he was given a little time. The text of chapter 2 makes it obvious that Daniel at this point didn't know the answer, but he had faith that he could get it from God.

DAN.2:14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

DAN.2:15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.



DAN.2:16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation.

DAN.2:17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

DAN.2:18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning **this secret**; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

DAN.2:19 Then was **the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision**. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

God came through for them, just as He does for all those who, in faith and trust, put Him on the spot and expect the miraculous. The dream was revealed to Daniel, and you can read his wonderful prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God in the following text:

DAN.2:20 Daniel answered and said, blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

DAN.2:21 And he changes the times and the seasons: **he removes kings, and sets up kings:** he gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

DAN.2:22 He reveals the deep and secret things: he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (**Dan.4:17, Jam.1:5**)

DAN.2:23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

DAN.2:24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation.





DAN.2:25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

DAN.2:26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, **art thou able** to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

Picture the scene: before the greatest potentate on earth, the teenage apprentice wise man stands. Daniel doesn't tell us that he was nervous, but if he was like most of us, you can be sure his knees were

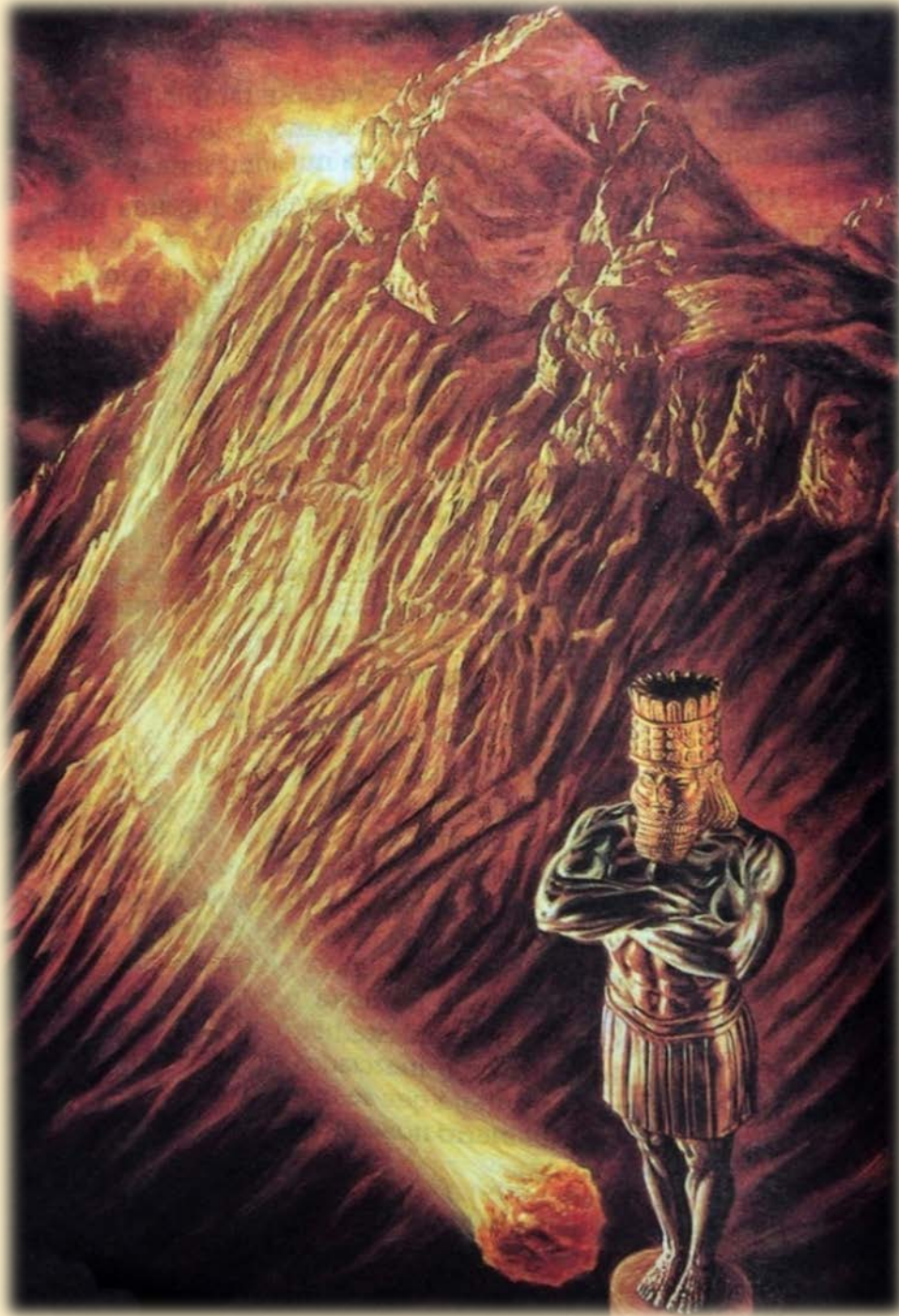
knocking. Under sentence of immediate death if he didn't deliver, the lives of all his colleagues also in his hands, Daniel begins to address the king.



Daniel, seeing a chance to show how superior God was in comparison with the idols and incantations of the heathen wise men, first highlights the inability of all the other wise men to be able to tell the dream. Some of them were probably Daniel's teachers, with years of training. He then tells the king that there is a God in heaven who can tell the dream and give its meaning. He informs Nebuchadnezzar that God had revealed to him the future.

DAN.2:27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, the secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, show unto the king;

DAN.2:28 But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these. **Daniel gave God the glory.**



DAN.2:29 as for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealed secrets makes known to thee **what shall come to pass.**

DAN.2:30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but **for their sakes** that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou might know the thoughts of thy heart.

Daniel made it clear that it wasn't because he was so smart or gifted that he was able to describe the dream, but that God had done it to keep the king from killing all the wise men. "For their sake" could also mean for the people who will live in "the latter days." And that further, God wanted the king to know about the future.

DAN.2:31 Thou, O king, saw, and behold a **great image**. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

DAN.2:32 This image's head was of fine **gold**, his breast and his arms of **silver**, his belly and his thighs of **brass**,

DAN.2:33 His legs of **iron**, his feet **part of iron and part of clay**.

DAN.2:34 Thou saw till that **a stone** was cut out **without hands**, which smote the image **upon his feet** that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

DAN.2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became **like the chaff of the summer threshing floors**; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and **the stone** that smote the image became a great mountain, and **filled the whole earth**.

DAN.2:36 This is the dream; and we will tell **the interpretation** thereof before the king.

Daniel launches into the description of the forgotten dream. The king had dreamt that he had seen a great statue with a head of gold, arms and breast of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, two legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay.



... like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away...

Then a stone had come and struck the image on the feet and the whole image had crumbled into dust and was blown away. The stone then became a great mountain and filled the earth. The king must have been thunderstruck as the details of his dream came flooding back into his own mind.

Don't miss the complete, amazing interpretation of this dream in part 2.



You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

If you haven't done it yet, please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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In the first part of this astounding chapter 2 of the book Daniel, we read about King Nebuchadnezzar's dream which no one understood till God revealed to Daniel the meaning.

Daniel then moved on to the interpretation:

DAN.2:37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

DAN.2:38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. (**Babylon**)

The head of gold was Nebuchadnezzar. Surely it must have massaged the king's ego to think that God regarded him so highly as to picture him at the top of the statue and being made of the most precious of metals.

However, it didn't just represent him, but also his empire, Babylon. Daniel then explained how each other part of the image represented another kingdom or empire which would follow Babylon. He didn't name them, but the descriptions that he gave amazingly describe the primary empires that occupied that part of the world in the centuries to come.

The Babylonian empire (606-536 BC)



DAN.2:39a And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee (**Medo-Persia**),

Nebuchadnezzar's empire was to be followed by an empire inferior to his, at least in the Babylonians' estimation, just as silver is inferior to gold. This second empire, represented by the two arms and the upper torso of the statue, was at its core a confederation of two peoples, the Medes and Persians.

NOTICE also the remarkable SYMBOLISM in the image. The dual kingdom of Medo-Persia is depicted here by two arms. Persia was the stronger of the two, just as in the body one arm is stronger than the other! Cyrus the Great was to conquer Babylon and large swaths of other territory. The Medo-Persian empire (536 – 336 BC)



DAN.2:39b ...and another third kingdom of brass (**Greece**), which shall bear rule over all the earth.

Two hundred years later, Alexander the Great, king of Macedonia and hegemon — or leader — of the League of Corinth, which included most of the city states of mainland Greece, led his relatively small army of 40,000 across the Hellespont between Europe and Asia. Within ten years he had

conquered all of the Persian Empire and part of India.



His empire, and the Hellenistic successor states that it fractured into after his death, were represented by the belly and thighs of bronze. It is significant that Greek mercenaries were commonly called “*brazen men*” and fought in the service of many foreign kings, including those of Egypt and Assyria. They earned their name from the distinctive bronze armor that they wore.

The Greek Empire (333-30 BC)

DAN.2:40 And the fourth kingdom (**Rome**) shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.



The fourth empire was depicted as two legs of iron that, just as iron is stronger than bronze, broke in pieces and crushed the Hellenistic successor kingdoms of Alexander's empire. Beginning with Greece and Macedonia at the Battle of Cynoscephalae in 197 BC, the Roman war machine inexorably conquered most of the remnants of Alexander's territories, ending with the incorporation of Egypt in 30 BC as a Roman province.

The Roman Empire (63 BC- 476 AD)



Rome eventually was to conquer much more land to the west. Significantly, it would divide in two, just as in the two legs of the image. The Western Roman Empire centered at Rome fell in 476 AD, but the Eastern Roman Empire, more commonly called the Byzantine Empire, with its capital at Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul), would last, albeit for much of that time as a mere shadow of its former glory, for almost another 1,000 years until 1453.



DAN.2:41 And whereas thou saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay.

DAN.2:42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

DAN.2:43 And whereas thou saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

The feet were of iron and clay, representing a mixture of strength and weakness. After the demise of the Byzantine Empire, other empires arose in the Middle East and

Mediterranean basin, but history also witnessed the rise of independent nation-states, smaller in size than the mighty empires of antiquity. And just as in the symbolism of the image, some were strong and some were weak, a situation that prevails to this day.

So again, the various parts of the image symbolize exactly the course of history.

And at the very bottom extremity of the statue are the ten toes, also made of iron and clay. These represent ten nations — unidentified as of now — but connected to the old Roman/Byzantine Empire which will play a significant role in the very end of this current epoch, or, as Daniel termed it, “***the LATTER DAYS.***” These ten nations are closely allied to the final world tyrant, a maniacal figure whom the Bible calls the Antichrist. Totally possessed of Satan, the Antichrist will try to set up his empire on earth — the final and worst of man’s empires.

The toes are the ten nations that the stone, cut without hand, crashes into.

*****REV. 17:12-14, and the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful...***

*****REV. 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts [the 10 kings] to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.***



*****DAN. 7:23, 24 Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth (Rome), which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise...***

Then the whole image disintegrates and is blown away! The stone is Jesus Christ, and in the days of those ten toes, He will return to earth and set up His kingdom that will never be destroyed, but which will fill the whole world as a great mountain.



This represents the Second Coming of Christ and the beginning of the Millennium

DAN.2:44 And in the days of these (end time) kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.



*****REV.2:26, 27 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.***

*****REV.11:15 and the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

*****REV.19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...and on his head were many crowns... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God... And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***



DAN.2:45 Forasmuch as thou saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

*****MAT.21:42, 44 Jesus saith unto them, did ye never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.***

*****ISA.2:2, 3 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.***



*****1PE.2:6 wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (Acts 4:11)***

This image represents all the governments of man. The stone was cut out of another mountain completely separated from the image. It has nothing to do with the image except to crush and destroy it completely! It doesn't say He melts them in love, but he breaks and destroys them! This world is not going to voluntarily give itself up to the Prince of Peace. It has to be done with force. There will be no more kingdoms rising and falling; no longer shall one nation inherit the remains of another, but His Kingdom **"shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."**

*****PSA.2:8, 9 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***



Remember, His return was not in the legs (Rome), but in the feet, and particularly the toes, ***"in the days of these kings"*** at the very end of man's governments. And besides being the end of the Image, you can't go any further than the toes, it started at the head and ends at the toes. We are getting close to that time!!

We now have the advantage of centuries of hindsight and can see clearly how amazingly this vision has been fulfilled so far. So, there we have one of the most amazing prophetic sections of the entire Bible, a passage that has strengthened the faith of many believers from then till now. Fulfilled prophecy is the watermark of the Bible's veracity, revealing the imprimatur of God behind its words. Hold a banknote up to the light and you will see an image that is hidden under normal circumstances that attests to its genuineness. Likewise, when held up to the light of history, this passage is one of the most significant authentications of the Bible's divine inspiration.



DAN.2:46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors unto him.



DAN.2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

DAN.2:48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

DAN.2:49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

Nebuchadnezzar was so impressed that before the whole court, he fell on his face before Daniel and worshiped him and extolled Daniel's God who could reveal such secrets as the king's dream and the interpretation. Verses 46-48 shows the contrast between the king's order to kill the fake wise men and his worshiping of Daniel. If Daniel was able to tell him his dream, then the King had to accept the interpretation and he then honored the God of Daniel.



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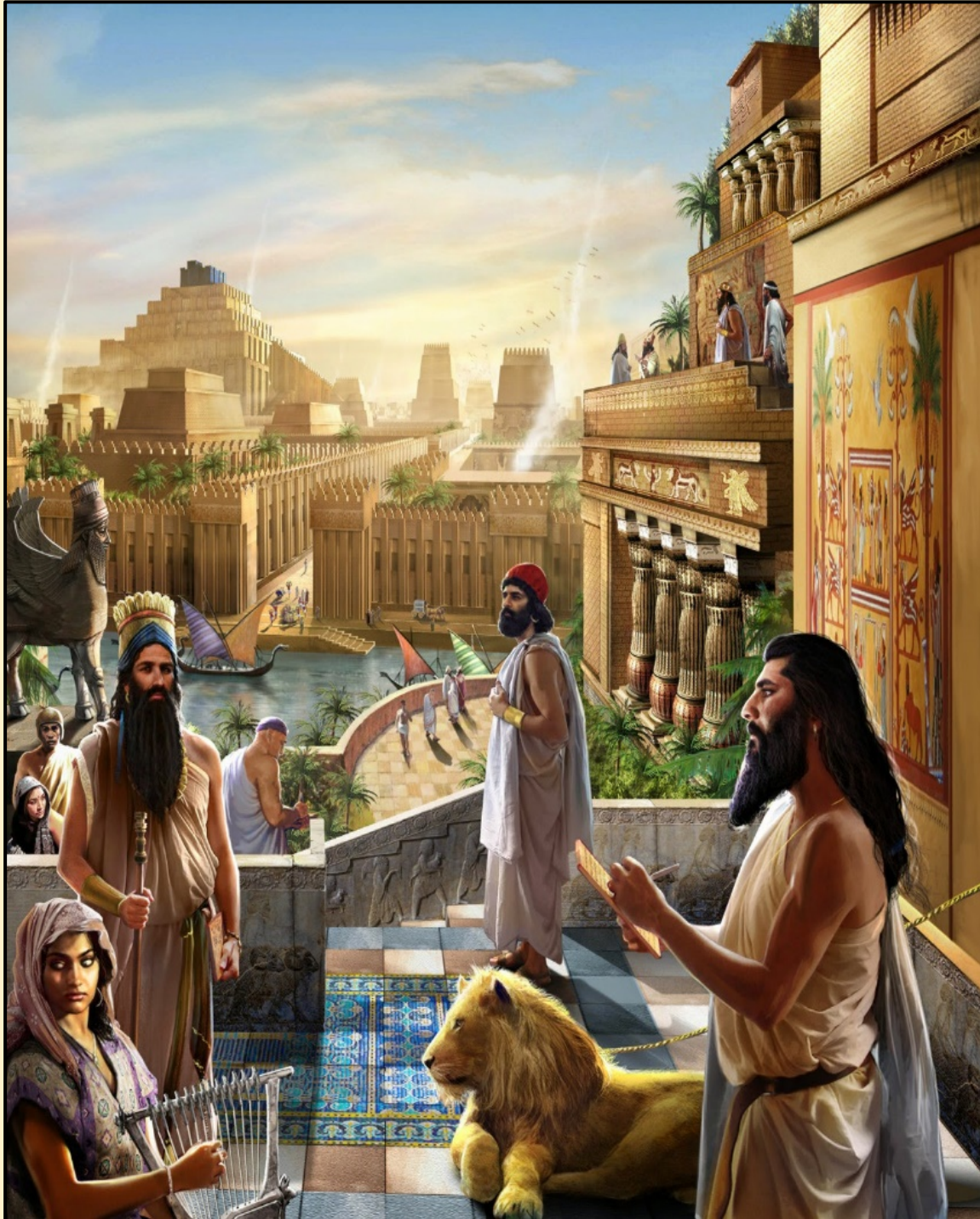
Chapter 7, part 1

A Dream of 4 Beasts and 4 Empires

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The prophecy of the four kingdoms of Daniel chapter 2 is further expanded in this chapter 7 with a vision of Beasts and Horns representing great Empires of history.

Daniel dates the remarkable revelation documented in this chapter during king Belshazzar's year as coregent of Babylon (circa 550 B.C., according to Encyclopedia Britannica). Daniel was taken as a captive to Babylon in 605 B.C. as a young man. If at that time he was in his middle to late teens, then he would now be in his 70s.

In Daniel chapter 2, God gave the vision of future World empires to Nebuchadnezzar, the great King of one of those governments (Babylon), in the form of a great image or statue. Its upper part appeared valuable, made of gold and silver and continued to look pretty good even though its lower components deteriorated into bronze, iron, and finally clay.

However, when God gave another vision of the same governments to His own prophet Daniel, who could be trusted with the way God looks at the governments of Man, they were pictured as cruel, ravenous, and horrible beasts! This intriguing beast vision of Daniel 7 explains what was already covered in Daniel 2, but with more details. The vision portrays four great beasts rising up out of the sea, and the fourth beast had ten horns.

These four great beasts, plus the ten horns, correspond to the four great empires, plus the ten toes, envisioned in the image of Daniel chapter 2. How remarkable - that Daniel saw by vision and prophecy the rise and fall of these great empires many years before it actually happened!

In the vision of the beasts, Daniel goes over it the first time in verses 7 through 14. Then the rest of the chapter becomes a sort of question-and-answer session with his guiding angel. By the time we reach the end of the chapter, the vision has been described three times. The Lord does want us to understand.



Chapter 7 throws special light on some additional revelations concerning the last world empire. It offers a brand-new piece of the puzzle of the End Time by introducing the madman dictator of this last regime of man, the Antichrist.



DAN.7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

DAN.7:2 Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

DAN.7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Daniel dreams of four great beasts that form as a result of the winds stirring up the Great Sea. The Great Sea is thought to represent the Mediterranean, which implies that these four beasts are in that general area. But the great sea also has a further significance in that it represents the peoples of the world. From Revelation chapter 17, we learn the sea is representative of the masses or the people of the world. *"The waters which thou sawest... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations and tongues."* (Rev.17:15).

The 4 winds *"are the four spirits of the heavens,"* (Zec. 6:5) spiritual forces that God uses to manipulate the physical world to do His will. *"For the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will."* (Dan.4:25)



Later on, verse 17 states:

"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth"

And verse 23 states:

"The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom".

These verses indicate that a beast here is symbolic of a king and/or kingdom.

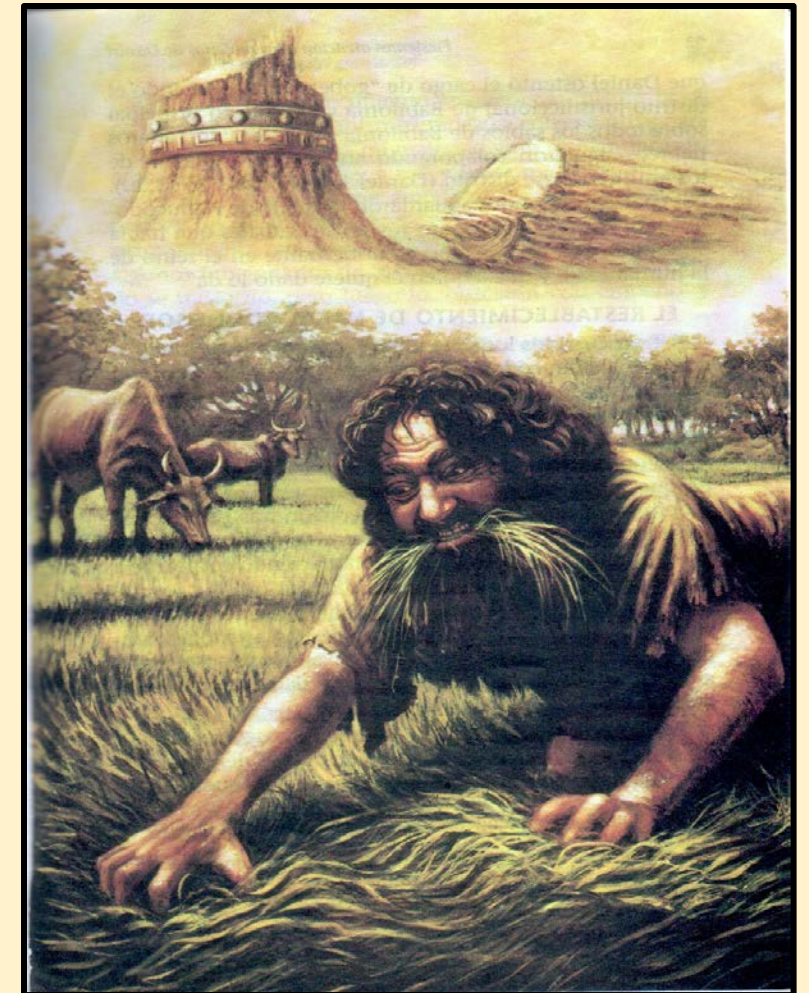
DAN.7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

While God through this heavenly person did not reveal to Daniel the names of these empires, Daniel described them in such terms that — as we look at history — it's easy to see the similarities between the descriptions and the empires that followed.

We also have a template to follow regarding how to understand this dream, because it parallels the dream that Daniel had interpreted for King Nebuchadnezzar about 50 years before in Daniel chapter 2.



In that chapter, Daniel states specifically that Babylon is the first empire, represented by the *“head of gold”*. Likewise, in chapter 7, the first beast or empire arising from the sea is Babylon represented as a lion. Sculptures of lamassu — winged lions and bulls with human heads — were common in Mesopotamia, of which Babylon was the current master. Thus, Daniel’s vision pictures a lion whose wings were plucked. This represented Nebuchadnezzar's abasement as a beast for seven years (*Dan.4:29-37*), until *"a man's heart was given to it"* (7:4), his subsequent salvation.



DAN.7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.



The second beast was a bear, who corresponds to the silver arms and torso of Daniel 2. Bears are some of nature's strongest and largest predators. From history, we know that the empire following Babylon was Medo-Persia, so it would represent the federation of the Persians and Medes. The bear was lifted up on one side to indicate the dominance of the Persians.

The Medo-Persian Empire grew into the largest empire known in the Middle East up to that time. In war it fielded massive armies and conquered by force of numbers.

The three ribs in its mouth appear to indicate three kingdoms that Persia either conquered or whose territories it inherited. Cyrus, the founder of the Persian Empire, conquered the territories of the three empires:

Egypt, Assyria,
and Babylon

which had previously ruled much of the Middle East and included the lands of Israel and/or Judah.

Another interpretation is that the ribs represented the three main kingdoms first conquered by Persia: first Media, second Lydia, and third Babylon.





DAN.7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

This beast represents the empire of Alexander the Great and corresponds to the belly and thighs of bronze in the image of chapter 2. The four wings are understood to represent the swiftness of his conquests. At 20 years of age, Alexander began his military campaign and conquered all the civilized world from Greece to India and from Southern Russia to Northern Africa, in only

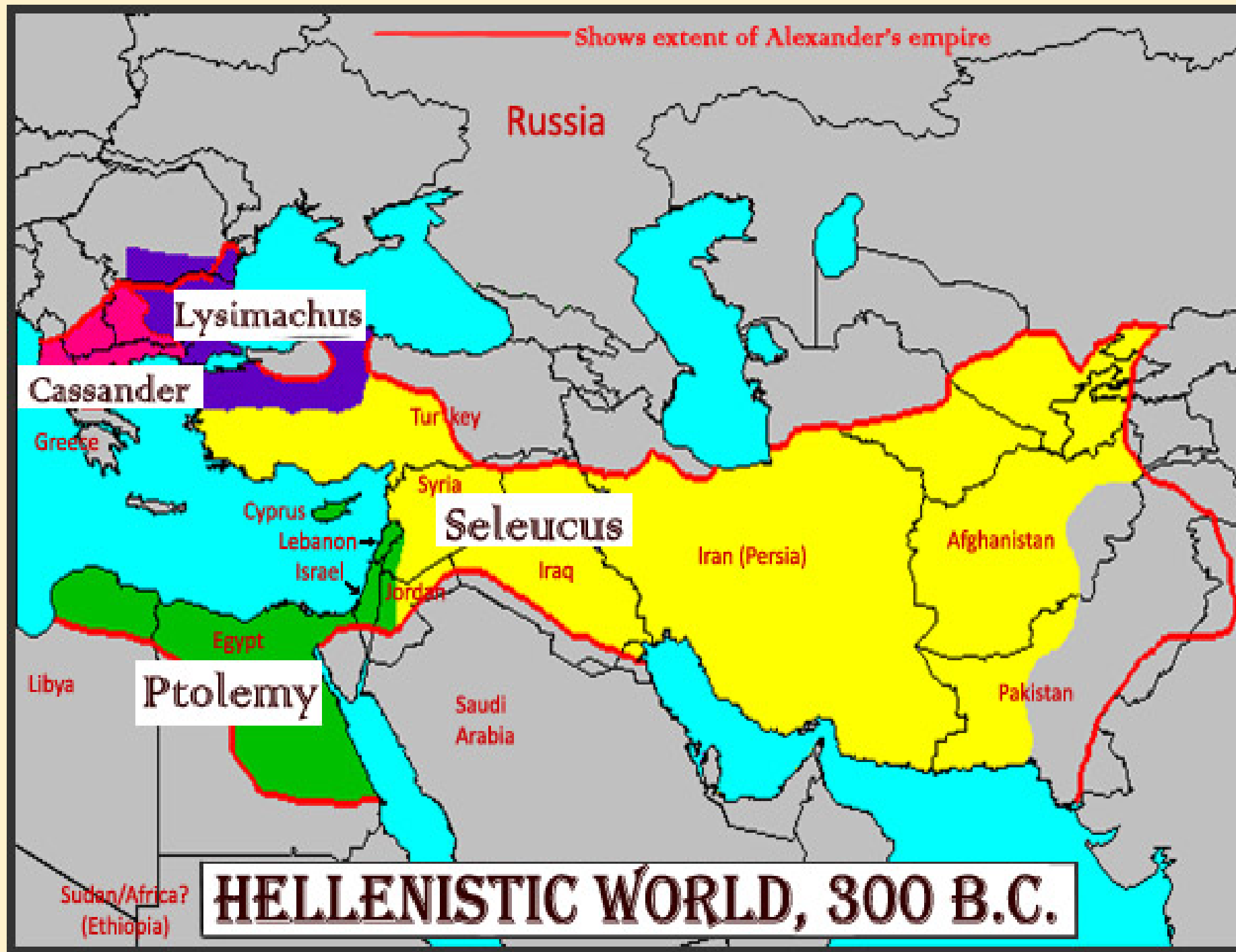
10 years! He conquered the Persian Empire in 333 B.C. at the battle of Issus.

But just at the height of his power ‘when he was strong’, at the young age of only 33 years, Alexander died. The Empire of Alexander the Great was not necessarily the most powerful, but it was the most extensive... dominating the Mideast world of his day.

The four heads indicate that Greece wouldn’t remain a single empire for long. With the heads pulling their own ways to the four corners of the empire. And so it was fulfilled that, after Alexander’s death, the empire quickly fragmented into four separate kingdoms led by his generals.

Soon the map of the former empire crystallized into four major divisions, and these could well have been what the four heads of the leopard namely:





Macedonia and Greece under Cassander; the realms of Lysimachus, who ruled Thrace and the western half of Anatolia (now Turkey); the Seleucid empire that covered modern-day Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran; and Ptolemaic Egypt. The lands we now know as Palestine and Israel alternated between the rule of the Ptolemies and the Seleucids, with occasional times of independence from both. These four kingdoms show up again in the next chapter.

DAN.7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

DAN.7:19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

DAN.7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

The fourth beast — a dreadful, terrible, strong monster with huge iron teeth and bronze nails that apparently didn't resemble anything Daniel had seen before, because he couldn't find the words to liken it to anything.



This **"fourth beast"** with the **"great IRON teeth"** corresponds to the **"fourth kingdom"** in the Daniel 2 image, which includes legs of IRON and feet of IRON and CLAY. So this fourth beast represents both Rome and the modern, final empire. This great and terrible beast of force and power **"devoured and broke in pieces"** all the known, civilised world of Roman times. And yet so magnificent was the Roman concept of law, so advanced their ideas and ideals, so learned their language and literature that they were to influence all cultures and civilizations to come. This truly diverse beast literally **"stamped the residue"** of civilizations with the imprint of its principles!

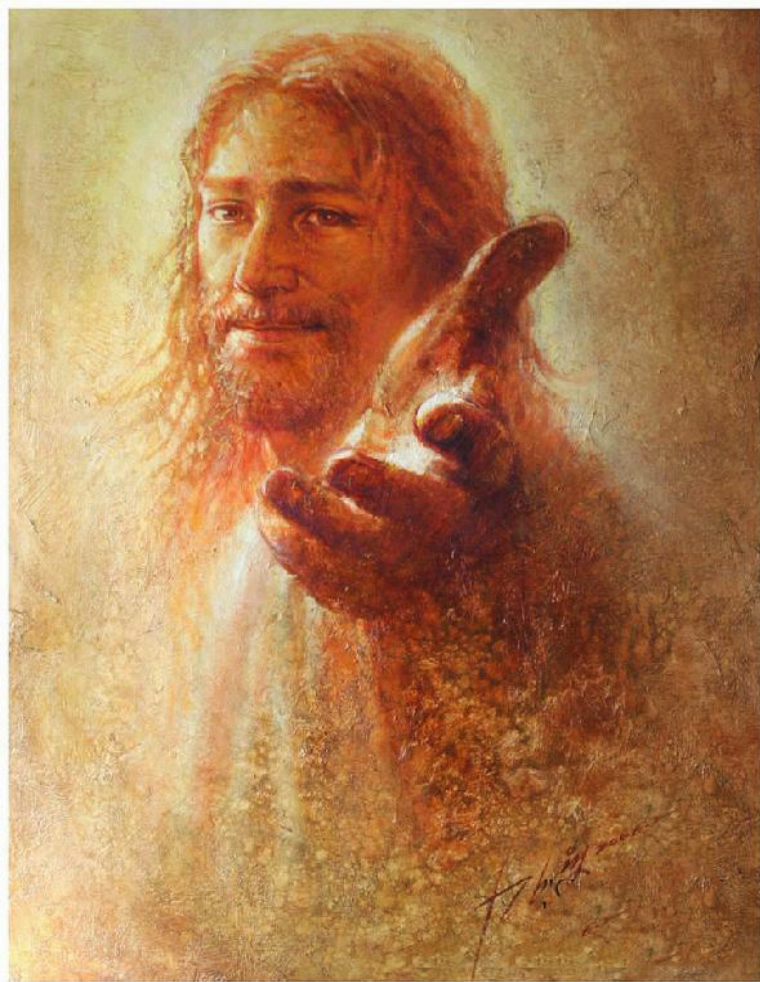


These verses are certainly an apt description of Rome, and it was written hundreds of years before Rome even existed! **"Teeth of iron and claws of bronze"** - that's

Rome, and they crushed their neighbors for hundreds of years.

Everything here in this description implies fierceness and power. If a revived Roman Empire is coming in the future, centered somewhere in the general geographic extent of the old empire, the people of the earth are in for a very bad time. Ten major persecutions were conducted against the Christians by this Roman Empire according to secular history.

From here on, the vision jumps into the future. Don't miss part 2 of this study of chapter 7 of Daniel.



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*"For **by grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God: **not of works**, lest any man should boast."* (Eph.2:8-9)

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The 10 Horns and one more...

From here on, the vision of the 4th beast jumps into the future. Follow closely, as there are many details in the next few verses about the Antichrist and his empire. In this part 2, we will study first the verses on the 10 horns and the little horn, the Antichrist:

The Vision:

DAN.7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great **iron teeth**: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and **it had ten horns**.



DAN.7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, **there came up among them another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were **eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.**

DAN.7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of **the great words** which the horn spoke: I beheld even till the **beast was slain**, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Interpretation:

DAN.7:20 And of the **ten horns** that were in his head, and of **the other which came up**, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that **had eyes, and a mouth** that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.



DAN.7:21 I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints**, and prevailed against them;

DAN.7:24 And **the ten horns** out of this kingdom are **ten kings** that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and **he shall subdue three kings**.

DAN.7:25 And he shall **speak great words against the most High**, and shall **wear out the saints** of the most High, and think to **change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**.

What is the major subject of this 7th chapter of Daniel? The Antichrist; and don't forget his empire also. He wouldn't be anything without his empire.



10 Toes

10 Horns

10 Kings/Nations



However, other empires are mentioned here. Since they precede the final empire, they provide the setting and make it easier to identify specifically the final empire. And on the fourth beast's head were ten horns. If you remember, the image in *Daniel 2* had ten toes. We can assume that the ten horns and ten toes represent the same ten nations. Ten horns are also found on the final head of a horrible seven-headed beast described in the book of *Revelation, chapter 17*:

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” (REV.17:12, 13)

If these are the same ten kingdoms, which it seems they are, then these ten horns on this dreadful fourth beast are ten kings or kingdoms that are very closely related to the Antichrist Empire in the end time. These will cooperate and work with him! And just like the ten toes in Daniel 2, these ten horns are ten nations that have their roots in the old Roman Empire. Much of modern-day Europe, the Middle-East and North Africa were once part of the Roman Empire, and therefore there is a case to be made from chapters 7 of Daniel that these ten kings and kingdoms



will arise from that same geographical area. The traditional and prevalent interpretation has long been that this league of ten nations will be from Europe.

Recently however, some speculate that these end time nations, which are symbolised in these 10 horns and from which the antichrist little horn came up from, could also be Islamic countries from the Middle East and North Africa and could form the core of the future antichrist world government. As time marches on, no doubt the picture will become clearer.

Often Bible's predictions make no sense until the actual event begin to occur; then we will remember them and it will stimulate our faith in them. We are not trying here to identify the final world leader or its empire; when the time comes, there will be no need to speculate. For the moment, we at least know that ten nations will unite with the Antichrist as explained in Revelation chapter 17.

This eleventh horn, at first smaller than the others, appears and then grows greater than them all. In this new horn are found the eyes of a man, and he speaks pompous words. In the book of Revelation, we are told:

*****Rev. 13:5–7 and there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them...***





"HE SHALL SUBDUE THREE KINGS."

And Paul wrote to the Thessalonians:

*****2TH.2:3, 4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.***

The "eyes like a man" and "a mouth speaking great things" show that the ultimate fulfilment of this little horn will be personified in an individual—the coming world dictator or beast as he is called in *Revelation 13:3-7*. The little horn that became greater than his fellows — and can really signify no other personage than the coming Antichrist — pulls out three of the other ten horns by the roots. It sounds violent. The leaders of these three kingdoms most likely oppose the Antichrist, and for that they are uprooted from power. The beast in *Revelation*, however, has all ten horns as the final events of the End time unfold, so it follows that the three that are uprooted must be replaced with leaders who are allied to the Antichrist.

Daniel sees to his horror that the Antichrist persecutes and makes war against the saints, the people of God, for “*a time and times, and the dividing of time.*” We are also told of this war and persecution in the book of Revelation lasting forty-two months (*Rev. 13:5–7*) or three and a half years, in other words. This coming Antichrist will be an absolute dictatorial, authoritarian emperor. His empire will have the same spirit as the old Roman Empire, in that it will persecute Christians and fight the Saints, just like ancient Rome did!



The length of this period is repeated a number of times in the Books of Daniel and Revelation, and it covers the time known to us as the Great Tribulation, the second half of the Antichrist's

reign that immediately precedes Jesus' second coming. It is not a pleasant time on Earth. In a later message given by an angel to Daniel it is described as "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time"

*****DAN.12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.***



*****DAN.12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.***

*****Mk.13:20 except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elects' sake (or the saints), whom he hath chosen, He hath shortened the days.***

The Lord couldn't be any more specific about the length and duration of the Tribulation period, surely for the sake of God's children: they will know that it's only going to last so long and then it will be over -- 3-1/2 Years and no longer!



This man has an agenda. He hates God. He will change the very laws of mankind in an attempt to legislate God right out of our midst. The dream of the atheist will seem, for a time, to come true. It will also be made illegal to worship God, and the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Those who attempt to worship Him will be persecuted mercilessly. He will not introduce himself to the world, as "*Good day, people of the world, I am the Antichrist.*" He will be subtle in the beginning. There are, by the way, actually two meanings of "*antichrist*": one is "*AGAINST Christ*" and the other is to "*IMITATE Christ.*" He is not only against our Lord, but he also pretends initially to be a "*good leader*" - This is the real wolf in sheep's clothing.



The Antichrist not only makes war, but to Daniel it looks as though he is winning the war, prevailing against God's people. The beast is going to overcome the church; at least her temporal power will be destroyed --its buildings, organisations and money. (*verses 21 and 25*).



But It doesn't say he will destroy the holy people, there's a definite distinction there, but he will destroy their power! And even that, not completely. Later on in *Daniel chapter 12 verse 7*, it says that he shall “*scatter the power of the holy people*”, in other words, weaken it and scatter it, so that they no longer have much power or influence in the World, in politics and governments, etc. Then he'll be able to take over. We know he can't destroy all the holy people, because *verses 18, 22 and 27* state, “*the saints of the Most High shall take...and possess the kingdom, it will be given to them.*”

And in the process he intends to change times and laws. Changing and bringing in new laws is a common practice used by dictators to reinforce their rule or to oppress their opponents. But what is meant by the ***“changing times”*** phrase is unclear at this point. The important thing to note: God stops the Antichrist and judges in favor of the saints. For a time it might seem that the Antichrist is unstoppable as he rages across the world’s stage, but that is only an illusion. God has him in His sights and will only allow him to go so far. The world has seen tyrants before, but admittedly not one as monstrous as this. But like all that have gone before him, he shall meet his doom:

“I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.” v.11



To summarize, this fourth beast has 3 stages: the 1st stage symbolises the old Roman empire which, according to secular history, conquered the Greek empire. In the 2nd stage, the ten End Time horns (kings or nations) that grow out of the 4th beast's head will cooperate and give their



power to the Antichrist. And finally, the 3rd stage is the little horn ***“that shall arise from among them”*** who represents the Antichrist himself and his world government.

Why would God devote almost two entire books, plus multitudes of other prophecies throughout the

Bible, just to these few years of the End Time? Do you think He doesn't want us to be deceived along with the rest of the world? Do you think He wants us to be prepared?



He certainly does! This of course is the purpose of Bible's prophecies, to prepare you for the future, so that you will not be in ignorance or found in darkness, as the Apostle Paul said. But rather you are the children of light and these things will not come upon you as a thief in the night, unexpected or by surprise. (1Th.5:4, 5) You will have no mighty widening of the eyes, as those who are not aware of the signs of the times, but you will see them in advance, you will recognise these events because you have prepared for it in your heart for years with your study and knowledge of His Word.

THE FORCES OF EVIL WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO COMPLETELY DESTROY GOD'S CHILDREN.

In spite of innumerable major persecutions, they have never been stopped. In spite of all the wrath and atrocities bestial man will bring against God's children during the Great Tribulation, (the coming three-and-a-half-year worldwide reign of terror against people of all faiths by the devilish dictatorship of the Antichrist and his regime) multitudes of us Christians will still be here to joyously welcome Christ's triumphant re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. He's the only One who can stop us, and He *will* stop us then for a little while to take us home for a party, the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven! Then we'll come back here and put a stop to the reign of the wicked! (*Revelation chapter 19*).

Don't feel defeated, don't get discouraged, and don't worry. No matter what the enemies of Christ do, they can never stop us completely. As Martin Luther (1483–1546) said, "*We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us!*" We can't fail, because Jesus is on our side. There will always be some of His children somewhere in the world as a witness right up to the very end!





Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. He says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."*

Please pray this simple prayer: *"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I want to know You personally, so I invite You to come into my life, into my heart. Thank you for giving Your life for me so I could be forgiven of my sins, find peace of heart and mind here and now and receive God's gift of eternal life. Amen."*

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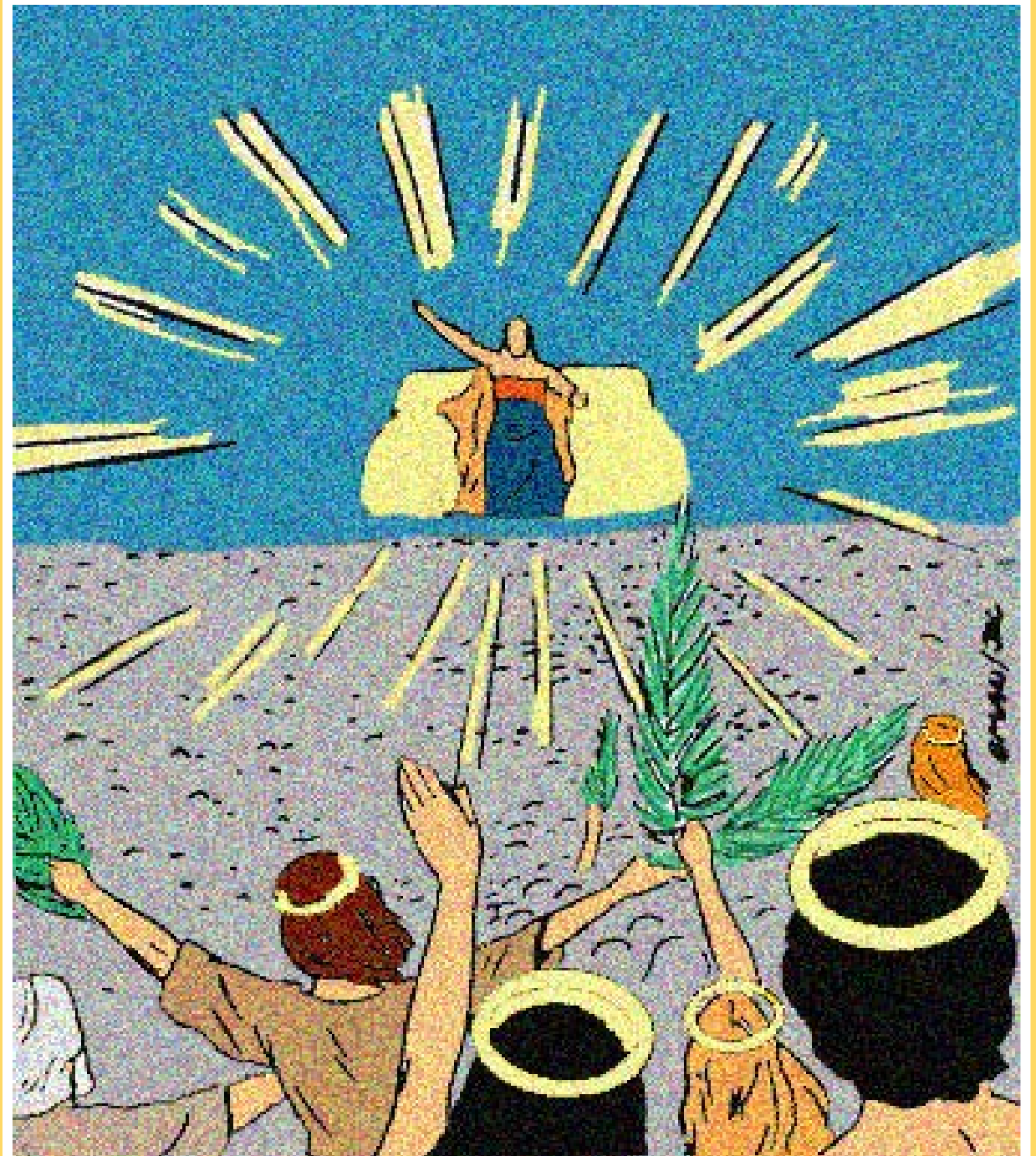
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The happy ending of the vision:

DAN.7:9 I beheld till **the thrones were cast down**, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose **garment was white** as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

DAN.7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and **ten thousand times ten thousand** stood before him: the **judgment** was set, and **the books were opened**.

While Daniel was watching the beasts he sees a throne room, and then God, the Ancient of Days, is seated on the throne, surrounded by multitudes of attendants. God is dressed in dazzling white robes and His hair also is pure white. This is one of the few descriptions of God in the entire Bible.

And if you multiply 10,000 by 10,000, as Daniel described the multitude before God in verse 10, you get 100 million. There was quite a crowd in this throne room! The apostle John also saw a similar vision in the Book of Revelation:

****REV.7:9** *After these things I looked, and behold, a **great multitude** which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing **before the throne and before the Lamb**, clothed with white robes...*



DAN.7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion (**their ruling power**) taken away: yet **their lives were prolonged for a season and time.**

During the Millennium, there will still be nations upon the Earth! “...yet *their lives will be prolonged...*” But they are not going to rule themselves; their power of being their own independent governments is going to be taken away from them, but God and Jesus Christ with the saints are going to be their rulers and their kings. There will still be nations! (See verses **14, 22, 27**)

DAN.7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man** came with the **clouds** of heaven, and **came to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him.

And then in the clouds comes the Son of Man. He's always coming in the clouds, went away in the clouds, coming in the clouds, always associated with clouds!



This is one of the few places where the distinct personalities of God and Jesus are shown to be separate. Two different specific personalities: the Son of man, who could only be Jesus Christ and the Ancient of Days, God the Father. We know this is Jesus because He referred to Himself as the “***Son of Man***” on numerous occasions in the Gospels in Matthew 8:20; 16:13; Mark 14:62; Luke 9:26; John 13:31 and about 80 more times).

The Jews were well versed in their Scriptures, and Jesus at that time was deliberately letting it be known to those listening to Him that He was the Son of Man of the Book of Daniel (*Matthew 26:63-64*). Just as He appears in the clouds in this vision, He will also appear in the clouds at His return at His second coming.

****REV.1:7** Behold, He cometh **with clouds**; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

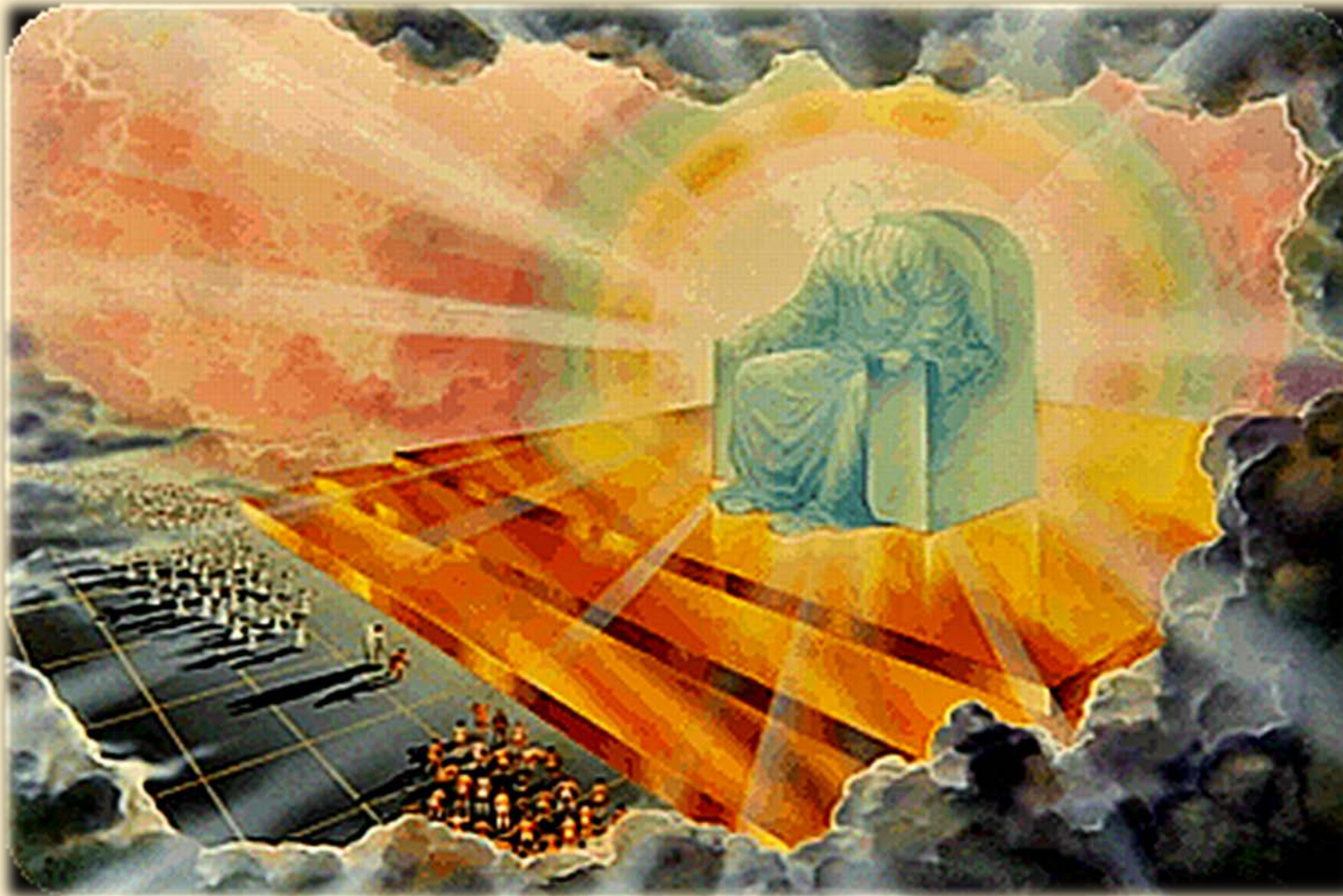
****MAT.24:30** And then shall appear **the sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven** with power and great glory.

****ACT.1:9, 11** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud** received him out of their sight...Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven**.



DAN.7:14 And there was **given him dominion**, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: **his dominion is an everlasting dominion**, which **shall not pass away**, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

****DAN.2:44** *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, **which shall***



never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

****REV.11:15** *And **the seventh** angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become **the kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and he **shall reign for ever and ever.***

****LUK.1:32-33** *He shall be great, and shall be called **the Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and **he shall reign** over the house of Jacob **for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.***

DAN.7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and **the visions of my head troubled me.**

DAN.7:16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and **asked him** the truth of all this. So he told me, and **made me know the interpretation** of the things.

DAN.7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

DAN.7:18 But the saints of the most High **shall take the kingdom**, and **possess** the kingdom for ever, even **for ever and ever.**

DAN.7:22 Until the **Ancient of days came**, and **judgment was given to the saints** of the most High; and the time came that **the saints possessed the kingdom.**



DAN.7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and **they shall take away his dominion**, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Then the Antichrist is **“given to the burning flame” (7:11)**. Revelation also talks about this; the Antichrist is the big loser at the Battle of Armageddon, after which he gets thrown into the Lake of Fire.



****REV.19:20** And the **beast was taken**, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.

These both were **cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone**.

After that the Son of Man was given dominion and glory, and the kingdom, and all on the Earth will serve Him. And not only does Jesus receive the kingdom, but the saints possess it too. (See also Mt.19:28)



DAN.7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints** of the most High, whose kingdom is an **everlasting kingdom**, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

****REV.20:4** And I saw thrones, and **they sat upon them**, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.** (See also **Psalm 96:10-13**)

This glorious future will not see complete fulfillment until the millennium! At the end of the Battle of Armageddon, when we come down and the Kingdom is delivered, who takes it over? It is ***“given to the people of the saints of the Most High.”*** That’s you and me and the faithful followers of the Christ! What happens at the Battle of Armageddon? The King of kings takes over His Kingdom and gives it to us! Isn't that marvellous! He gives us the Kingdom!

We're always talking about God's Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God on Earth and Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the King of kings, etc., it is His Kingdom, but He gives it to us! And by doing so, humankind can learn how to govern the Earth in true righteousness, peace, justice, and love.

*****LUK.12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.***



But many people get all theoretical and they get hazy ideas, dreamy ideas about His kingdom, thinking that after Jesus returns, we're all going to be way off somewhere in some place called Heaven. Well, Heaven is not going to be way off somewhere, it's going to be right here on Earth, a Heaven-on-Earth during the Millennium! We're going to rule and reign with Christ right here on Earth over the unsaved nations and people who are left, who were not destroyed by the judgements God heaps upon the Antichrist kingdom.



Every day, millions of Christians all over the world pray, *"Thy kingdom come,*

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!" But do most of us really appreciate the awesome reality of that statement in the Lord's Prayer and how literally it is going to come true and be fulfilled? It's actually going to be like Heaven, Heaven on Earth, with God's Will being done and His Kingdom come--on Earth as it is in Heaven! And we will be His officers, enforcing His Will as we rule and reign over the Earth with Him!

A short analysis on the ‘man of sin’: Harmony between the books of Daniel, Revelation and Thessalonians. (Taken from Lennox, John C. *Against the Flow* . Monarch Books. Kindle Edition, section “A vision of the future”)

Author John Lennox writes: “If we are right in thinking that the fourth beast corresponds to the iron kingdom of the dream image of Daniel chapter 2, the Roman Empire, then Daniel was, by definition, being given insight into events future to his time. What events? One way that I find helpful to proceed is to stand back for a moment and collect the leading concepts. They would appear to be the following:

- 1. An immensely powerful beast with ten horns and a little horn speaks great words.**
- 2. The beast makes war with the saints and prevails.**
- 3. The Son of Man comes on the clouds of heaven.**
- 4. The heavenly court passes judgment on the beast and destroys it.**
- 5. The saints receive the kingdom.**

We might reasonably ask then: is there anywhere else in the Bible that we read anything like this? There is! In the book of *Revelation 13: 1– 8* we find the following description of an immensely powerful beast.



*“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, **and saw a beast rise up out of the sea**, having seven heads and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw **was like unto a leopard**, and **his feet were as the feet of a bear**, and **his mouth as the mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority...and all the*



world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?

*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him **to continue forty and two months**. And **he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God**, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And **it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them**: and **power was given him** over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*

We note the many features that this beast has in common with Daniel's beast:

- 1. It has ten horns that are said to be ten kings (Daniel 7: 24; compare Revelation 17: 12).**
- 2. It utters haughty words.**
- 3. It makes war with the saints and prevails.**
- 4. Its authority is limited. Daniel: time, times, and half a time, probably three-and-a-half times. Revelation: forty-two months, three-and-a-half years.**
- 5. The beast in Revelation combines features of the first three beasts in Daniel's vision: it was like a leopard, its feet like a bear's, and its mouth like a lion's.**

These similarities are remarkable. Furthermore, the beast in Daniel is judged in the context of the coming of the Son of Man on the clouds of heaven. The beast in Revelation is destroyed by the coming from heaven to earth of the Rider on the White Horse, who is said to be the Word of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Daniel and Revelation are surely describing the same thing, in very similar, highly symbolic language. The question arises: what is the reality of which the beast is a symbol? In order to answer this, we might ask if Scripture talks elsewhere about anything like this, in non-symbolic language. The passage that immediately springs to mind is *2 Thessalonians 2:1-10* where Paul is writing about the coming of Christ:



*“Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him**, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.***

*Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”*

It would seem that Paul is here describing in plain language what Daniel and Revelation describe in symbolic form – the final form of world power that will be destroyed by the coming of Christ.” (End of the excerpts from John Lennox)



DAN.7:28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Although Daniel tells us that watching this whole ordeal troubled him to the point where he felt and looked very much the worse for it, we can read it and rejoice that the final victory is ours. There will be some very rough and trying times ahead, and for all intents and purposes it may look like we are losing the war much of the time, but in the end, we will be victorious!

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. He says: *“Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”*

Please pray this simple prayer:

Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I want to know You personally, so I invite You to come into my life, into my heart. Thank you for giving Your life for me so I could be forgiven of my sins, find peace of heart and mind here and now and receive God’s gift of eternal life. Amen

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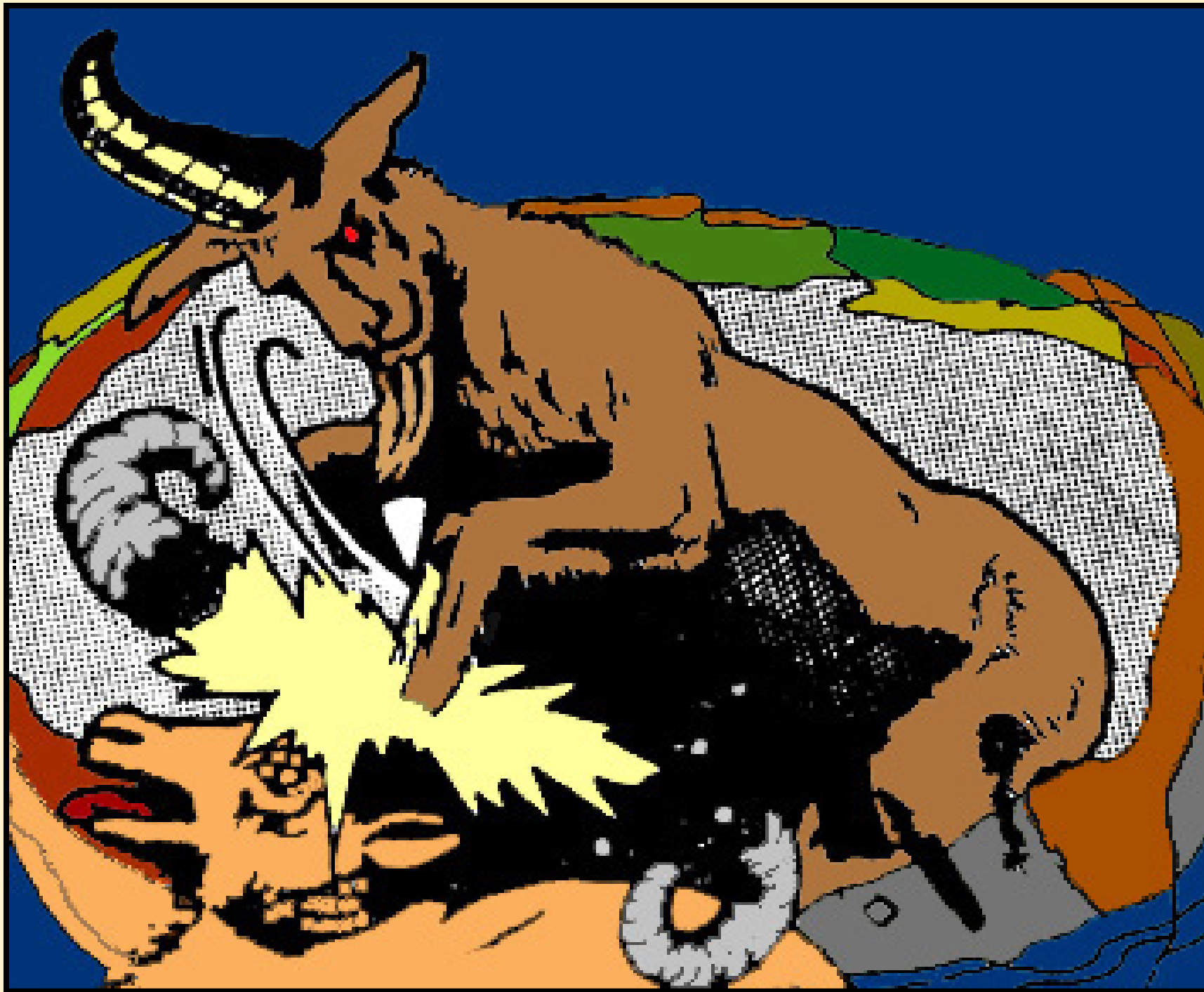
Chapter 8, part 1

A Vision of a Ram and a Goat

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Daniel is now about to receive one of the most specific prophetic visions about the future recorded in the Bible.

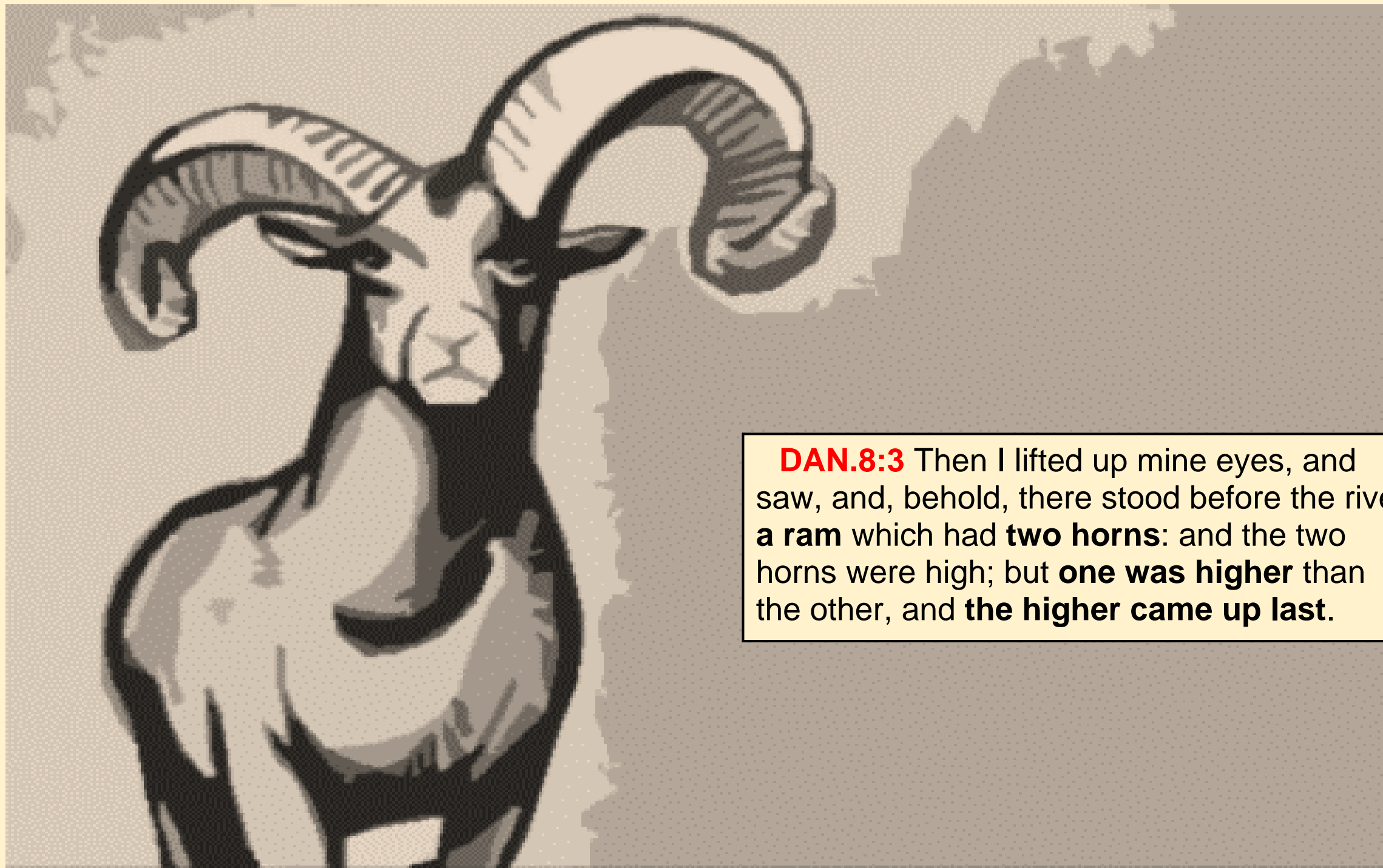
This vision was shown to him while he was in the palace at Shushan in the third year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, which would place it at around 547 BC. Shushan is about 30 miles west of the modern-day city of Shushtar, Iran.



FIRST PART OF THE VISION:

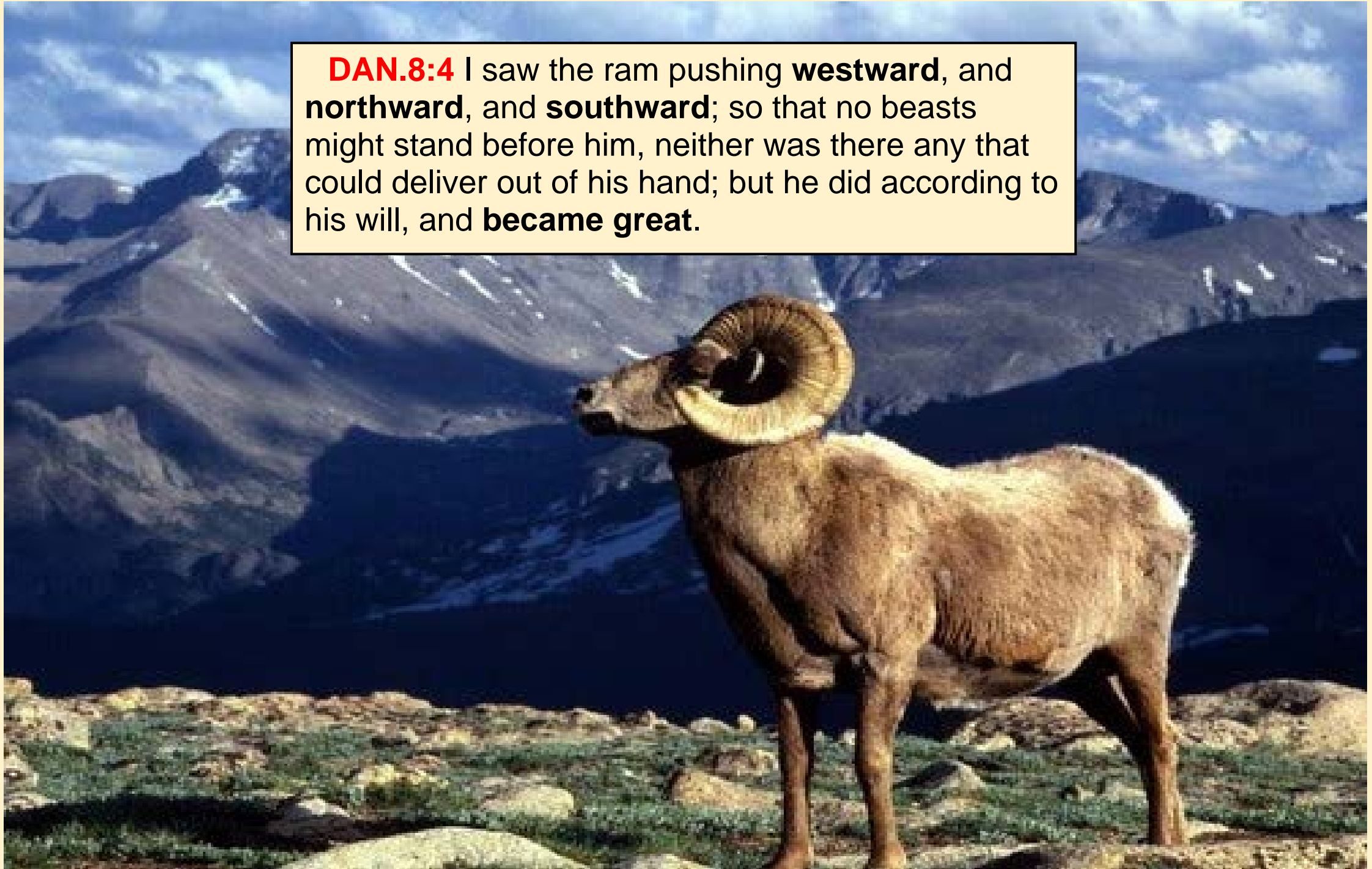
DAN.8:1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a **vision** appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

DAN.8:2 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.



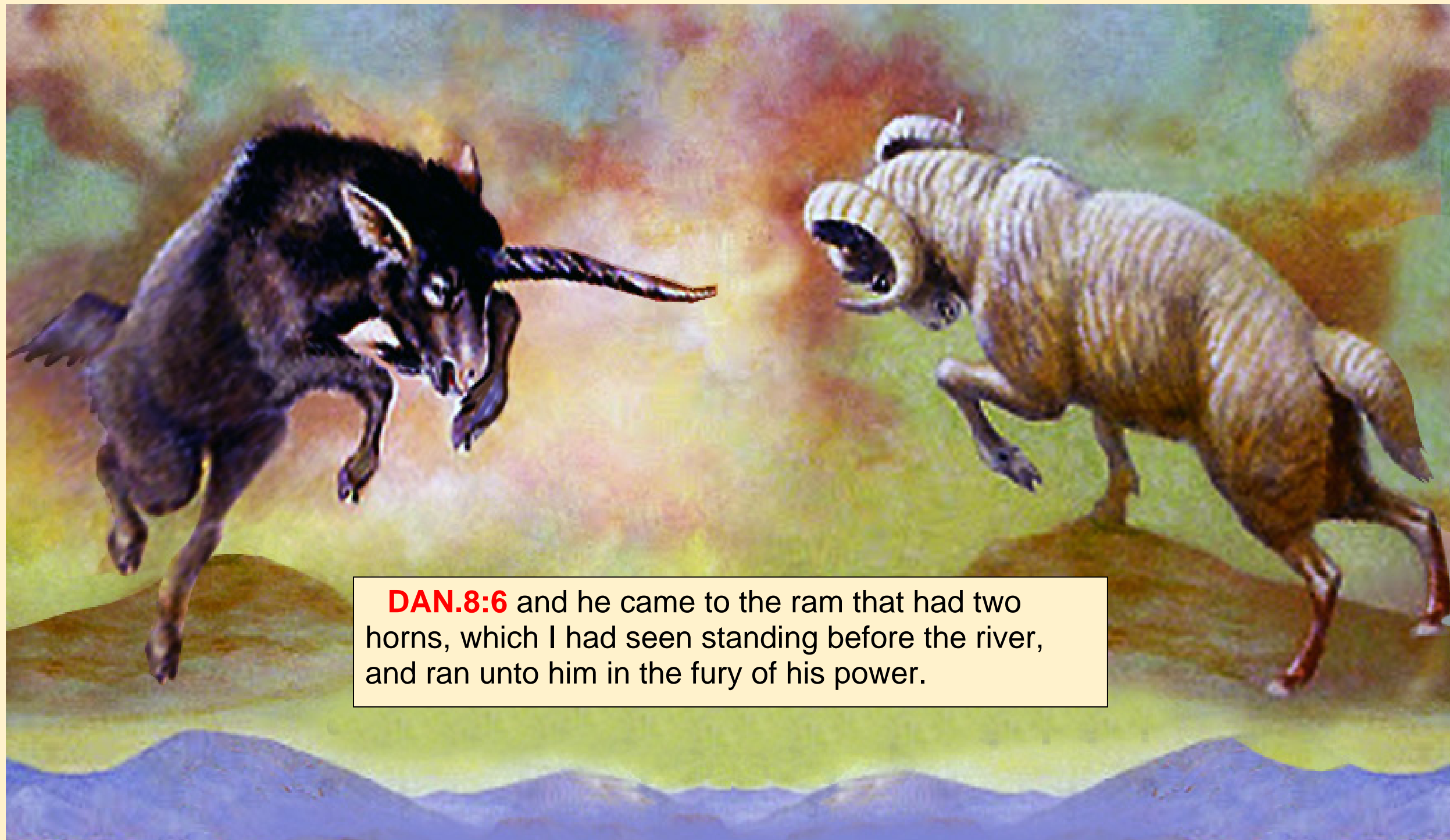
DAN.8:3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river **a ram** which had **two horns**: and the two horns were high; but **one was higher** than the other, and **the higher came up last**.

DAN.8:4 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**.

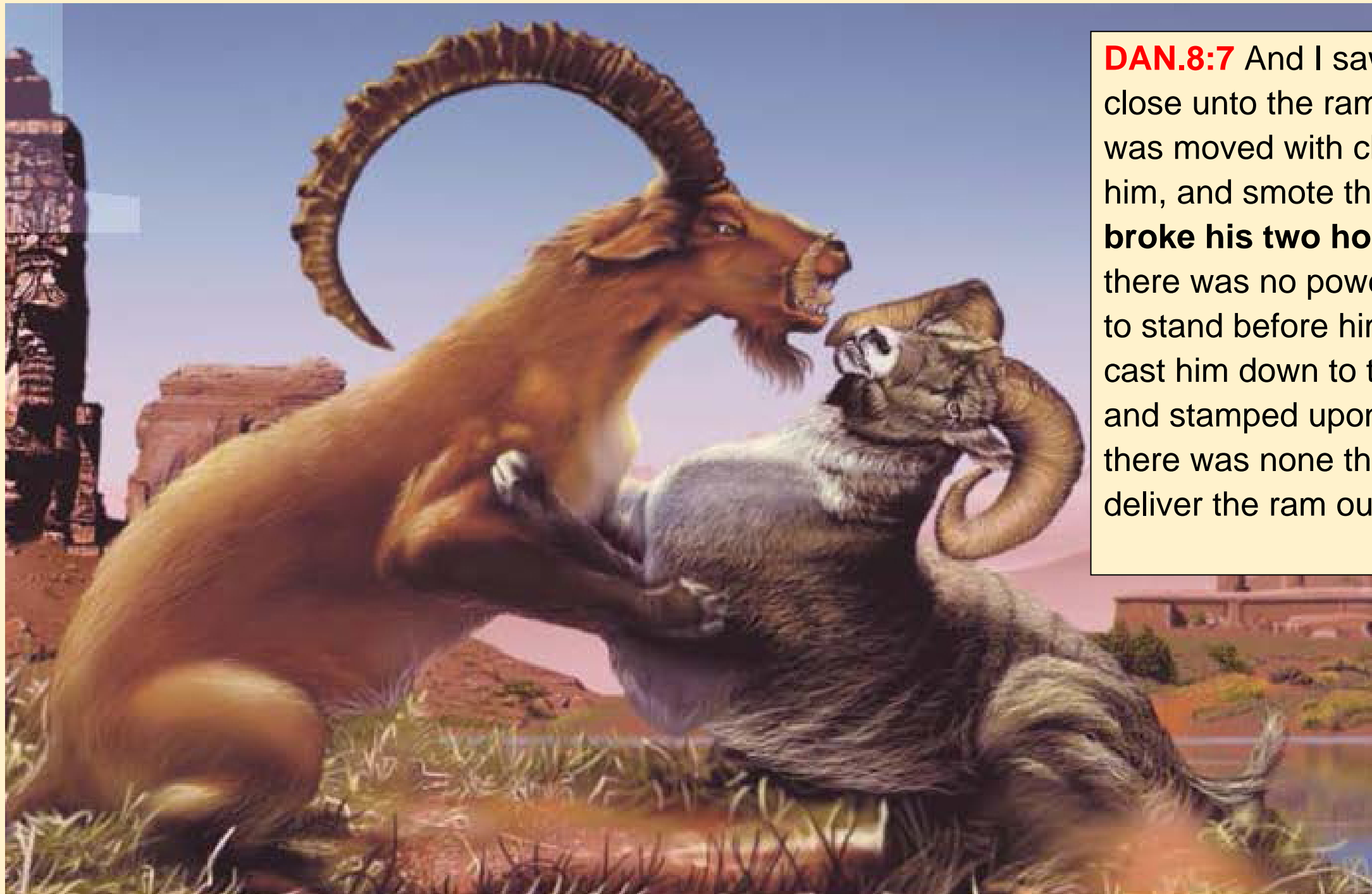


DAN.8:5 and as I was considering, behold, a **he goat** came from the **west** on the face of the whole earth, and **touched not the ground**: and the goat had **a notable horn** between his eyes.





DAN.8:6 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.



DAN.8:7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and **broke 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.8:8 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.

(We will cover verses 9 to 14 in parts 2 and 3 of this study)

DAN.8:15 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**.

DAN.8:16 And I heard a man's voice (**Jesus?**) between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, **Gabriel, make this man to understand** the vision.

DAN.8:17 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.**





DAN.8:18 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.

DAN.8:19 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**.

Two personages appear in this vision to help Daniel understand what all this means. One is the angel Gabriel, who to Daniel looked like a man. The other is someone who instructs Gabriel to tell Daniel what the vision means. The second personage Daniel doesn't see apparently, but rather hears His voice coming from the middle of the river. Gabriel is one of God's archangels, and any voice that tells him what to do must be senior to him. Therefore, many Bible scholars believe that this voice belongs to Jesus.

"I will make thee know what shall be in the last END of the indignation."

Again, when? At the END of the Indignation, at the END of the Wrath of God, at the very End of Time.

"For at the time appointed the End shall be."

Now here's three times in two verses that it says it is the END. These things are not going to happen until the very END of Time, what we call the END Time, these Last Days in which we are now living.



What's another word for indignation? (V.19) --Wrath or anger. There is a period that is called The Indignation of God! That is really the End! ***"For at the time appointed, the end shall be."*** And what is going to be the real end of all these things? The end of rule by evil people. All these prophecies about the End are about what end, whose end? —The end of the evil, worldly system and its rulers on Earth!

And it doesn't come to an end till the Battle of Armageddon. And after that, the Millennium will start, which will be the beginning of God's Rule with His saints--the Kingdom of God and our rule! That's the beginning, that's a new day! That's a whole new dispensation of grace.



INTERPRETATION OF THE FIRST PART:

DAN.8:20 The **ram** which you saw having two horns are the kings of **Media and Persia**.

DAN.8:21 And the **rough goat** is the king of **Grecia**: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the **first king**.

DAN.8:22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, **four kingdoms** shall stand up out of the nation, but **not in his power**.



This is another chapter where Daniel sees strange and awesome scenes of beasts which are signifying world powers to come, very much like in the chapter before, Daniel chapter 7.

This vision of *Daniel 8* intersects with those in *chapters 2 and 7* in which God describes empires that are to come. But what is different about this vision is that, in the angel's interpretation, he actually NAMES two of the coming empires, something not done in the previous visions.

This is amazing because when Daniel received this vision, the empire of Medo-Persia was still in the future and the Greek empire was more than 200 years away.

Daniel 2



1) Babylonian Empire

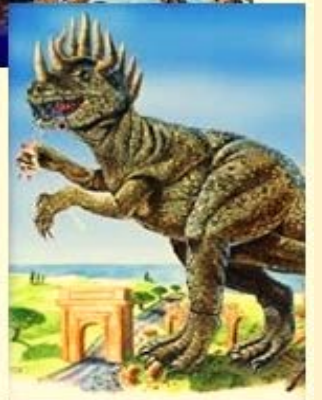
2) Medo-Persian Empire

3) Greek Empire

4) Roman

Messiah's Kingdom

Daniel 7





"Medo-Persia: Pictured as a Ram in Daniel 8, a Bear in Daniel 7"

In the first part of the vision Daniel sees a ram with two great horns, with the second horn growing taller than the first. Then the ram pushes west and north and south, and no adversary could stand before him. Later on we are told that the two horns on the ram are the kings of Media and Persia.

prominence after the Medes (the second horn growing taller) and this united empire went on to conquer all before them. And indeed, they were to go west and conquer Babylon, north and conquer Lydia, and under Cambyses II, Cyrus's son, they were to go south and conquer Egypt. Every detail in Bible prophecy is important and represents something.

As we already know, the Persians came to

The goat represents Greece and the horn is symbolic of Alexander the Great who was to come some 200 years later, around 333 BC.

"Without touching the ground"

reminds us of the beast like a "leopard" in *Daniel 7:6*, that had four wings. Both the wings of the leopard and the airborne status of this goat, represent the great speed of Alexander's conquests.

*****DAN. 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.***





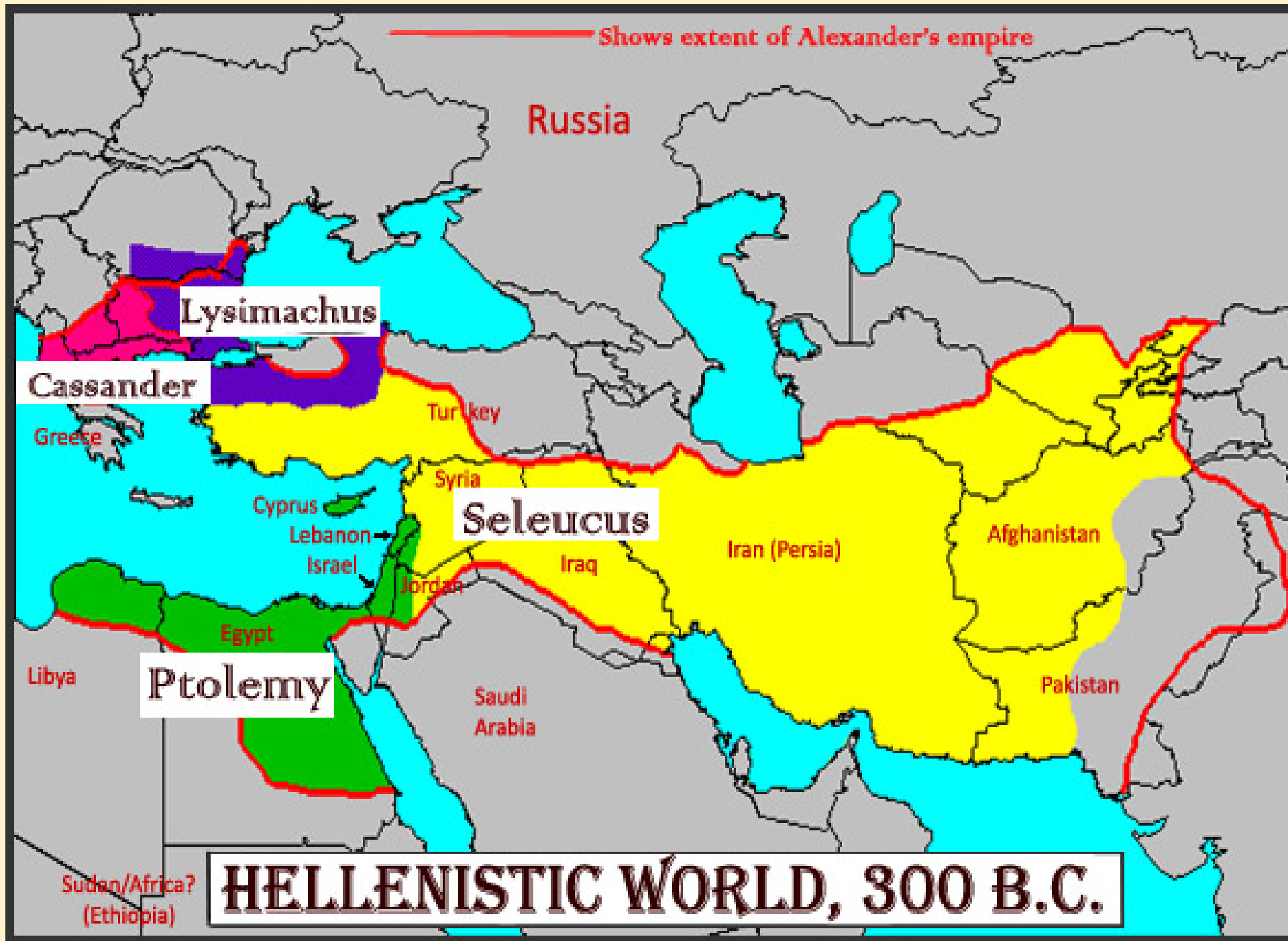
Alexander the Great was invincible in battle and within 10 short years conquered Persia and all its lands, gaining more territory in that time period than the Persian Empire had in 200 years.

But in the vision the horn gets broken when the goat became strong. Gabriel says in verse 8

“When he was strong, the great horn was broken.”

This symbolism foretells Alexander’s untimely death from a fever at the early age of 33, at the height of his power and conquest.

And again, in verse 22, ***“Four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation but not in his power.”*** Then four notable kings and kingdoms arose from Alexander’s fragmented empire.



Did this happen?
Yes! Alexander the Great's Empire was divided between his four top generals who, instead of fighting with each other over it, at first decided to divide it up peacefully into 4 parts.

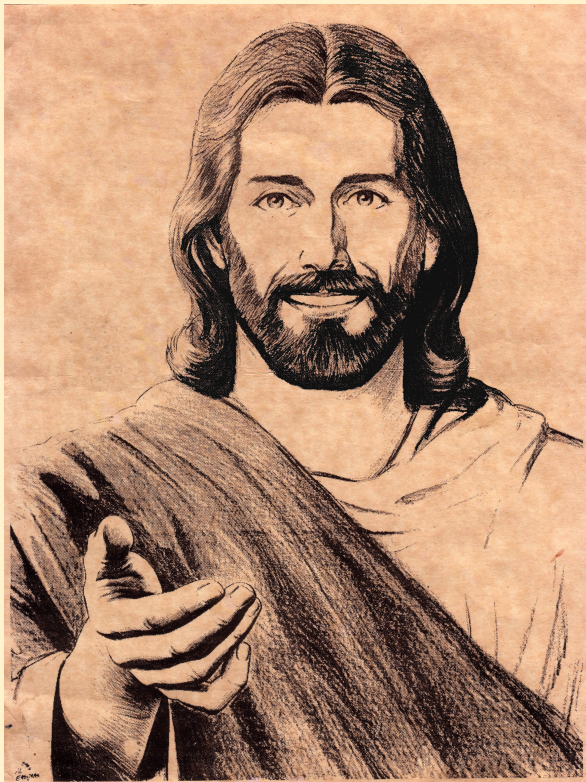
And that's exactly what happened! It happened exactly as the Lord was telling Daniel here through the mouth of the angel Gabriel.

DAN.8:9 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**.

*****DAN.7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn...and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.***

In chapter 7 the vision jumped from ancient Rome into the End Time. But here in chapter 8, the vision jumps from ancient Greece into the future. Out of one of those four Greek kingdoms came a little horn, a fierce king, who is destined to rule a great empire in the Last Days.

To be continued in part 2 with the details and interpretation of this little horn.



You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

*“For **by grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God: **not of works**, lest any man should boast.”* (Eph.2:8-9)

If you haven't done it yet, please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen."

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Chapter 8, part 2

The Little Horn

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In part 1, we saw that at the death of Alexander the Great, his kingdom was divided into 4 regions just as it had been prophesied by Daniel. Out of one of those 4 regions, a little horn sprang out and this is the subject of our study in this part 2.

We should remember that these past events were still future in Daniel's day. Daniel was not simply a historian, reporting what happened in the second century BC. He was a prophet in the sixth century BC, who received a supernatural revelation from God as to what the future held. He was shown enough of that future to comprehend that what would happen to his people in the course of history would be awful.





The vision:

DAN.8:9 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**.

DAN.8:10 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.

The interpretation:

DAN.8:23 And in the **latter time** of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full (See *2Tim.3:1-5*), a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

DAN.8:24 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**.

(See *Rev.13:2-4*)



Other Scriptures about the “little horn”:

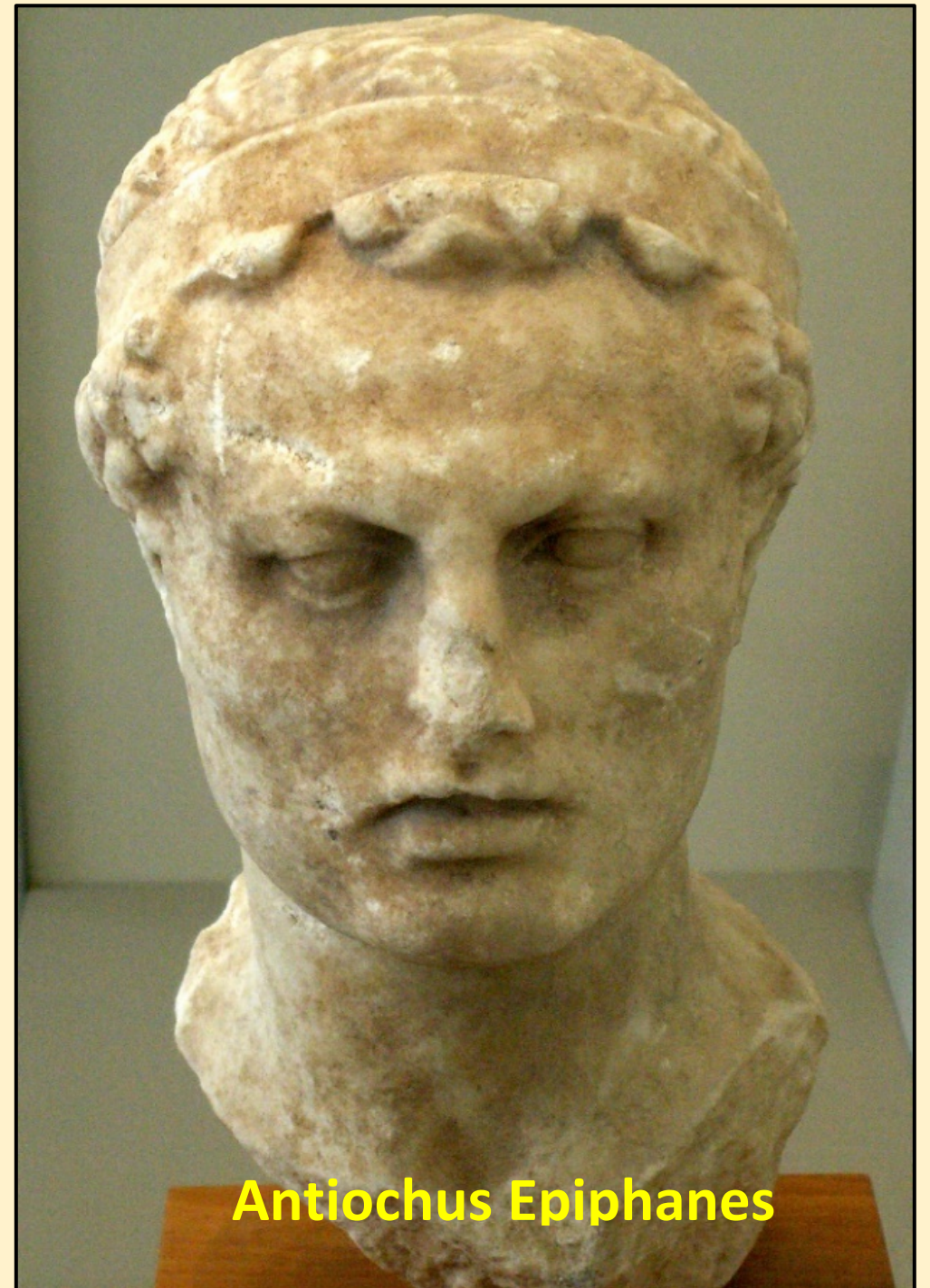
****DAN.7:8, 25** *I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another **little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and **a mouth speaking great things**. And he shall speak great words **against the most High**, and **shall wear out the saints** of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**.*

****REV.13:5, 6** *And there was given unto him **a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

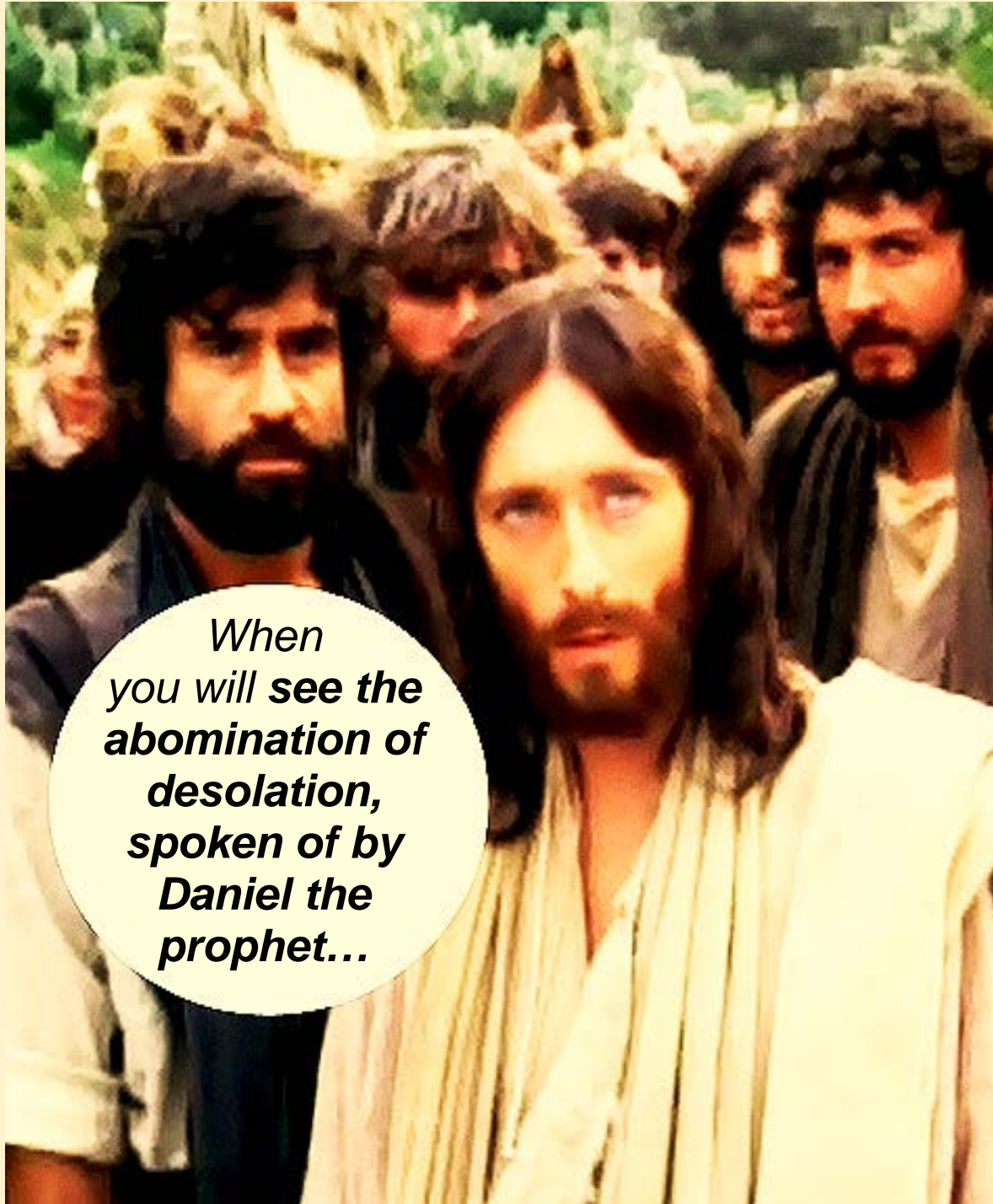
Between what Daniel saw and what Gabriel explains to him, we gain a lot of information about the little horn. We see that he is none other than the devil-man of the End, the Antichrist. This **“horn”** is both a man and a spiritual entity, for he cannot do what he does being only a mortal.

Many Bible prophecy scholars believe that the little horn of this vision was Antiochus Epiphanes, who ruled from 175-164 BC; he was the last king of any importance of the Seleucid Empire, one of the four kingdoms of the Grecian empire. He did certain things during his reign that fulfilled some of the prophetic events listed in this chapter. This man simply and literally hated God and His people. As told in the 1st Book of Maccabees, he stopped circumcision, ordered the destruction of Jewish writings, banned the Jewish daily sacrifice, and went as far as offering a pig on the temple altar, which was an abomination for them. And in one vicious campaign, he killed 100,000 Jewish people. Nevertheless, he was just a *“type”* and forerunner of the evil one who is to come. No doubt he was an intermediate fulfillment of the final little horn, as others also were.

(see the appendix at the end of this class)



Antiochus Epiphanes



*When
you will see the
abomination of
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prophet...*

Throughout history many pretenders have taken on the “*Messiah*” role; likewise, many have taken on the “*Antichrist*” role. This was certainly true of Antiochus Epiphanes who, besides being an actual historical figure, can be viewed also as a sort of precursor of the Antichrist who is to come.

An important comment by Jesus on the predictions of Daniel clearly place some of these events as happening **AFTER** His time on Earth, and therefore long **AFTER** Antiochus:

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, whoso reads, let him understand.” (MAT.24:15, Mk.13:14)

We note the obvious here: For Jesus, the fulfilment of Daniel’s prophecy was yet future, and he connected it with His return as the glorious Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. In this way, He made it clear that Daniel 7 and 8 are also speaking about that future historical era that would arrive just before His Second Coming.

(V.9) Apparently, the little horn uses one of these regions as his springboard into worldwide prominence. They correspond to the modern areas of 1) Greece, 2) Turkey, 3) Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Iraq, and Iran, and 4) Egypt and North Africa. Just which one at this time, we don't know. Scholars are divided in their opinions: a traditional interpretation is that he will rise up from a league of ten European nations from the geographic area of the old Greek and Roman Empire. However, if we go by Gabriel's prophetic message in chapter 11, there he seems to pinpoint Syria as the location for the Antichrist's staging ground in the Middle East. We will have to wait and see. In chapter 7 we saw the corresponding horn come out of the head of what used to be the Roman Empire, and that encompassed almost all the same lands.



Those four countries and areas are all still in existence and most still bear the same names that they did during the time of the four who sprang out Alexander's great Empire, except for Turkey. (Previously Thrace and Anatolia.)" He expands his control to the south, to the east, and to the Pleasant Land. The Pleasant Land would be a reference to Israel (*Psa.106:24*), sacred homeland to Daniel and the Jews who had been exiled from it for 50 or so years.

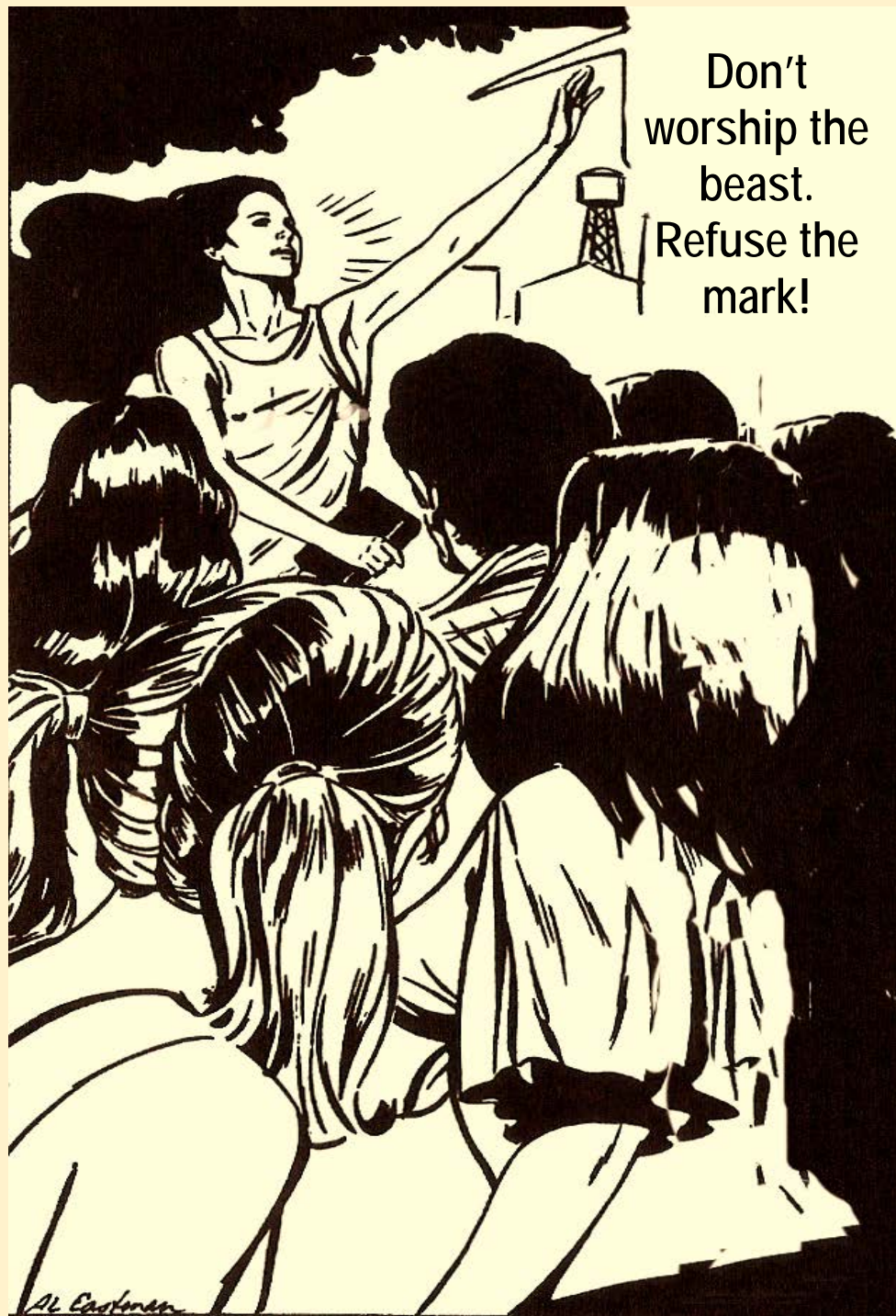


This horn, or king as he is referred to later in the chapter (*Verses 10 and 23*), magnifies himself against the *host of heaven* and casts some of them down to the earth and tramples upon them. Some people say, because of *Rev.12:4*, "Well, that host of heaven must be some of the devil's angels or demons".



*****REV.12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman...***

Yes, a third of the angels follow him out of Heaven when he's cast out in the book of Revelation. But here in Daniel chapter 8, do you think the Antichrist, or really the devil (as the Antichrist will be the devil in the flesh), do you think the devil would be stamping on some of his own angels (demons)? No, most scholars believe that it's the Church! That this host of Heaven represents God's children.



Certainly, the Antichrist couldn't stamp on God's angels, that's for sure, so it has to be the Church. If the Antichrist has power over angels we might as well quit right now!

But it's not talking about the angels. The "*host of heaven*" in verse 10 is the same as the "*holy people*" of verse 24. He prospers in all that he does and he destroys the mighty and also the holy people. "*Holy*" means "*set apart*", or "*separate*"--God's children who are separated from the unclean world to serve God (*II Cor. 6:14-18*).

So, contrary to the opinion of some, God's people will still be here during the Antichrist reign, undergoing a time of great tribulation and persecution, as we see in the following verses:

****DAN.7:21** I beheld, and the same **horn made war with the saints**, and prevailed against them;

****REV.13:7** and it was given unto him **to make war with the saints**, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, tongues, and nations.

****DAN.12:7** ...and swore by him that lives for ever that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and when he (the Antichrist) shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people**, all these things shall be finished.



We know, however, that at the Second Coming of Jesus when all those who believe on Him will rise to meet

Him in the air, there will be multitudes of believers. The Antichrist's attempts to destroy all the holy people are obviously far from thorough. Even though there is intense persecution of believers, it has only limited success, as have all persecutions of Christians through the ages.

The Saints and the Holy People

The “*saints*” and “*holy people*” are terms used to describe the same people. They are not only the saints of the Catholic Church and other churches that some might imagine. Those saints might be included in this designation, but Daniel is writing of a much broader brotherhood of people. “*Saint*” comes from the Latin word Sanctus, which means holy. “*Holy*” means something that is dedicated to God. These saints therefore are those who are dedicated to God, or even more broadly, those who are the believers in God. The Israelites of the Old Testament can be regarded as the “*Holy People*” of those days by virtue of the fact that they were the chosen people. In the New Testament era this honor belongs now to those who follow Jesus.

As Paul explained, “*he is not a Jew who is one outwardly ... but he is a Jew who is one inwardly ... in the Spirit.*” And “*there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then are you Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise*”. (Ro.2:28–29; Ga.3:28–29).

Appendix on Daniel 8: More on Antiochus Epiphanes and the End Time Antichrist.

Taken from Lennox, John C. *Against the Flow* . Monarch Books. Kindle Edition, section “The future – and beyond”

How can the description of a Seleucid king in the second century BC possibly relate to the time of the end? The answer is, surely, that the figure of Antiochus and the horrors he perpetrated throw long shadows into the future. At the time of the end another leader like Antiochus will arise, who will do similar things. In Antiochus there were the seeds of an evil that will gestate and come to its fearful fruition in a time yet to come. Antiochus and the events of his time, therefore, form a prototype or thought model of the future, which will help Daniel and us imagine what is to come – and to be aware of similar tendencies in our own day. Indeed, as we read the explanation given to Daniel by Gabriel, it is hard to resist the impression that something much more distant and much more sinister than Antiochus is in view.

Speaking of the four kingdoms, Gabriel says:





*****And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold countenance, one who understands riddles, shall arise. His power shall be great – but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken – but by no human hand. (Daniel 8: 23– 25)***

As we read this passage it is almost as if we are looking through the contours of Antiochus and his time to a much bigger and, sadly, more terrible scenario in the future, when a bold and fierce king who is like Antiochus in his deceit, cunning, and power rises up against the Prince of princes and is destroyed by supernatural power. This description links conceptually with another passage in 2nd Thessalonians:

Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, **and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God...


*And then shall **that Wicked** be revealed, whom **the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming**: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

2TH.2:1-10



The parallels are striking. Both the bold king in Daniel's vision and the man of lawlessness get their power from a dark source. They exalt themselves against God; they fight against Christ who is the Prince of princes; and they are killed by the supernatural power of God.

Therefore, the prophecies of Daniel 2, 7, and 8 (and also, as we shall see, 9 and 11) all home in



We can launch a major assault and crush this country that has defied me!

on this final manifestation of evil government that shall be destroyed by the coming of Christ. This means that we have several perspectives on that time – just as we have four Gospels in the New Testament that give us four perspectives on the historical events that underlie the Christian faith.

Or we could think of the way in which astrophotographers take three separate monotone pictures of a galaxy through red, green, and blue filters, and then combine them to form a stunning colour photograph.

In Daniel's visions we are presented with separate images, and by collecting them together we can get a composite idea of the whole. Antiochus is but one prototype of what shall happen in the future.

(End of the excerpt from John Lennox)

To be continued in part 3 of this study with much more detail about this little horn, the coming end time Antichrist.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

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read and understand Your Word.
Amen."***

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Chapter 8, part 3

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In this final part of our study of Daniel chapter 8, more characteristics of this man of sin, the Antichrist, are explained by the angel Gabriel.

THE VISION:

DAN.8:11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the **daily sacrifice** was taken away, and the place of his **sanctuary** was cast down.

DAN.8:12 And a 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.

DAN.8:13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spoke, 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?

DAN.8:14 And he said unto me, unto **two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the **sanctuary** be cleansed.



THE INTERPRETATION:

DAN.8:23 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. (See *2Tim.3:1-5*)

DAN.8:24 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**. (See *Rev.13:2-4*)

DAN.8:25 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.

(**Verses 11, 12, 23, 25**) The Antichrist is a cunning devil; in fact, he is possessed by the Devil himself. Deceit prospers under his rule, no doubt referring to a lot of political and other chicanery that he and his cohorts engage in.

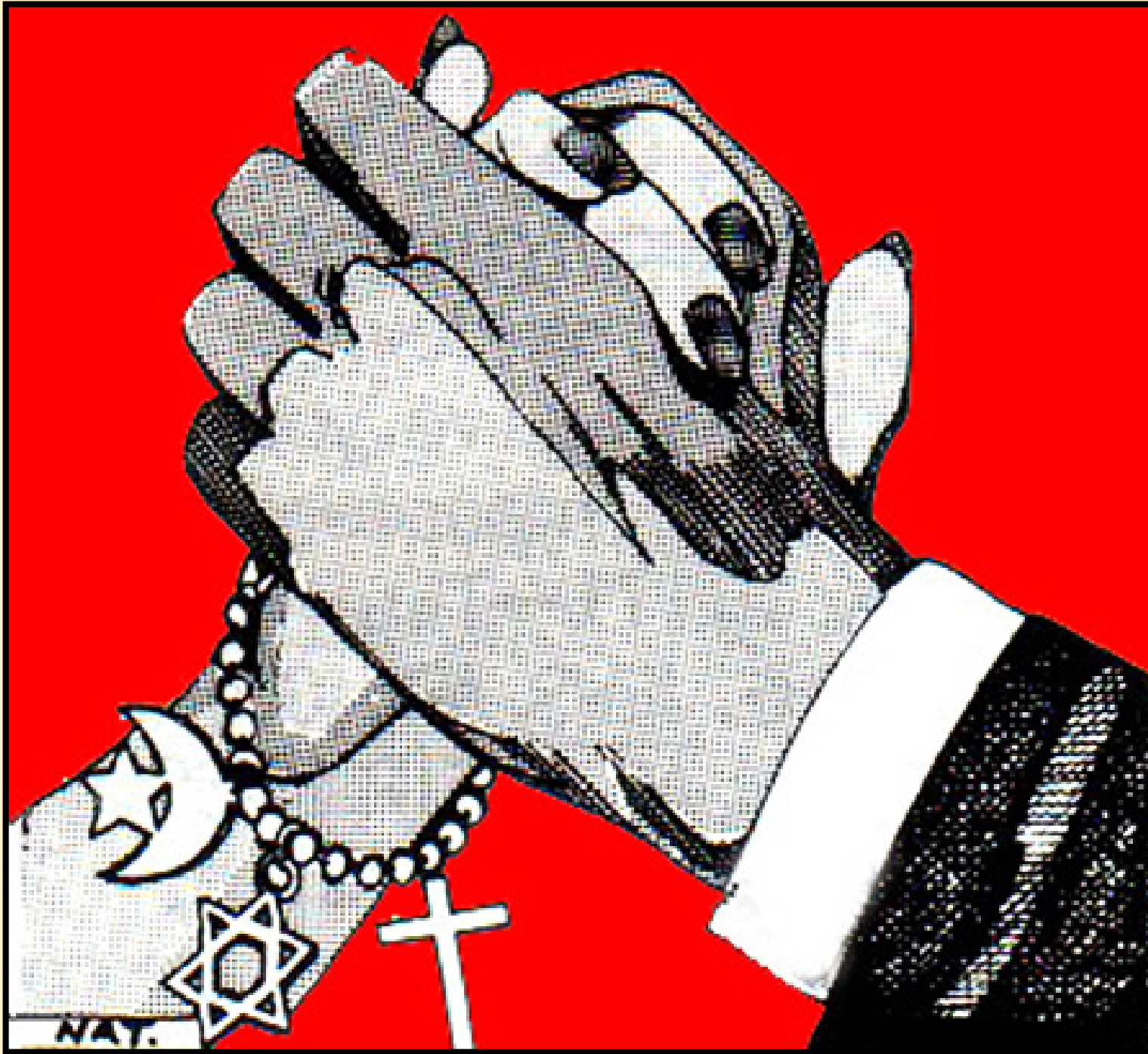


This king then claims to be as high as the *"Prince of the host."* Who is the Prince of Heaven's host? That has to be Jesus.

"He magnified himself even to the Prince of the Host"

That literally means against the Prince of the Host. --What Host? The Saints! He boasts of being equal to Jesus and worthy of the worship of all people. And this is confirmed by the apostle Paul when he wrote of the Antichrist's self-exaltation:





****2 Thes.2:3–4** *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day **(The day of His Coming at the Rapture)** shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that **man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,** who opposes and **exalts himself above all that is called God** or that is worshiped so that **he as God sits as God in the temple of God,** showing himself that he is God.*

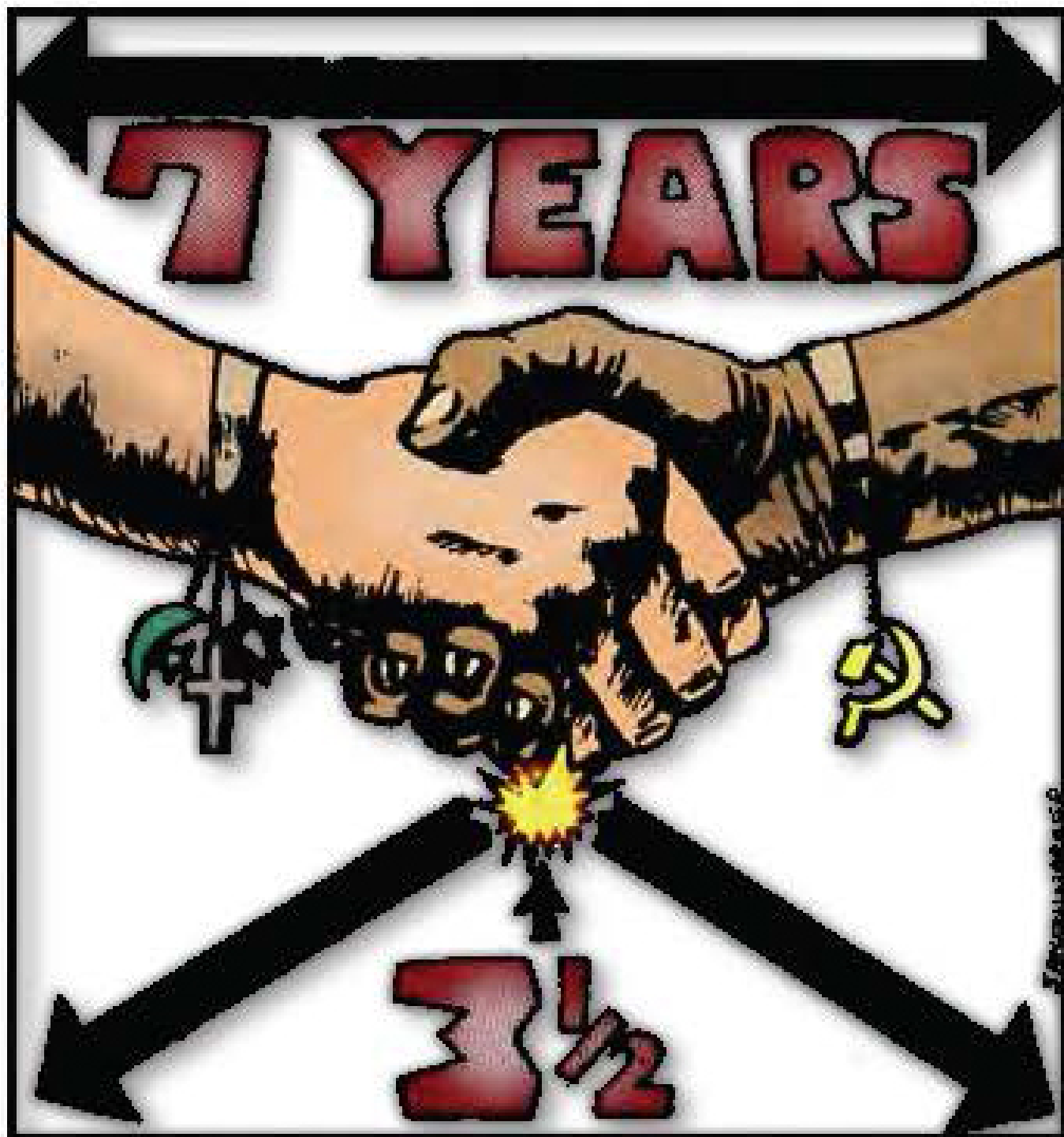
In Daniel's time the Jewish temple had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, and Jerusalem was a wasteland. But during that future era described in this vision, the daily Jewish sacrifice has resumed, apparently. Several verses predict that the Antichrist will make a covenant to permit a daily sacrifice of religious worship. (Daniel 9:27, 11:28,30-32)

(V. 11) and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away and the place of his sanctuary was cast down." In other words, the Antichrist is going to destroy the altar on which the sacrifice is made, but he is not going to destroy the Temple because, according to ***2Thessalonians 2:4***, he's going to occupy it himself:

"...he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

And of course, he has to stop all worship of any other gods, so he stops the sacrificial worship literally desecrated by sending in the Abomination of Desolation.





This reminds us of certain Scriptures:

*****DAN.9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.***

*****DAN.11:31 and arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate.***

(V.12) "And a host (army) was given him against the daily sacrifice."

Again, who's working against the daily sacrifice? The Antichrist. Who's his host? Who does his dirty work for him? --His soldiers, his armies, his World government police, etc., his followers.

(V.13, 14) Then Daniel overhears two saints speaking, and one asks the other how long it will be until the sanctuary is cleansed, which we can understand as being cleaned from something that is defiling it, the transgression of desolation or *the abomination of desolation*. And the other tells him that it is going to be 2,300 days.



Notice he's not talking about angels, he's talking about saints; Daniel didn't ask the question, one Saint is asking the other saint. Apparently, the people that were standing around listening to all this, hearing all this and seeing this vision, all the spirits, the good spirits, were also curious about what was going on! Scholars differ in the interpretation of those 2300 days but keep that number in mind because, in our study of *Daniel chapter 9*, we are going to see how it may fit into our End time timeline.



"By peace shall he
destroy many."

(V.25) *"By peace shall he destroy
many!"*

**When the Antichrist takes over the
World and establishes his worldwide
kingdom, his Worldwide Antichrist World
government, he says, "Peace and safety!
Everything's going to be peaceful and
safe now.--No more wars, everything's
going to be secure, prosperity on Earth,
everybody's going to have plenty and my
kingdom's going to be the new utopian
paradise, peace and safety!"**

****1TH.5:3 for when they shall say,
Peace and safety; then sudden
destruction cometh upon them, as travail
upon a woman with child; and they shall not
escape.**

**He confirms the Covenant as a World
Peace Treaty and everything is going
fine, he's going to make everybody
happy and have World peace until he's
finally got everything firmly in his grip.**

(V.25) *“but he shall be broken without hand”*

But as the Antichrist rises against the Prince of princes, Jesus, he is broken. At the Battle of Armageddon, he and his forces are utterly trounced and destroyed, not by human armies, but by a heavenly force that is superhuman. That is the happy ending, or should we say, the beginning of the happy ending that we all have to look forward to.

This reminds us of DAN.2:45 Forasmuch as thou saw that ***the stone (Jesus)*** was cut out of the mountain ***without hands***, and that ***it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold***; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter...

*****REV.19:20 and the beast was taken***, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These ***both were cast alive into a lake of fire*** burning with brimstone.





DAN.8:26 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.8:27 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.

In this chapter the Lord first gives you the basis, the foundation, the overall picture. Where did this Antichrist guy come from? Parts of this chapter and the next chapters are about him. He's building up to the revelation of this particular man, giving a description of him and what he does, in great detail! He spends much of the chapter describing him, his rule and reign, which is very short. And because this final era is so important, the prophetic message jumps over 2,500 years of history.

So much of the Book of Daniel dwells on the historical background of the Antichrist! Think of that! He considered it so important! In the **2nd Chapter** about the Image, that historical background is featured in the feet and 10 toes.

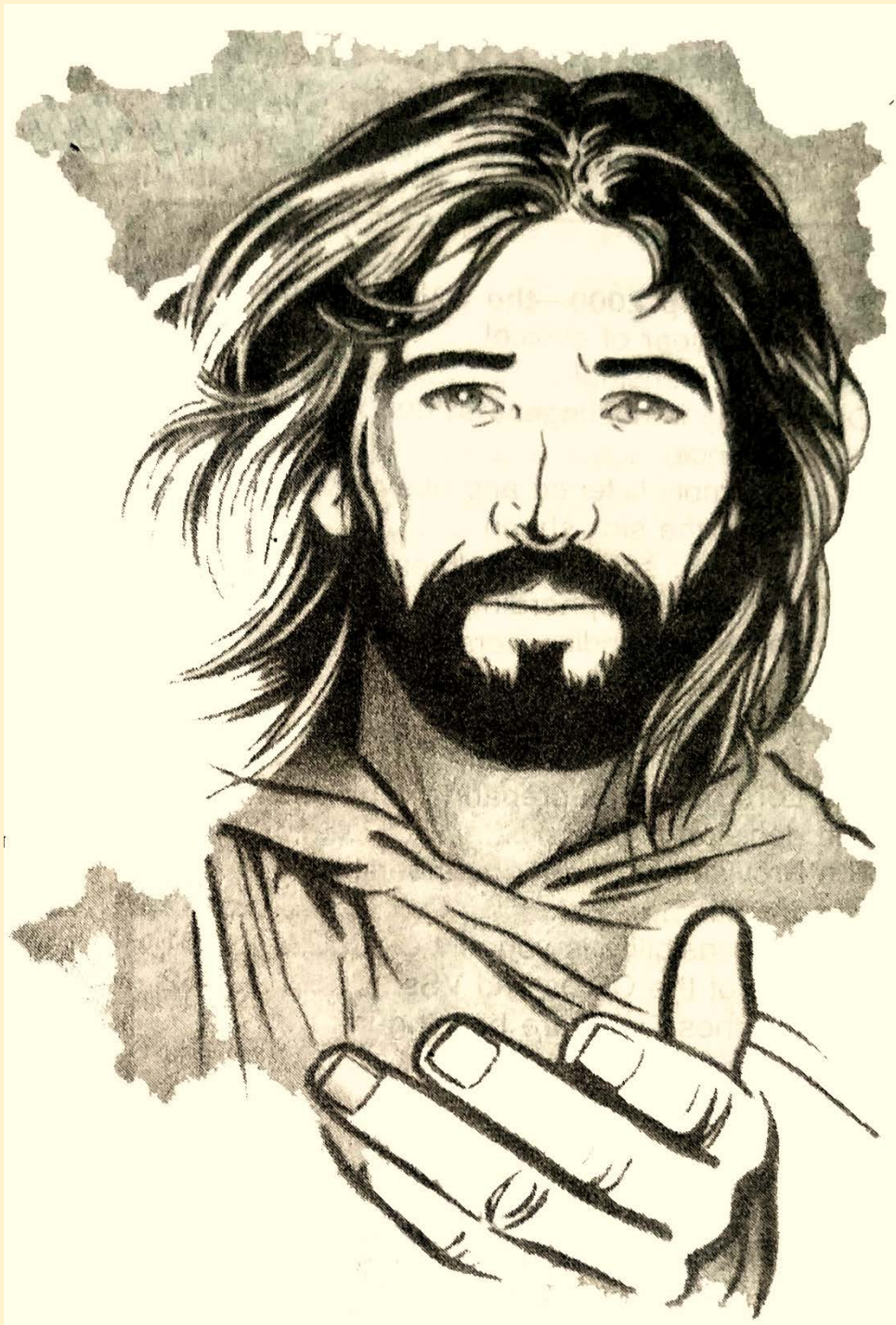
Again, in the 7th Chapter about the beasts, it is featured in the fourth and final beast who is symbolic of both ancient Rome and the modern empire with its ten kings, under the leadership of the Antichrist horn. And now in this **chapter 8**, many more details about this little horn (that became great) are given.



Dear Daniel was so worn out getting this revelation that he fainted again and was sick for days. It was so difficult for him to understand. Apparently, he must have conferred with a few other people, ***“but none understood it.”*** (8:27). Because it was not for them to understand! In fact, God told him to shut up the book for it would be many years later before anybody would understand. And hardly anyone has tried to understand this book for centuries, until just about the last 100 to 200 years. But that future is now here and God wants us to understand and be prepared.

*****Isaiah 46:9-11 Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'... Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.***





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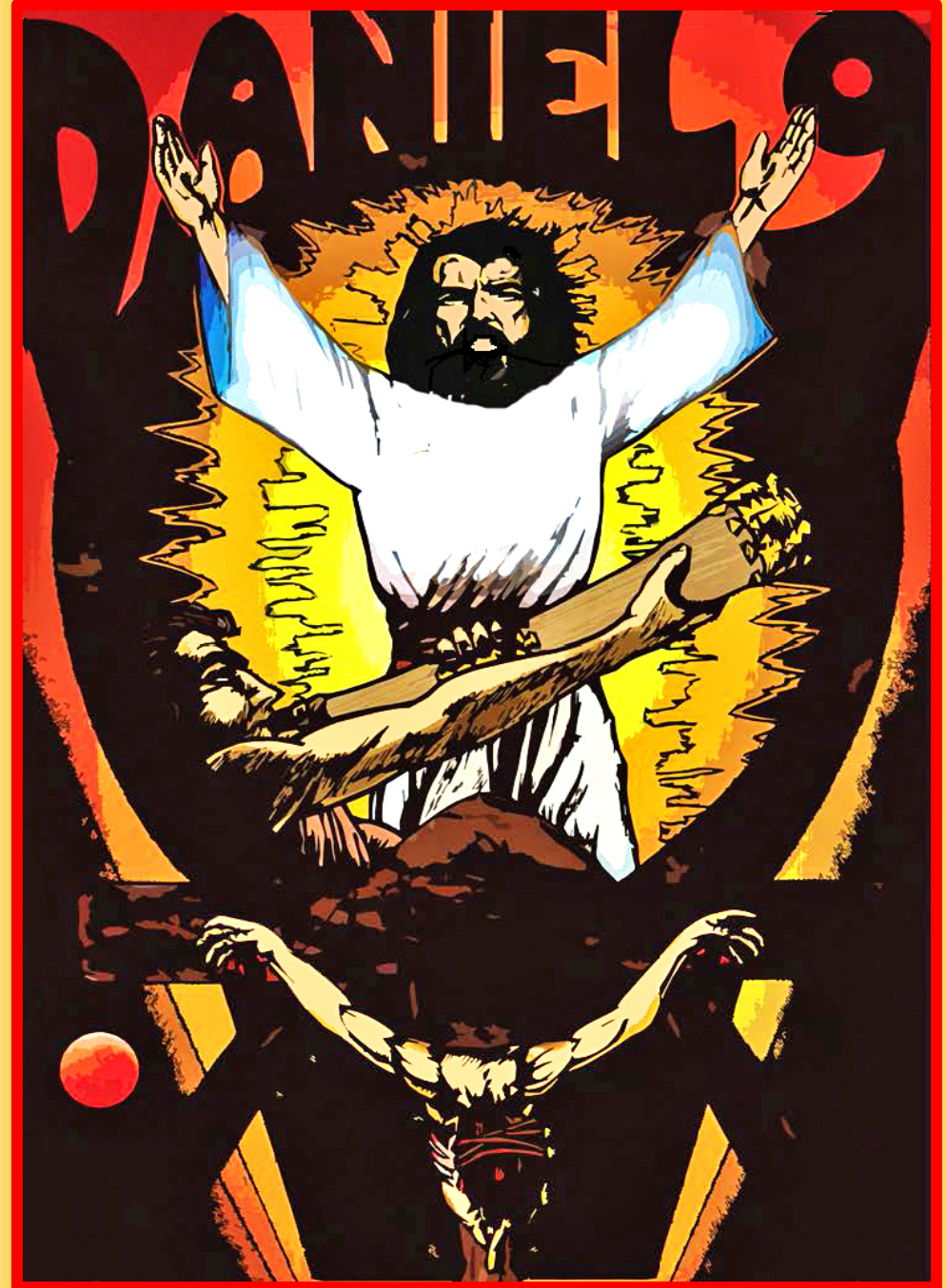
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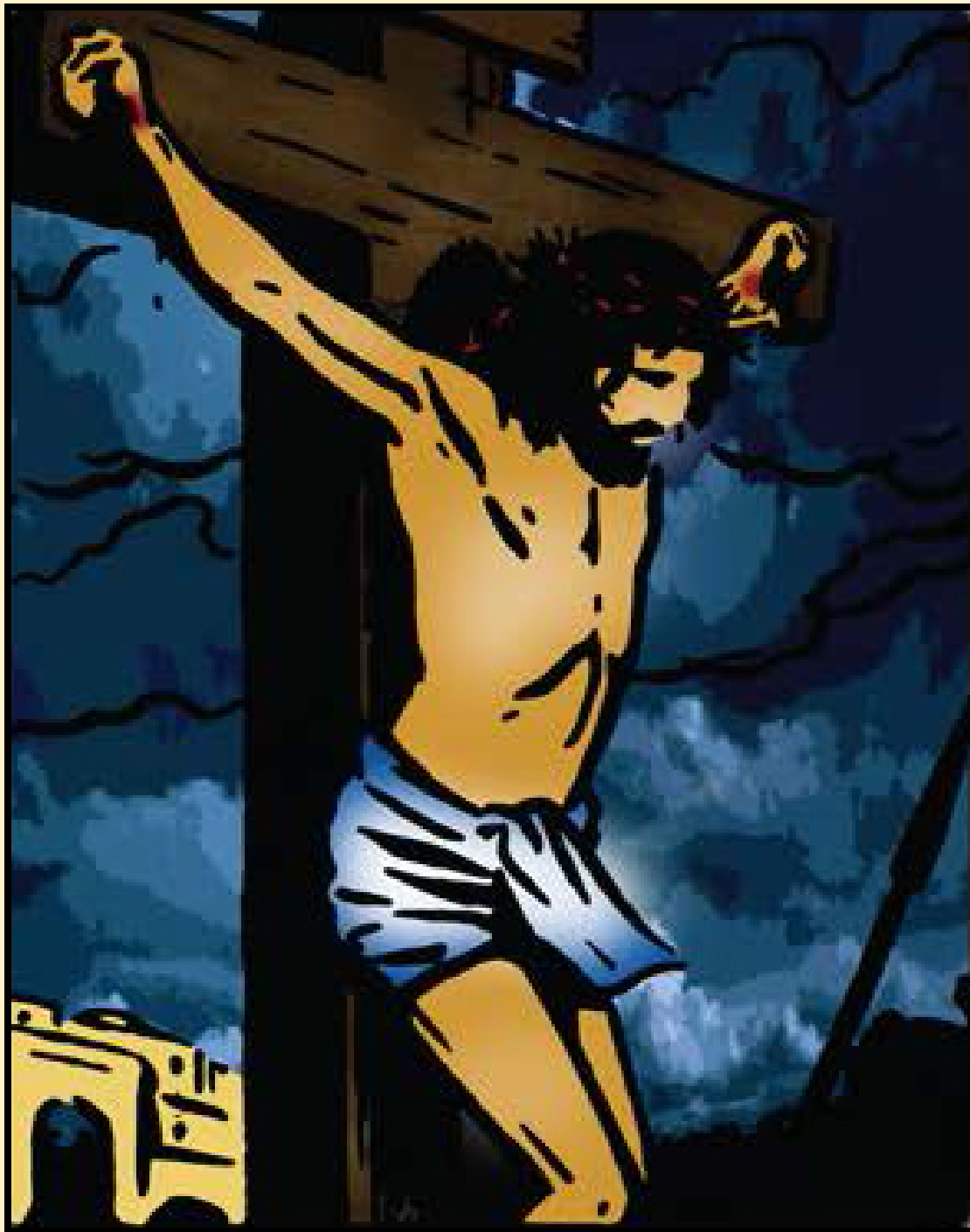
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PROPHECY OF Daniel's 70 Weeks

CHAPTER 9 PART 1

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As it progresses, the Book of Daniel becomes more and more fascinating, and in this chapter 9 we will learn about how Daniel was told some very specific timings regarding the sacrificial death of the Messiah and the length of the still-to-come reign of the Antichrist. But before receiving that revelation, Daniel had been studying the writings of his contemporary, Jeremiah, regarding the fate of the Jewish people and the duration of their captivity in Babylon.

DAN.9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

DAN.9:2 in the first year of his reign I Daniel **understood by books the number of the years**, whereof the word of the LORD came to **Jeremiah** the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Leaving Jerusalem during the Babylonian Invasion



There are two places in Jeremiah's writings where the Lord said that the Jews would go into captivity in Babylon for 70 years:



****Jer.25:1-2, 11-12** The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (which was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: ... And this whole **land shall be a desolation** and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.

****Jer.29:10** for thus says the Lord: **After seventy years** are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and **cause you to return** to this place.

These are specific and precise prophecies that were fulfilled in two significant ways: Firstly, the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem three times. Fed up with the continuing rebellions, Nebuchadnezzar desolated the city and the temple in 587/586 BC. Secondly, the Jews were uprooted and exiled to Babylon, serving the kings of that land for 70 years. This was called the captivity. Finally, King Cyrus of the Medo-Persian empire conquered Babylon. This was the man whom God had predicted by name years before, in 712 BC, who also permitted the Jewish people to return home.



****ISA.44:28** *That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, **thou shalt be built**; and to the temple, thy foundation shall be laid.*



****ISA.45:1, 4, 13** *Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him... For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, **I have even called thee by thy name**: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me... I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: **he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives**, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.*

We must now consider what is regarded as a “year” in ancient terms. Sir Isaac Newton (1642–1727) wrote:

“All nations, before the just length of the solar year was known, reckoned months by the course of the moon, ... and in making calendars for their festivals, they reckoned thirty days to a lunar month, and twelve lunar months to a year...”

In other words, the year of the ancients consisted of 360 days. Let's examine the dates: Nebuchadnezzar first took captives away from Jerusalem around 605 BC, and it seems this was regarded as the start of the 70 years. King Cyrus gave permission for the exiles to return in 538 BC, but that return didn't occur till 536 BC. In that year, 42,360 Jews returned (*Ezra 1:1-7; 2:64*). From 605 BC to 536 BC is 69 solar years or modern calendar years and is equal to 70 prophetic years of 360 days.

DAN.9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

Daniel, upon reading these scriptures from Jeremiah's writings, turned his face to seek God in prayer. Jeremiah had made it clear that Israel's troubles and Captivity were the result of their own misbehavior and departure from the ways and worship of their God. Perhaps this, together with the knowledge that the 70 years were almost finished, motivated Daniel to pray one of the most heartfelt prayers found in the Bible, confessing, and asking the Lord to forgive, both his and his people's iniquities.



Since our focus is on the prophetic message from Gabriel, we will jump ahead to verse 20.

DAN.9:20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and **confessing my sin and the sin of my people** Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

DAN.9:21 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.

We read of Gabriel in connection with only three people in Scripture: Daniel, to whom he appears twice; Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist; and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Luke describes him as an angel of the Lord, and Gabriel himself says to Zechariah:

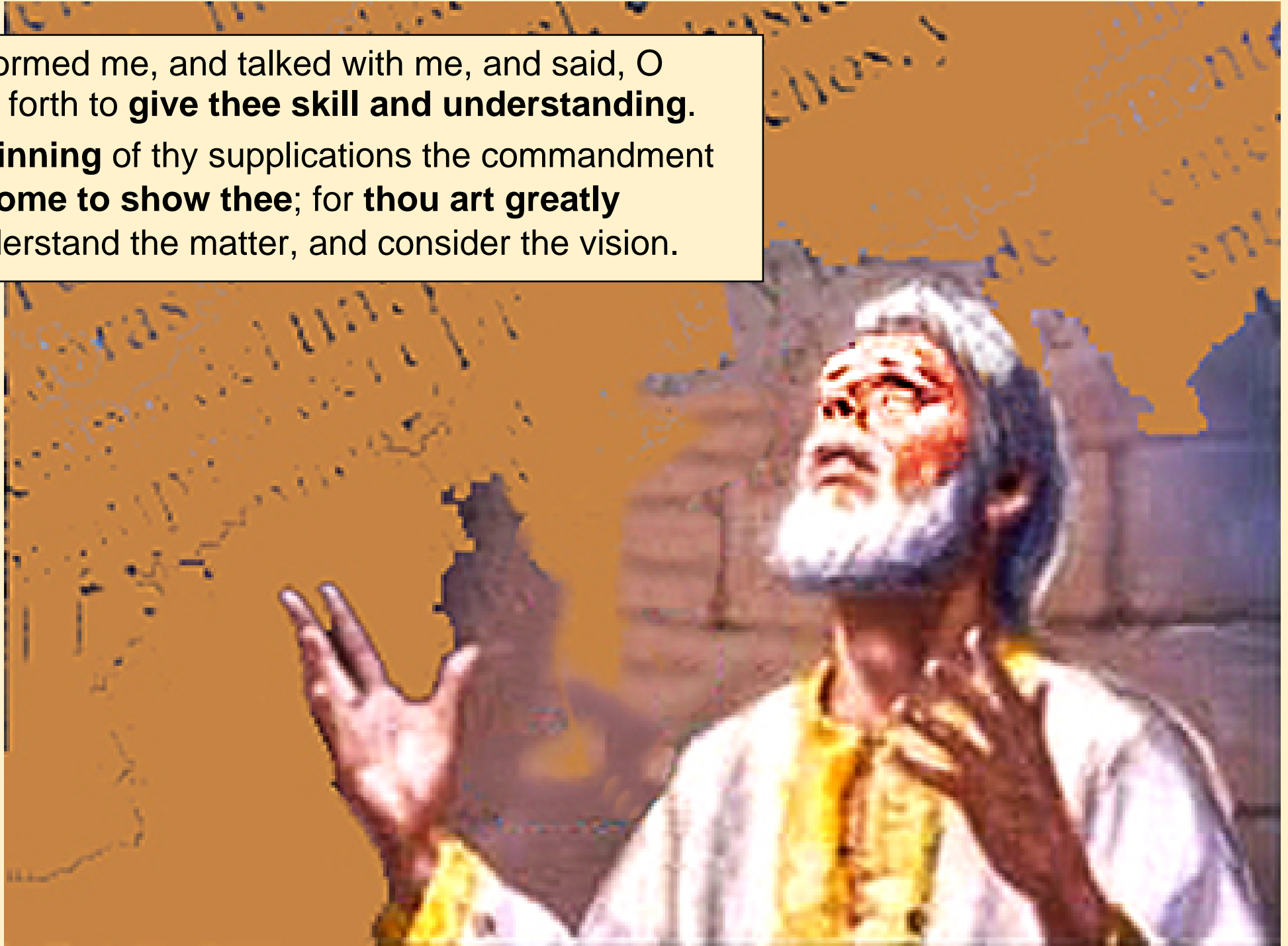
“I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news (Luke 1: 11, 19).”



DAN.9:22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to **give thee skill and understanding.**

DAN.9:23 At the **beginning** of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and **I am come to show thee**; for **thou art greatly beloved**: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

It is about 12 or 13 years since his first encounter with Gabriel, and now once again the archangel appears to Daniel to give him another revelation. Like Jeremiah's prophecy, this revelation also concerns the number 70, but this time it has to do with a period of "**seventy weeks.**"



The prophecy predicted among other things the time when Jesus the Messiah would make Himself known and be crucified. Besides these specific timings, other events are mentioned, whose fulfillment makes this prophetic message all the more amazing. At the time of Daniel receiving this prophecy (circa 538 BC), none of these events had occurred yet:

DAN.9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to **finish the transgression**, and to make an **end of sins**, and to make **reconciliation for iniquity**, and to **bring in everlasting righteousness**, and to **seal up** the vision and prophecy, and to **anoint the most Holy**.

DAN.9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the **commandment** to restore and to **build Jerusalem** unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be **seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in **troublous times**.

DAN.9:26 And **after threescore and two** weeks shall **Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the **people of the prince that shall come** shall **destroy the city** and the **sanctuary**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.



The word “**week**” is translated from the Hebrew word transliterated as *shabua*. Aside from having the meaning of a seven-day week, it also has the literal meaning of “**seven**” and “**unit of seven**.” In Genesis there is found a passage that also uses this word *shabua*: **Genesis 29:27** is a discussion about working for a time period of seven years, by which Jacob would earn the right to marry Rachel.

Laban said to Jacob “**fulfill her week**,” which both men understood to be a term of 7 years. Jacob certainly got the message, for in **Genesis 29:28**, it says Jacob “**fulfilled her week**.” He worked 7 years, that is, a “**week**” of years. In the ancient Hebrew, “**week**” could mean 7 days or 7 years, and by looking at the context, it was easy to tell whether the intended meaning was days or years.

When we add the 7 weeks and the 62 weeks (*Verse 25*), we come up with a total of 69 weeks. Then if we multiply 69 times 7, we arrive at a figure of 483 years. God was telling Daniel that 483 years would pass between the time that the command was given to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, and would finish at some point before His Crucifixion.

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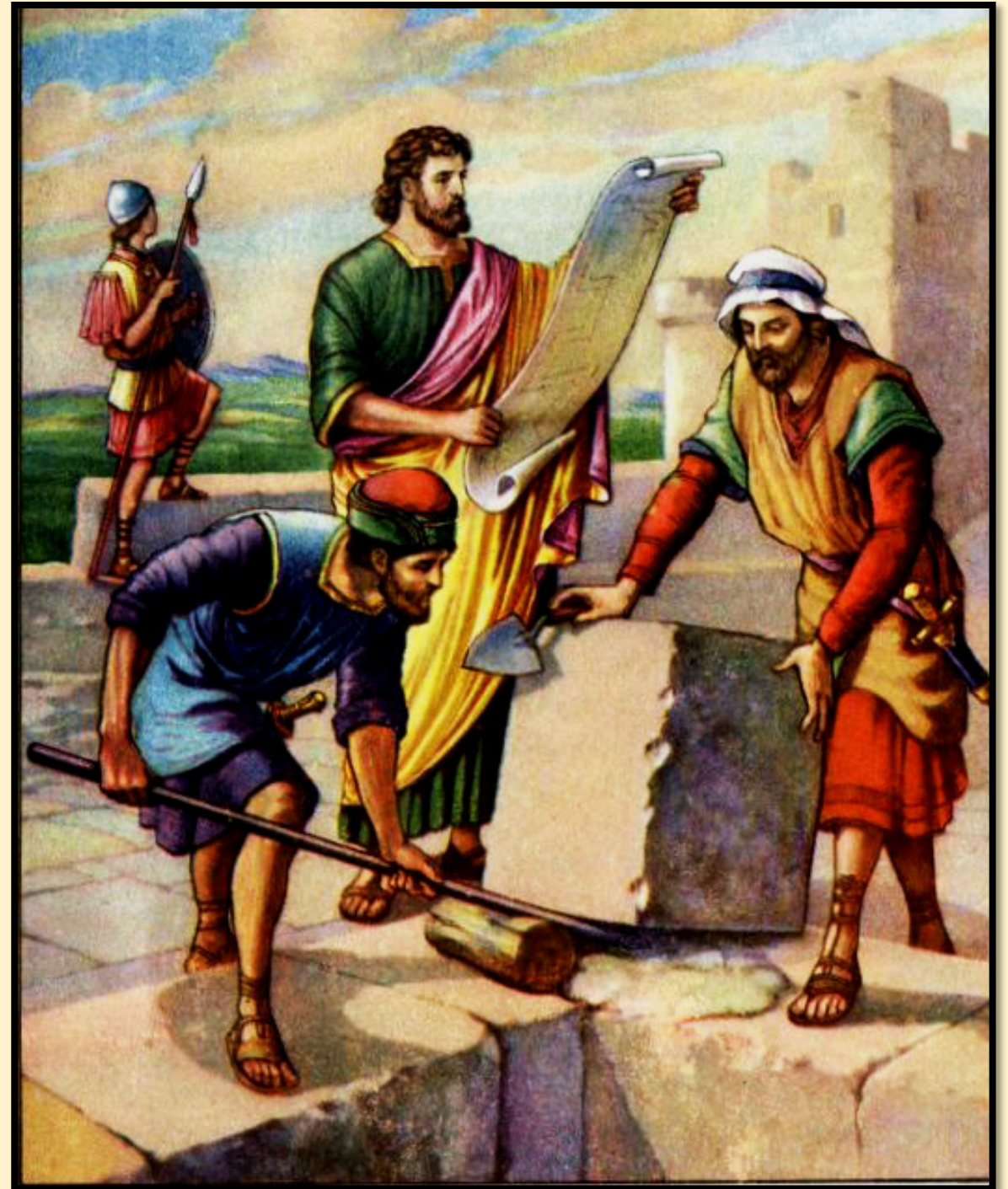
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When was that command given? There were three commands or decrees. The first was by Cyrus in 538 BC (*Ezra 1:1-4, 5:13-17*). This was limited to rebuilding the Lord's house (*Ezra 6*). The second was by Darius in 517 BC (*Ezra 6:1-12*), reaffirming the proclamation of Cyrus, as to the temple. Like the previous one, no mention was made of restoring the city and its walls. The third one was by Artaxerxes, in 445 BC, allowing Nehemiah permission to rebuild Jerusalem (*Nehemiah 2:3-8*), and this is the command that **verse 25** was referring to.

Now it is time to do some math. We need to convert 483 prophetic or Jewish years into solar years. A solar year consists of about 365¼ days. $(483 \times 360) \div 365\frac{1}{4} = 476$ solar years.

We know that the *“going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem ... and the wall”* was in 445 BC. Daniel predicted that after 69 weeks the *“Messiah shall be cut off.”*



Those 69 weeks translate into 476 years of our solar calendar, which, when added to 445 BC, comes close to the year 30 AD, the year of Christ's crucifixion, according to most sources. That exact year being predicted 476 years ahead of time in the Book of Daniel is a remarkable example of God's foreknowledge and oversight of human history!



"...shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." The seven weeks could be the years it took them to rebuild the city and the wall. And after that came ***"three score and two weeks"***, that's 62 seven's. Add that to 7

and you have a total of 69 weeks or seven's. This is the exact length of time required - from the edict of Artaxerxes, which permitted them to rebuild the city, to the coming of Christ. So the Lord is merely foretelling the future and predicting that they were going to rebuild the city and the wall and then after that it would be another 62 times seven, until Christ the Messiah. Nehemiah and the Jews had to do the rebuilding ***"even in troublous times"*** because of their enemies.



****NEH.4:16-18** So it was, from that time on, that half of my servants worked at construction, while **the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armor;** and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah. Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that **with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built.** And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

Some scholars put Artaxerxes' edict to rebuild the city at the year 444 BC and still others put Christ's death from 29 to 33 AD. Suffice it to

say, the time span given was close enough. It lets us know that 476 years after the Persian king's edict, "*Messiah the Prince*" would come on the scene. Whether this time span lands us in a particular event (such as Palm Sunday), or just anywhere in the series of events in Jesus' public ministry, it shows remarkable accuracy, no matter how you figure it out!

7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69 x 7 = 483 prophetic years

483 prophetic years or 476 solar years

7 weeks

62 weeks

One last week left

445 B.C.

30 A.D.

The order to restore and to build Jerusalem. **Neh.2:4-8**

... the street and the wall shall be built again, even in troublous time. **Neh.4:17**

...shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself. **Isa.53:8**



There are indications that the Jews of Jesus' day were expecting the Messiah to come around that time. The apostle Luke records that *"the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not"* (Luke 3:15). The Jews were well acquainted with their prophets' writings, so it's likely that their awareness of this prophecy from Daniel was the cause of this expectation.

DAN.9:26 And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.
(Lk.23:27-29)

****MAT.24:2**
*And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall **not** be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.*



In verse 26, the prophecy announces that the forces of a prince who is going to come shall destroy the city, meaning Jerusalem, and the sanctuary or temple. This was fulfilled by the Romans under the then-future emperor, Titus, who razed Jerusalem and its second temple to the ground in 70 AD--marking the second time in Jewish history that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by the armies of ruling empires.

Both the sack of Jerusalem and the slaughter of its inhabitants by the Romans are related by the Jewish historian Josephus in his “Antiquities”.



***Appendix on Daniel 9:26: (from the book, ‘Against the Flow’ by the author and apologist John Lennox, section Daniel 9, “Jerusalem and the Future”)**

“In his Olivet discourse Jesus predicted its downfall and the destruction of Herod’s temple by the Romans. He warned of desolations and exile for the nation, leading far into the future up to his Second coming:

****Luke 21: 23-27 “For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled ... And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”**

“Here we have many allusions to Daniel. Chapters 7 and 8 mention the trampling; chapter 7, the coming of the Son of Man; and the series of beasts in chapter 7 are Gentile world powers spanning the times of the Gentiles until the time of the end. Just as Daniel 8 viewed the time of the end through the lens of the abominable deeds of Antiochus Epiphanes (the Greek empire, 168 BC), we find that our Lord viewed the time of the end through the lens of the destruction of the temple (by the Roman empire, AD 70).



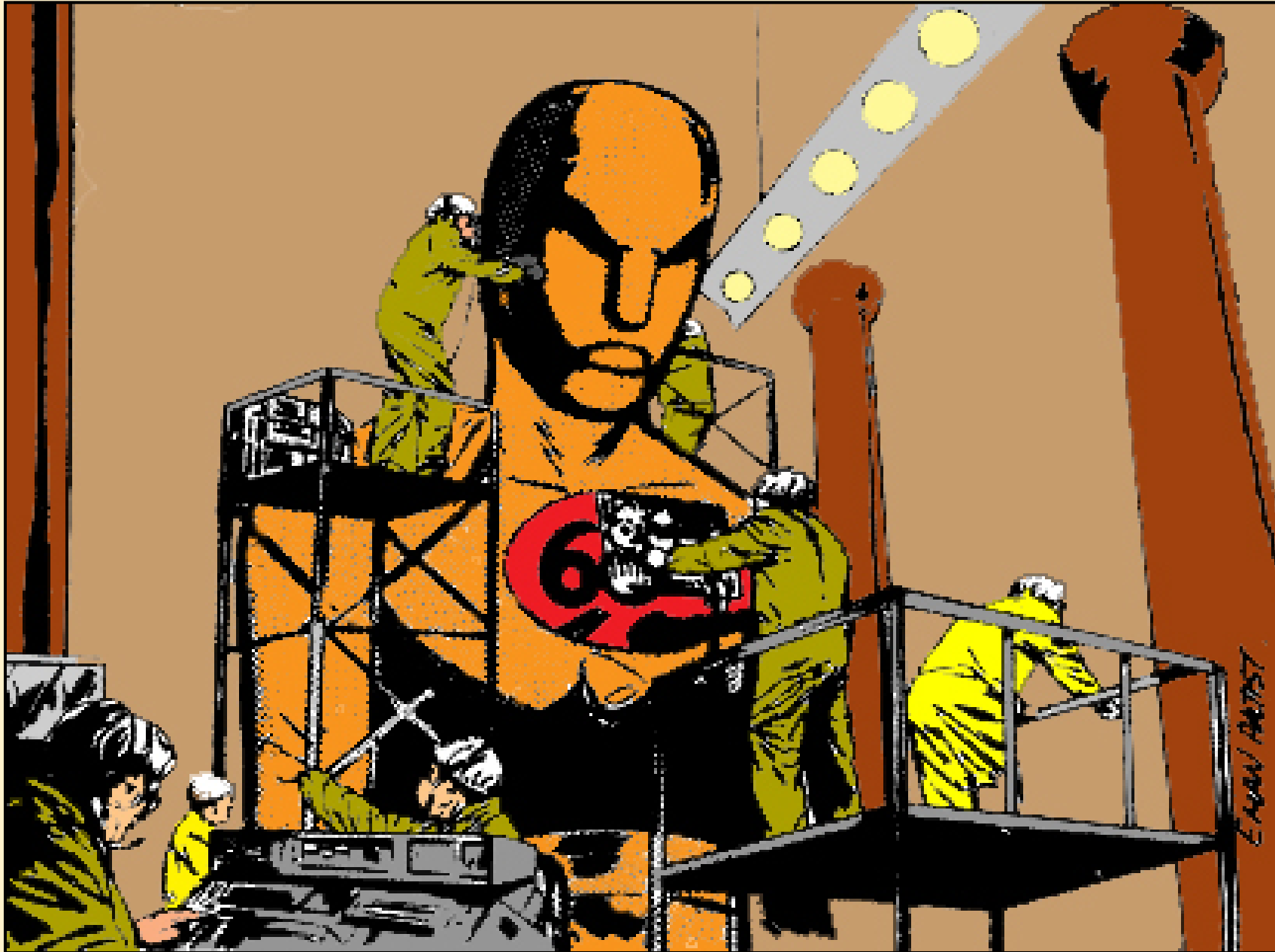
“Indeed, in the Olivet discourse, it is sometimes difficult to know whether you are reading about AD 70 or the end time, or both at once: It is because there are aspects of the first event in 70 AD that recur at the time of the end that the Lord’s answer to their questions was given in those terms, particularly the version in Matthew 24. In a private conversation, Jesus tells his disciples that the temple will be destroyed, and they ask him: *“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?”* (Matthew 24:3)

“The disciples associated the destruction of the temple with Christ’s return. Jesus cites the fulfilment of one of Daniel’s predictions as a key event in the future:

“...when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place ... then there will be great tribulation... Immediately after the tribulation of those days ... will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man ... and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Mt.24: 15-30)



“In the book of Daniel there are three references to an abomination of desolation. Of this future evil power, he writes:



1. And ... he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And **on the wing of abominations** shall come one who **makes desolate**, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator (9: 27).

2. Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they **shall set up the abomination that makes desolate** (11: 31).

3. And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and **the abomination that makes desolate** is set up, there shall be 1,290 days (12: 11).

“We are not told in detail what this abomination is but (as mentioned in the Daniel 8 class) the root idea presumably comes from the desecration of the temple by Antiochus, when he dedicated it to Zeus and offered a pig on the altar. That incident was a foreshadowing of the time of the end. Thus, Daniel 9 has the same ultimate focus as the visions of Daniel 2, 7 and 8 and points us to the future and the Lord’s second coming.” (End of the excerpts from John Lennox)

There is one verse left, Daniel 9:27; don’t miss the amazing interpretation of this last verse in part 2 of this chapter 9.

Have you personally received Jesus into your heart? I hope you have so that you can look forward to these future events, **not with fear and trembling, but with hope, faith and assurance** that God's going to see you through, He's going to rescue you out of it all and take you to be with Him, to live with Him forever!

If you haven’t done so yet, please pray this simple prayer to receive the One who sacrificed Himself that you might thrive and flourish, both now and in the Afterlife:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank you for Your forgiveness of all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. And I invite Your Holy Spirit to fill me with Your presence, guidance, and comfort. Thank you for your free gift of eternal life. Amen."

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DANIEL Chapter 9, part 2

The 70th Week

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The Last 7 Years

DANIEL

CHAPTER 9 PART 2

Basic Study of the Book of Daniel
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The fulfillment of the first part of this amazing prophecy inspires faith that the rest of it will be fulfilled just as accurately. For, as you may have noticed, there is one **“week”** of years unaccounted for. Verse 24 refers to **“seventy weeks”** in order to **“make an end of sins”** and **“bring in everlasting righteousness.”**

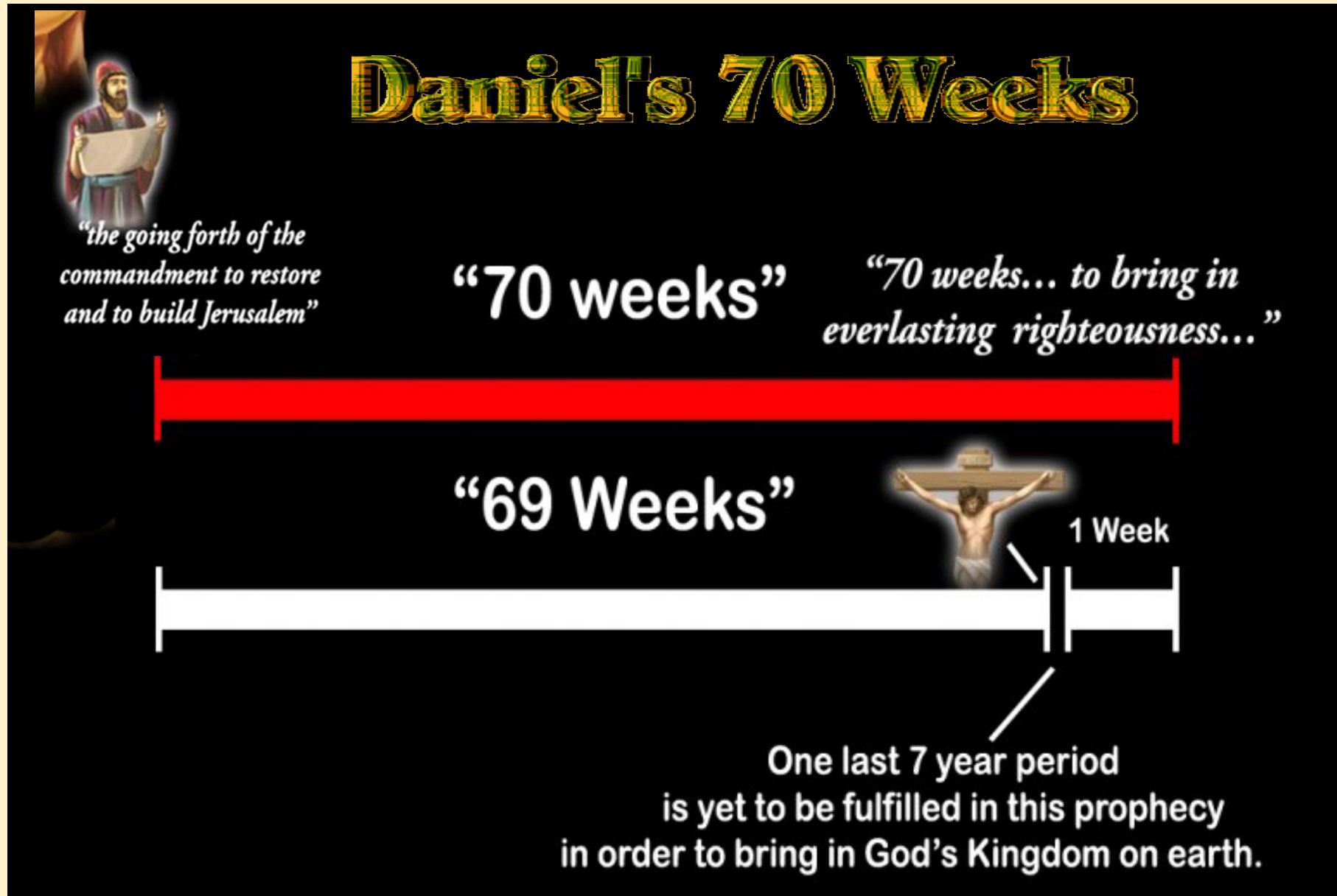
However, verses 25 and 26, which predict the year of Christ’s death, only account for 69 **“weeks.”** What and when is this last week? It certainly wasn’t fulfilled seven years after Jesus was crucified and then rose from the dead, since an era of **“everlasting righteousness”** was not ushered in; nor was the vision and prophecy **“sealed up”** or completed.



Professor John Lennox expands on that final week:

“There are two main interpretations of the final week of Daniel’s prophecy regarding the seventy weeks. The first, often called *“the traditional view”*, is that the seventieth week

immediately follows the first sixty-nine. The second holds that the seventieth week is still in the future, so that there is an unspecified gap between it and the first sixty-nine weeks. The obvious merit of the first view is that it treats the seventy weeks as a continuous period of time, without the introduction of an *“unnatural”* gap. However, when we try to make sense of it in historical terms, we run at once into serious difficulties.



Using the example of Daniel 9:24 -- “Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to **finish the transgression**, to make **an end of sins**, to make **reconciliation** for iniquity, to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy” -- **John Lennox** goes on to say:

“Certainly, we can say that Christ’s death atoned for iniquity; but it is very hard to see how other things mentioned were fulfilled in the seven-year period following his death. Indeed, far from solving Israel’s and Jerusalem’s problems, the situation there rapidly got worse, leading up to the destruction of the temple by the armies of Titus in AD 70, and the dispersion that followed lasted for centuries.





“Moreover, if the seventieth week follows at once on the first sixty-nine, we must ask what Daniel is referring to when he writes:

“...and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.” (Daniel 9: 26–27)

“There seems to be nothing in the history of the time that could fit this description. For instance, sacrifice and offering continued in Jerusalem for years after the death of Christ, until the destruction of the city in AD 70 – much longer than seven years after the crucifixion. The difficulties rapidly become insuperable.

“Some scholars date the seventy weeks from the earlier decree that Artaxerxes gave to Ezra (457 BC), even though it refers to the reconstruction of the temple and not the city. They calculate that the sixty-nine weeks run up to the time of the Lord’s anointing at his baptism. They take the seventieth week as following immediately, with Christ dying in the middle of the week (around three-and-a-half years after his baptism) – and so, of course, after the sixty-nine weeks. The end of the seventieth week is then dated to the martyrdom of Stephen and the call of the apostle Paul. The covenant in *Daniel 9:27* is held to be the New Testament that Christ made with his disciples at the Last Supper.



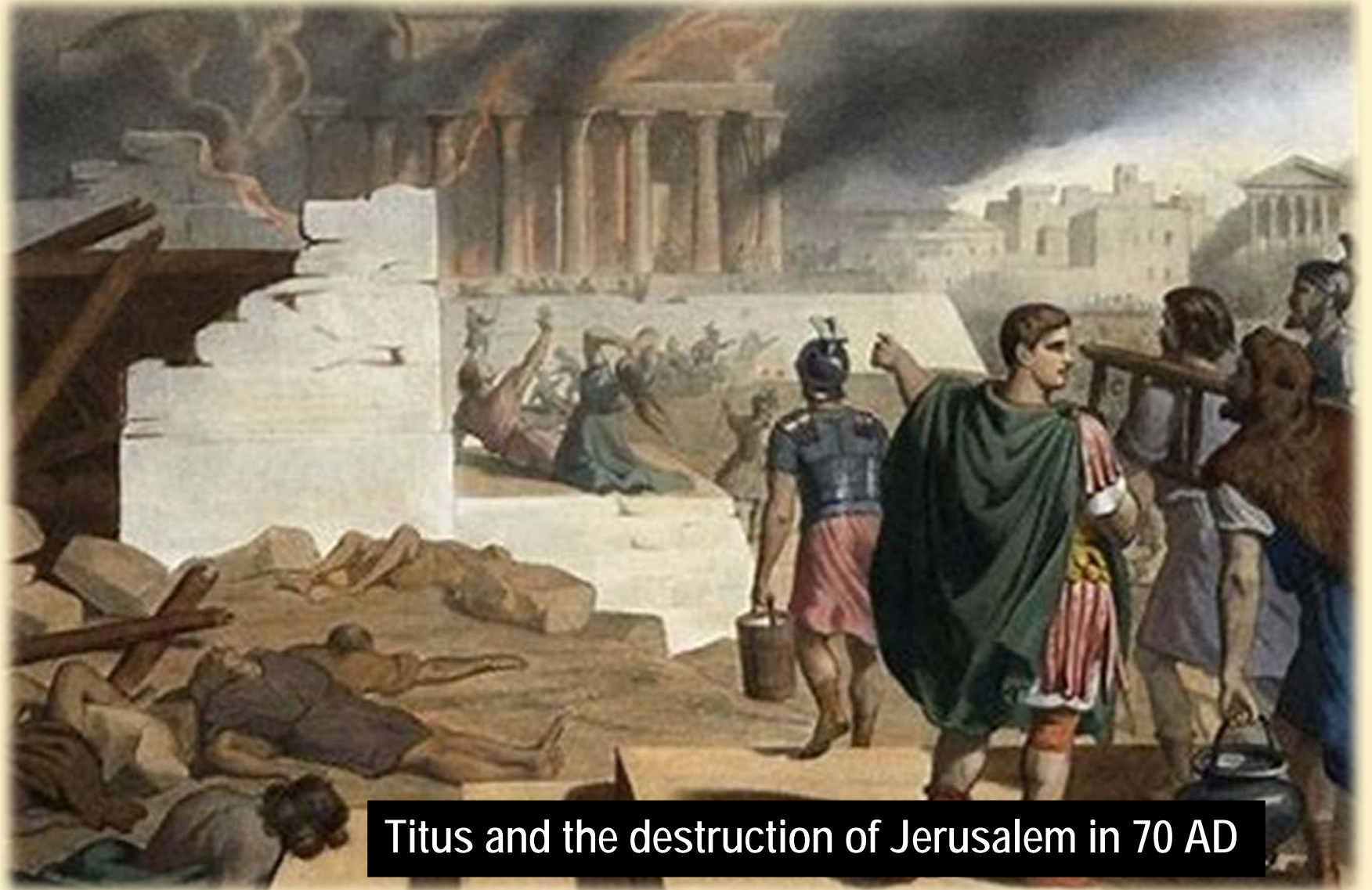


“This view certainly takes seriously the predictive value of the first sixty-nine weeks. However, its interpretation of the seventieth week seems (to me, at least) to be very strained. For instance, the week would have been completed long before the destruction of the city, whereas the covenant that Christ made was not limited to seven years. As the vision of *Daniel 7:13-14* reveals, justice is not done, the saints do not receive the kingdom, nor is everlasting righteousness brought in, until *the Son of Man comes on the clouds of Heaven*. (Mat.24:30) This fits in with what the apostle Paul told the philosophers at Athens – the Lord Jesus would return to *judge the world in righteousness*. (Acts 17:31)

DAN.9:27 And he shall **confirm the covenant** with many for **one week**: and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the **sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of **abominations** he shall make it **desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

“The question then arises: what does the rest of the above passage refer to? The mention of abominations and desolations reminds us of *Daniel 8:12-13*, and also *11: 31*, as we shall see later. These two passages both have a double reference – to Antiochus Epiphanes and to the time of the end. Could it be that *Daniel 9* is doing a similar thing – but this time looking at the time of the end through the lens of AD 70? That is, the prince who is to come is Titus, who shall destroy Jerusalem, and there will follow an indefinite period of war to the end.

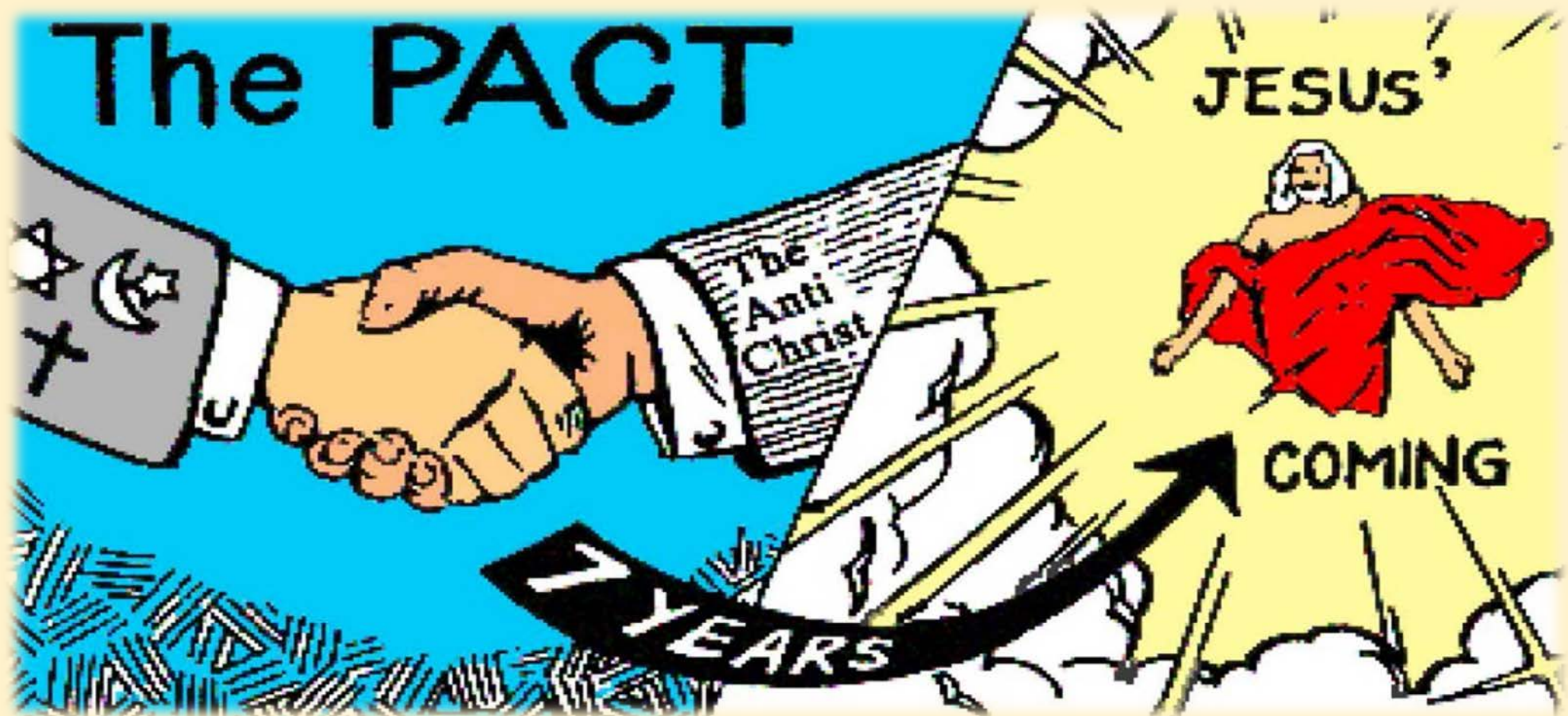
Then the “*he*” who is referred to next in the phrase “*he shall confirm [a] covenant with many for one week*” is not Titus but someone who, like Titus, desecrates the sanctuary in Jerusalem; the final embodiment of Gentile power: the man of lawlessness referred to in *2 Thessalonians*.



Titus and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD

“It is arguable that there is internal evidence in *Daniel 9* that the final week does not run immediately after the first sixty-nine. There is an implied gap.” (End of comments from J. Lennox)

If so, then that prince that shall come is also referring to the Antichrist and he is the one that shall confirm the Covenant with many for seven years. He promises seven years of religious freedom for all, and so the Jews will be able to rebuild their Temple and all this sort of thing. It's the very prince we have been studying about, talking about and studying the prophecies about in *Daniel 7 and 8*.



This “**one week**” does not follow the other 69 chronologically. This is the week that is yet in the future, and this man (who was described in *Daniel 7 and 8*) is referred to in *Revelation 13* as the “**beast.**” Many scholars believe that Israel incredibly will accept him as their messiah, but in the middle of the “**week**” he will break his covenant, stop the services of the rebuilt temple, and place an image in it. (*Revelation 13*) Israel and the world will suddenly realize this is not the millennium

after all – in fact it will be the great tribulation. Only the return of Christ will stop this time of terror. (*2Th.2:3-4*)



****REV.13:14, 15 ...saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they **should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to **give life unto the image** of the beast and that the **image of the beast** should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

****MAT.24:15** When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)

This covenant, which plays a pivotal role in End time events, apparently allows the resumption of Jewish temple worship with all its requisite animal sacrifices. We deduce that because, when this covenant is broken in the middle of the seven years, the sacrifice and offering is brought to an end. At the writing of this class, there is no temple and hence no temple worship. But, according to this and other prophetic passages in the Bible, one is going to be built.



And at the breaking of this covenant, we are told cryptically that on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate. In ***Daniel chapter 11*** we are told about the Abomination of Desolation, which is some sort of idol, being placed in the temple. We still don't know the details. And the peoples of the world are ordered to worship this thing. It is not going to be your everyday

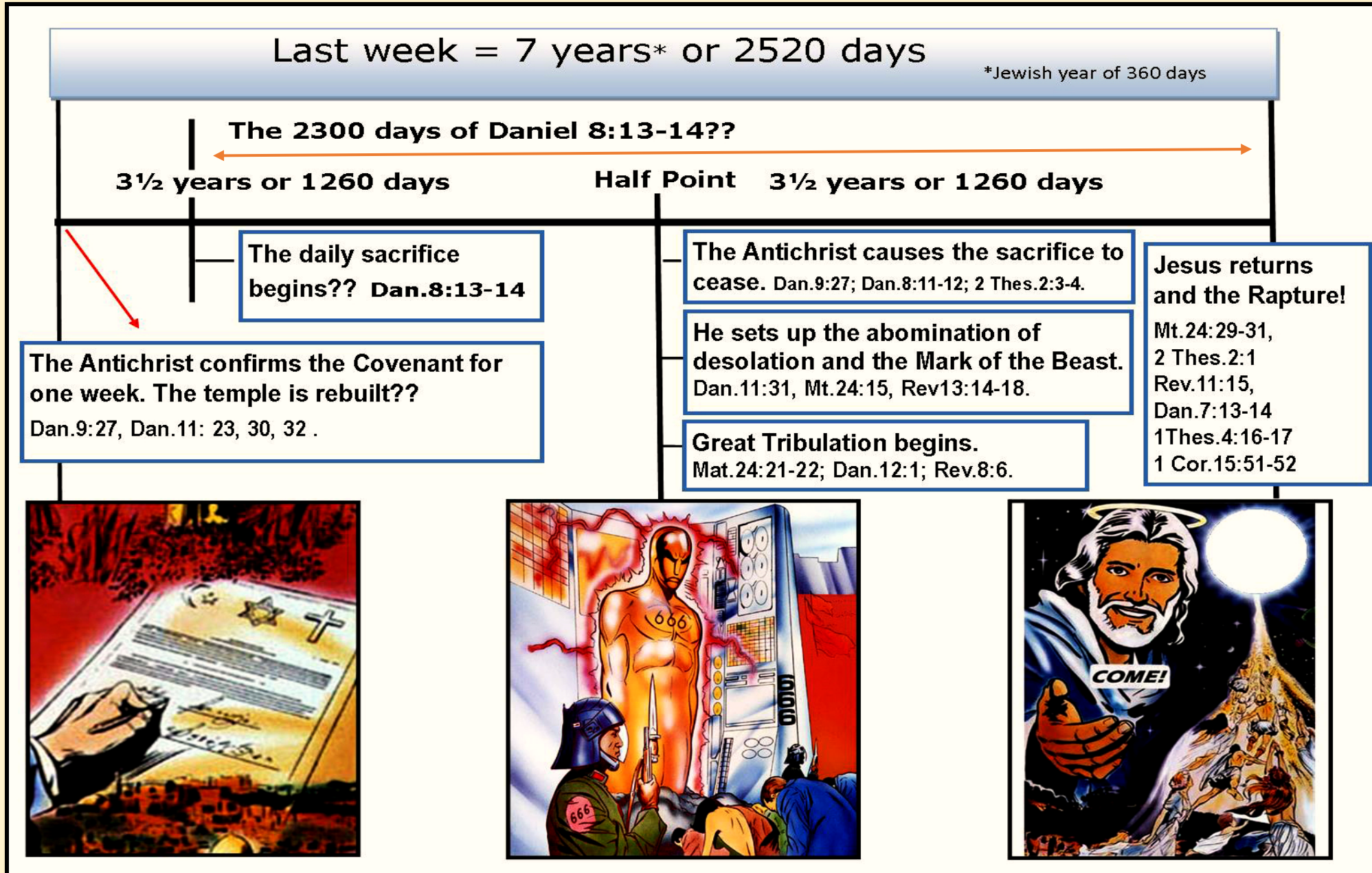


idol, either. And all this is going to happen until the consummation, the very end, when God's frightening judgments are poured out on the desolate, ***"The Plagues of the Wrath of God" and "Armageddon."***

*****REV.16:1*** *And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of **the wrath of God** upon the earth.*

Take a moment to study the chart in the following slide:

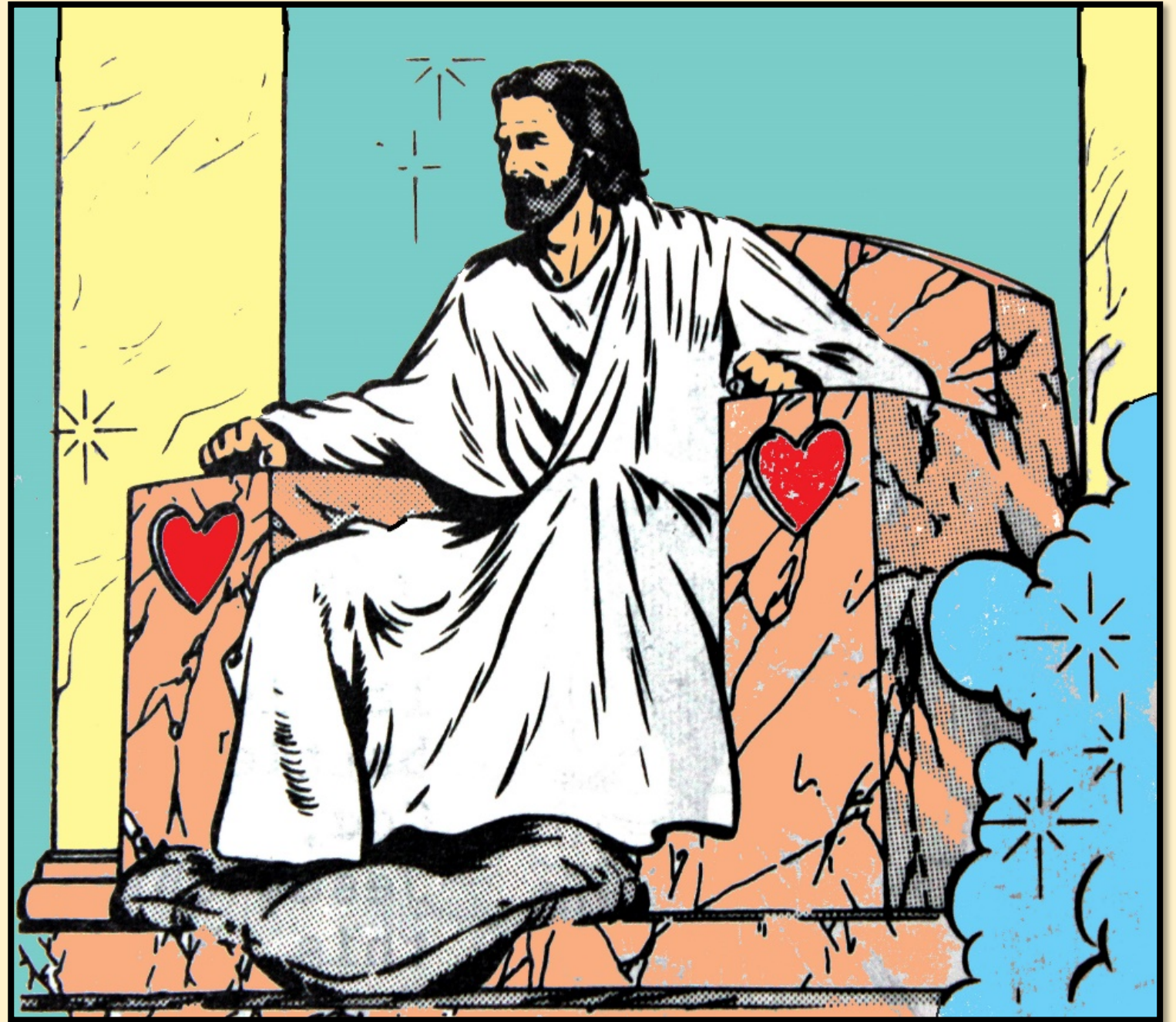
When the battle of Armageddon is over and the Lord has returned, the following stipulations in *Daniel 9:24* will all surely be fulfilled:



“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”

Jesus came at the end of the 69th week and died for our sins, and we have thus been reconciled. And when the 70th week is completed, the transgression in the temple and the Antichrist's reign in Jerusalem will be ended. Everlasting righteousness will be ushered in with the establishment of God's kingdom on Earth after Jesus' Second Coming, which takes place at the end of the seventh year of the Antichrist's rule. The vision and prophecy will be fulfilled and sealed, and Jesus will be anointed King of all the Earth.

*****DAN.2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.***



DANIEL

Chapter 10

SPIRITUAL WARFARE!

Compilation of prophetic
commentaries by Gaetan



Basic and General Study of the Book of Daniel *compiled by Gaetan*

Chapter 10 of Daniel is an introduction to the revelation given him in chapters 11 and 12. The original texts of the Bible were not divided into chapters and verses. Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1207–1228, is reputed to have been the first to put the chapter divisions into a Vulgate edition of the Bible in 1205. Robert Estienne, a Parisian printer, was the first to number the verses within each chapter, his verse numbers entering printed editions of the New Testament in 1565.

This bit of information is important background as to why some puzzling chapter divisions occur where they do in the Bible — notable among them, the division between this chapter and the next.



DAN.10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia (536 BC) a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and **the thing was true**, but the time appointed **was long**: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

DAN.10:2 In those days I Daniel was mourning **three full weeks.**

DAN.10:3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.



We are not told why, but Daniel was fasting and in mourning for three weeks prior to what is about to take place. We will offer a couple of possible reasons:

Some think it was because so few Jews had returned with Ezra from exile. Daniel knew the prophecies of Jeremiah (such as Jer.24:5-10, 25:11-12, & 29:10) and he understood that the Babylonian captivity would last 70-years. The time was up! It had been at least two

years since Cyrus issued his decree and only a few had returned.

We know from history that Cyrus permitted the Jews to return to Judah in his first year as king of Persia. (*Ezra 1:1-3*) However, not everyone of influence in the Persian court was so accommodating toward the Jews. In chapter six we saw that Daniel had enemies in the Persian court. As the highest-ranking Jew in the empire, it is quite likely that personal animosity toward Daniel reflected general animosity toward the Jews. Although the decree to let the Jews go back to Judea was given in the first year of Cyrus's reign, which was 538 BC, the actual return migration didn't occur till 536 BC. This would correspond to the third year of Cyrus's reign, which would make it coincidental to the events in this chapter.

Could there have been events taking place to prevent the return? There were certainly some who opposed the return of the Jews, as can be seen in *Ezra chapter 4*, where the Samaritans appealed several times to the Persians to stop the Jews rebuilding the temple. Maybe Daniel was unable to exert enough personal influence at court on the matter, so he engaged in the one thing that he knew could turn the tide, and that was to fast and pray.



Others believe that this revelation was simply a response to his prayers as he sought understanding of the end time prophecy events given in previous chapters. (Maybe it was for both reasons?)

DAN.10:4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river ...

DAN.10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a **certain man** clothed in linen, whose **loins were girded with fine gold** of Uphaz:

DAN.10:6 His body also was like the beryl, and **his face as the appearance of lightning**, and **his eyes as lamps of fire**, and his arms and **his feet like in colour to polished brass**, and **the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude**.





Commentators divide over the identity of this “*certain man*”. Some say this is Jesus, noting that the description is remarkably like what John saw in *Revelation 1:13-16*. Others say he is an unnamed angel of high rank, maybe Gabriel who had appeared to Daniel twice before, noting that Jesus would not need the assistance of Michael, mentioned in *Daniel 10:13*.

DAN.10:7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

DAN.10:8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

DAN.10:9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

DAN.10:10 And, behold, a hand **touched me**, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

DAN.10:11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for **unto thee am I now sent**. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

DAN.10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for **from the first day** that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, **thy words were heard**, and **I am come for thy words**.

*****Isaiah 65:24 Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.***

DAN.10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I **remained there with the kings of Persia**.

DAN.10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people **in the latter days**: for yet the vision is **for many days**.





Here in Daniel 10 we have a glimpse into that spirit world and the tremendous battle that took place between the demon prince of Persia and God's angel, who eventually broke through to Daniel with this important message. He tells Daniel of his struggle with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, that it had taken him 21 days to defeat him the help of Michael the Archangel. It is believed by many Bible scholars that this prince of Persia was an evil spiritual entity who had been given spiritual dominion over Persia by his master, Satan. Since this prince is able to oppose the angelic messenger to Daniel, we know this is more than a man. This prince is some kind of angelic being, and we know he is an evil angelic being because he opposed the word of God coming to Daniel.

The word prince has the idea of a ruler or authority. This fits in well with the New Testament idea that angelic ranks - including demonic forces - are organized and have a hierarchy (*Ep.1:21; Col. 2:15*).

Apparently, this was a demon of high rank that opposed the answer to prayer. On three occasions, Jesus referred to Satan as the prince of this world (*John 12:31; John 14:30, and John 16:11*). The spiritual dimension is where the real world is and where the real battles are being fought.

***** EPH.6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.***

***** COL. 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers.***

***** JOH. 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.***





Some might say: *“You mean God's angels aren't absolutely almighty?”* This angel did win, but the Devil is the tester, the hinderer, the troubler, the *“tribulator”*, he just makes it difficult. We can't always get it done right away because the Devil gives us such trouble! He can't stop us, he can't keep us from it, but one of his main jobs is to accuse and hinder and slow down the work of God, and that's exactly what he does with some of these messengers of God.

There is another way to look at this, and that is to first ask why the demon prince of Persia would be trying to stop the message from getting through to Daniel. We will see that it was a very important message, especially for us now. Could it also be that he was defending his territory and that the angelic messenger had been sent to first sway decisions at the Persian court? Why would God be so interested in influencing a decision by the king of Persia that He sent the angel there? If that decision was to have an effect on the Jews being allowed to return to Judah, it would have a very great effect, because Jesus needed to be born there, in Bethlehem. To fulfill the Scriptures, the Jews needed to be allowed to return and stay in their homeland until Jesus was born. Certainly the Devil and all his demons would have wanted to defeat that plan. But the angel succeeded with help from Michael.



Also something important to note is that it says in the first verse,

"...but the time appointed was long."

and in this verse 14,

"... Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days."

In other words, that what is about to be told is something far off that is going to take a long time to come true. We have God sending His angel giving Daniel a vision, in the following chapters 11 and 12, that, for the most part, was not going to happen for centuries, until the last days.

Now, why do you think He would do something like that? He did it exactly because prophecy is God's mark of authenticity to a rebellious world, that His word is the truth.

****JOHN 13:19** Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

DAN.10:15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

DAN.10:16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

DAN.10:17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.



DAN.10:18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,



DAN.10:19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, **be strong, yea, be strong.** And **when he had spoken** unto me, I was **strengthened**, and said, let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

DAN.10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? And now will I return **to fight with the prince of Persia:** and when I am gone forth, lo, the **prince of Grecia** shall come.

DAN.10:21 But **I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth:** and there is none that holdeth with me (stood by me) in these things, but **Michael your prince.**

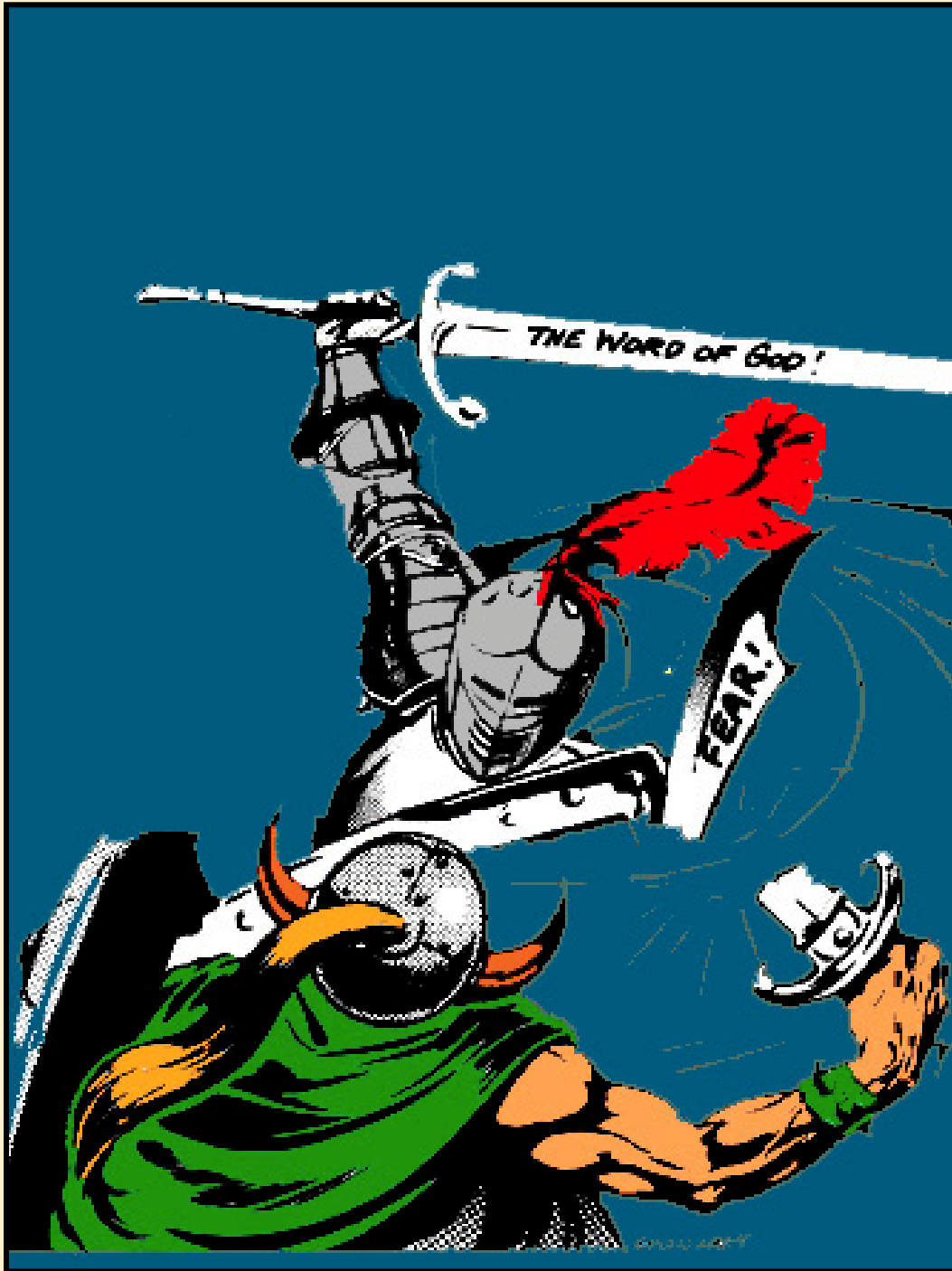
*****REV.12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not...***

DAN.11:1 Also I in the first year of **Darius** the Mede, even I, stood to **confirm and to strengthen him**.

In the first verse of the next chapter, the angel tells Daniel that he had stood next to the king in the first year of his reign to confirm him. So the angel certainly was involved with the Persian court, no doubt in being a godly influence to the king. He also says that once he is done telling Daniel the message, he has to go back to contending with the prince of Persia, and that pretty soon he will have to do the same thing with the prince of Greece.

Whatever the reason for the battle in the spirit between the angel and the demon, this chapter clearly shows us that such conflicts do occur. And it also shows that fervent and determined prayer is integral to the triumph of the good guys.





The book of Revelation gives us a look into the always thrilling, sometimes frightening, and often jaw-dropping realm of the spirit. While relating the story primarily of the last years of Earth as we now know it, most of the action it talks about is not happening in the physical world, but rather in the spiritual realm that coexists with it. While there are many hideous beings from the netherworld stalking through its pages, there are far more mighty, beautiful, and amazing heavenly beings who fight and emerge victorious at its end.

Spiritual warfare is not just the stuff of fantasy comic books. It is a very real phenomenon that is happening right now. It is not something that you can see with your physical eyes, but sometimes its effects spill over into our realm. It is a life-and-death battle not for the lives of the combatants, but for our lives, primarily our spiritual lives, but even to a degree our physical lives as well.

Revelation goes into detail a number of times with regards to the entities that war in that arena. John, Revelation's author, wrote that he saw the Devil as a vicious infanticidal dragon, but then the great archangel Michael leads the good angels in war against the dragon and his demons and completely vanquishes them from the heavenly realm.

John is brief when he describes the great spiritual war that apparently occurs a little before the period of Great Tribulation. We don't know how long that war takes, but we do know that the Devil and his ilk are powerful enough to put up "*spirited*" resistance.





“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the Earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:7-9).

This had been preceded by the following information in verse 4 of the same chapter:

*And another sign appeared in heaven: **behold, a great, fiery red dragon** having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew **a third of the stars** of heaven and threw them to the Earth” (Revelation 12:3-4).*

This passage is where we come to an understanding that one third of the angels rebelled with Satan at the great rebellion against God and His authority in the heavenly realm. Angels have often been represented by stars both in the Bible and other writings. Since both the stars and the dragon's "*angels*" are cast down to the Earth, the conclusion can be drawn that they are one and the same.

Knowing that Heaven's forces defeated and then routed him and his demons gives us courage here on Earth that those same forces will be working effectively to continue the work they started and will be our unfailing aid during that tumultuous time.

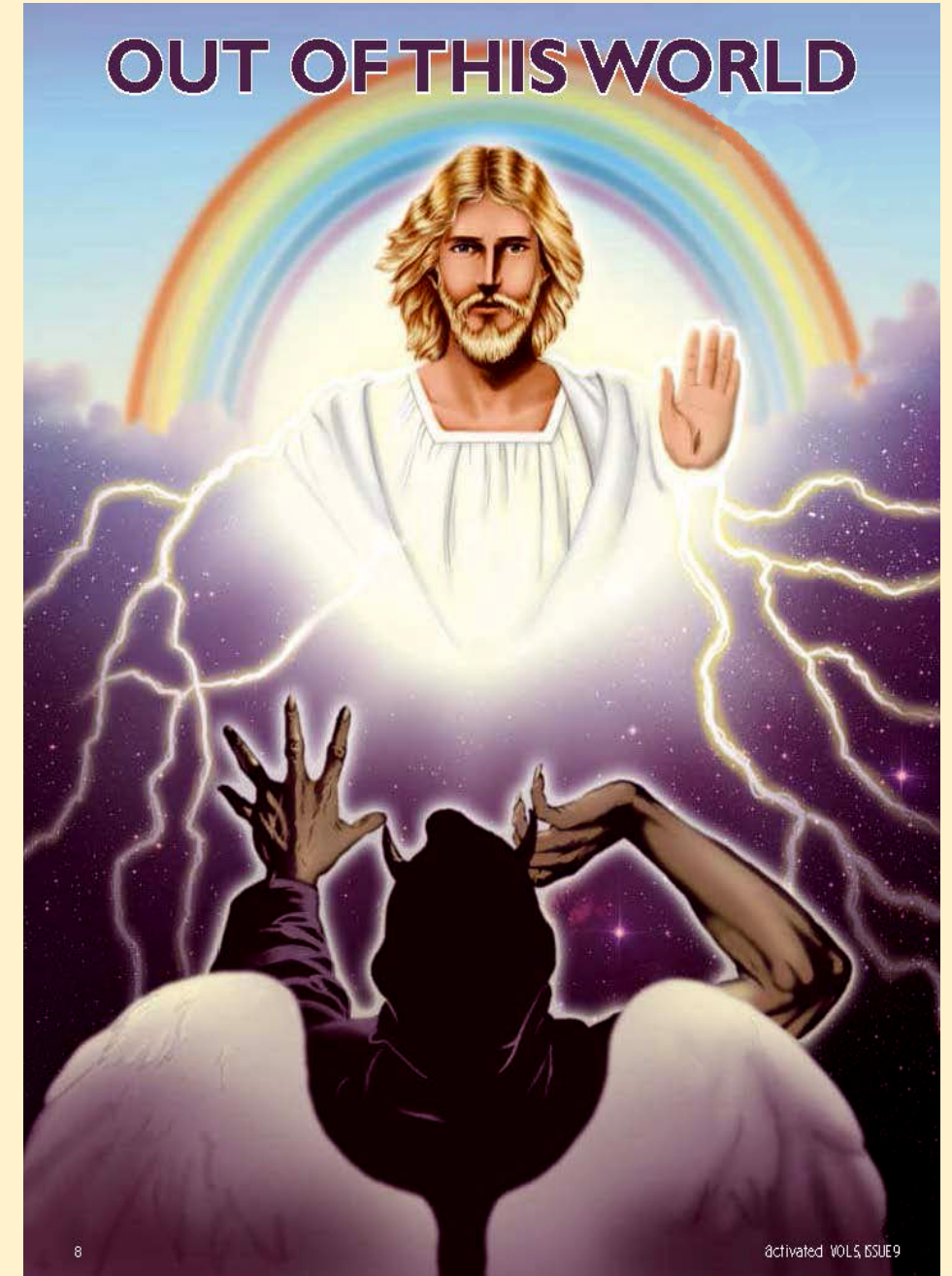
*****2 Co. 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ...***

If you haven't done it yet, please pray this simple prayer to receive Christ:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit.

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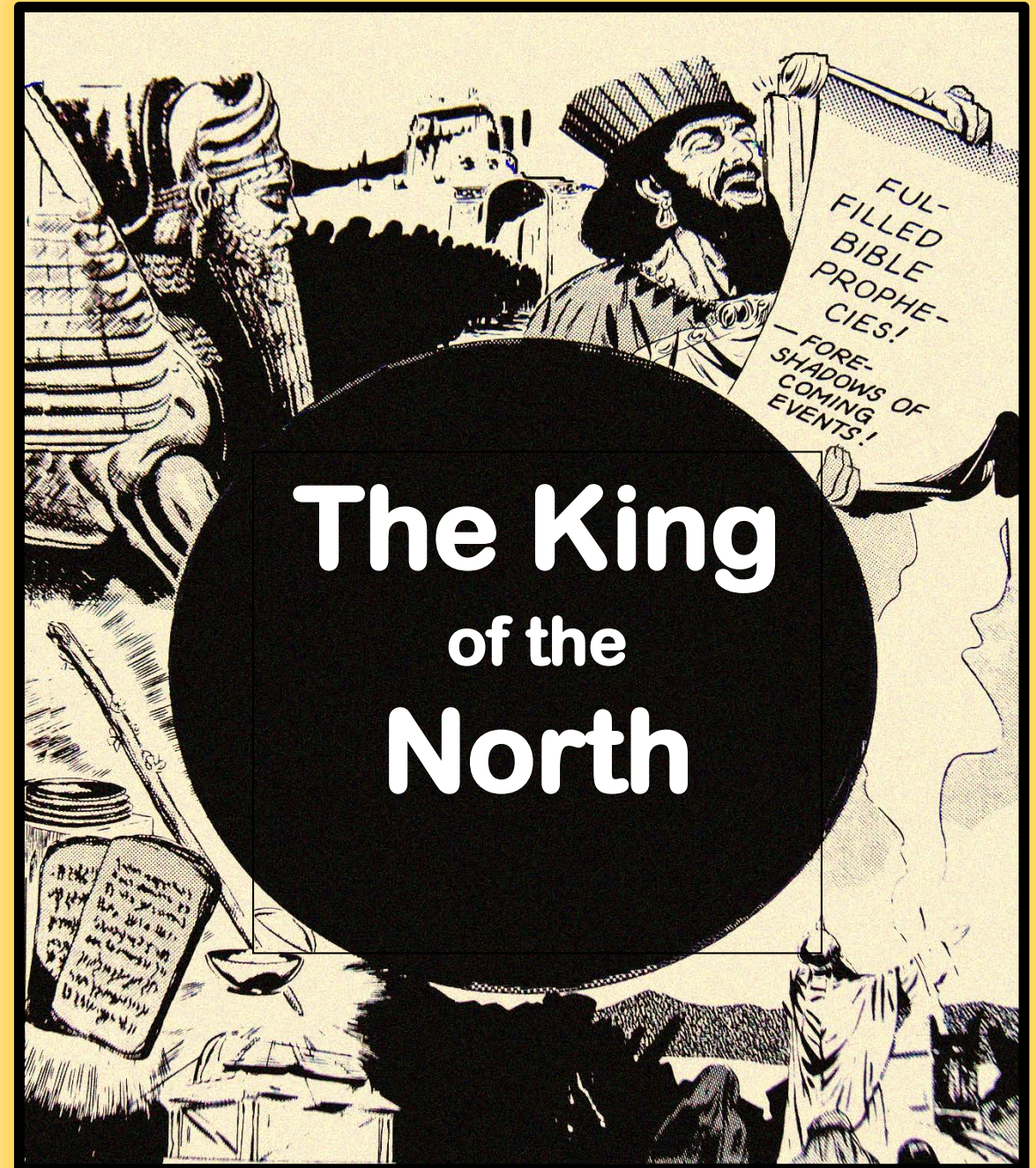
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DANIEL CHAPTER 11 PART 1 The King of the North

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After introducing himself to Daniel (in chapter 10), the heavenly messenger now starts to reveal to Daniel future events that are to affect the Jews, his physical brethren and nation, and ultimately, Christians, his spiritual brethren.

Before we go further, please note that the first 20 verses of the angel's discourse were relayed to Daniel and written down by him many years before the events detailed in them came to pass. They were fulfilled in detail. What that serves to do is give us a strong reason to believe the rest of the chapter, regarding events that have not yet happened, will also be fulfilled.

DAN.11:1 Also I (**The angel of Dan10:18**) in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood **to confirm and to strengthen him.** (536 BC.)

DAN.11:2 and now will I show thee the truth. 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.**

The fourth king was Xerxes (486-465 BC.), known in the Bible as Ahasuerus and the husband of Queen Esther. He spent four full years stockpiling supplies and assembling manpower for a



military expedition against Greece, just as the angel had predicted. He truly *"stirred up all."* His army swarmed with contingents from forty nations . . . Together they marched, perhaps 300,000 of them, mostly on foot, all the way from their homelands to the battles of Salamis (480) and Plataea (479) in Greece--and to complete defeat.

DAN.11:3 and a **mighty king** shall stand up, that shall rule with **great dominion**, and do according to his will.



DAN.11:4 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.

The Persian invasions gave rise to calls for revenge in the Greek city-states, calls that were answered 150 years later when the Macedonians, under Alexander, launched their invasion and conquest of Persia. The primary excuse given for Alexander's aggression was that

it would avenge the past violation of the Greek homeland. This ***“mighty king”***, Alexander the Great, in only ten years, conquered most of the civilized world, ***“with great dominion”***.

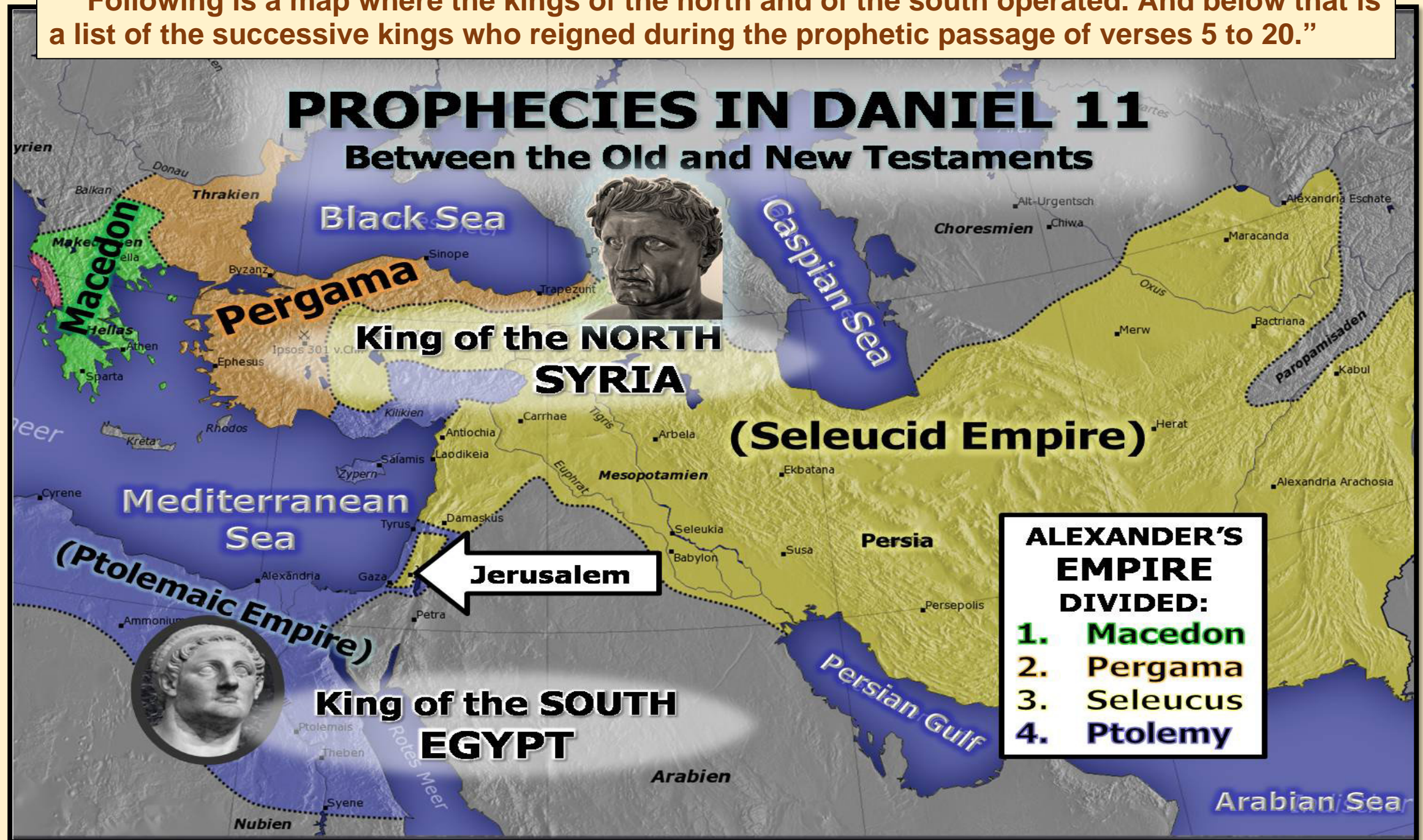
Similar to Daniel 8:22, the angel's message points to the fact that Alexander died at a young age and, rather than being passed on to his posterity or family, his empire was ***“divided toward the four winds”*** among his four generals

Seleucus (over Syria and Mesopotamia), Ptolemy (over Egypt), Lysimachus (over Thrace and portions of Asia Minor), and Cassandra (over Macedonia and Greece). This division was anticipated in a previous revelation: the four heads of the leopard (***Dan7:6***) and the four prominent horns on the he-goat (***Dan8:8***). They never achieved the same extent of dominion Alexander had, ***“not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion”***.

Verses 5-20 of Daniel 11 go on to outline the continued conflicts between the Ptolemies who ruled Egypt ***“the king of the South”*** and the Seleucids who ruled Syria ***“the king of the North”***. The King of the South and the King of the North, are not just two individuals, but they refer to the successive kings of these two realms.



“Following is a map where the kings of the north and of the south operated. And below that is a list of the successive kings who reigned during the prophetic passage of verses 5 to 20.”



Kings of the North:

SELEUCUS I Nicator Ruler and later king 312–280 BC

ANTIOCHUS I Soter 292–261 BC

ANTIOCHUS II Theos 261–246 BC

SELEUCUS II Callinicus 246–225 BC

SELEUCUS III Ceranus or Soter 225–223 BC

ANTIOCHUS III (“The Great”) 223–187 BC

SELEUCUS IV Philopator 187–175 BC

ANTIOCHUS IV Epiphanes 175–163 BC



Kings of the South:

PTOLEMY I Soter 305–282 BC

PTOLEMY II Philadelphus 284–246 BC

PTOLEMY III Euergetes I 246–221 BC

PTOLEMY IV Philopator 222–205 BC

PTOLEMY V Epiphanes 205–180 BC

PTOLEMY VI Philometor 180–145 BC



These two kingdoms were constantly striving to conquer the other. Since Israel was located in the middle of the two, its territory was continually exposed to the military campaigns of the two kingdoms. Israel's land and people were subservient at various times to one kingdom or the other. The prophecy focuses mainly on these 2 kingdoms because they affected Israel, God's people. Verses 5 to 20 dwell on the history of their wars and conflicts that were fulfilled in detail and can be proven historically.

Bible scholars and even critics agree that this passage reflects accurately the history of those times. How remarkable, to be given a pre-account of historical events!





We won't at this time study verses 5 to 20 as we will focus on the verses from 21 onwards, which describes the reign of the ***“man of sin”*** and the future Antichrist of the End Time; and this will enable us to recognize him when he comes.

Some of the events in this chapter fit the character and actions of Antiochus Epiphanes (175–163 BC), or ***“Epimanes”*** (the Madman), as his critics called him. He was certainly a ***“vile person”*** as far as the Jews were concerned. He sacked Jerusalem twice, killed tens of thousands of Jews, banned the worship of Jehovah, and was said to have slain a pig in the Holy of Holies, thus defiling the temple, and erected an altar to Zeus Olympios in the temple environs. His cruel and tyrannical rule provoked the Jewish Maccabee rebellion, which eventually led to the independence of Judea for a time.



DAN.11:21 and in his estate shall stand up **a vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall **come in peaceably**, and **obtain the kingdom by flatteries**.

**** PSA.55:21** *The words of his mouth were **smoother than butter**, but war was in his heart: **his words were softer than oil**, yet were they drawn swords.*

Although the passage from verse 21 onwards bears some resemblance to the activities of Antiochus Epiphanes, the focus has shifted onto the anti-Christ ruler of the End Time. The prophetic details simply don't match with the details of past historical events in the time of the ancient Syrian kingdom. However, there is much that we can learn from the activities of Antiochus Epiphanes, as an historical example of what the future Antichrist's rule will be like.

This passage is like a near/far Prophecy. (See the appendix in the Daniel 8-part 2 class) Jesus in His sermon on the signs of the times clearly states,

“When you shall see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place”

as a future event, not a past one as would be necessary if the passage were talking about Antiochus. (Mat.24:15) Author and lecturer John Lennox explains it this way:

“At the time of the end another leader like Antiochus will arise, who will do similar things. In Antiochus there were the seeds of an evil that will gestate and come to its fearful fruition in a time yet to come. Antiochus and the events of his time therefore, form a prototype or thought model of the future, which will help Daniel and us imagine what is to come – and to be aware of similar tendencies in our own day. Indeed, as we read the explanation given to Daniel by Gabriel, it is hard to resist the impression that something much more distant and much more sinister than Antiochus is in view.





“As in Daniel 8, so it is here. Daniel uses the life and times of Antiochus IV as a thought model of the end time, when an altogether more sinister leader will appear, who will exalt himself as God...

The events from verses 21 to 35 involves a blending of Antiochus IV, as king of the north, into the end-time king of the north. Daniel 11, then, adds to chapters 7, 8, and 9 by giving us a fourth preview of the time of the end; and of its domination by the final human enemy of God, the last king of the north, the man of sin, the beast from the sea who exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped.”

(End of quotation from John Lennox, “Against the flow”, chapter 22)

From here on, the vision jumps into the future. Don't miss part 2 of this study of chapter 11 of Daniel.



You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (JOHN 3:16)

If you haven't done it yet, please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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DANIEL

Chapter 11, part 2

Verses 21 - 45

A Vile Person



DANIEL CHAPTER 11 PART 2 – A Vile Person

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**** PSA.55:21** *The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.*

DAN.11:22 and with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the **prince of the covenant**. **(or as it probably should have been translated, “yea, he is also the prince of the covenant”.)**

DAN.11:23 and after **the league** made with him he shall work **deceitfully**: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.



**** 2TH.2:9, 10** Even **him**, whose coming is after **the working of Satan** with all power and signs and **lying wonders**, and with **all deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

**** REV.12:9** and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth** the whole world...

Again (as in verse 21) we hear of this ***“enter peaceably”*** strategy. This seems to be a peculiar feature of modern times when media and economic ***“weapons”*** are powerful enough in themselves to conquer nations.





DAN.11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage **against the king of the south** with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle **with a very great and mighty army**; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

DAN.11:26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

DAN.11:27 and both of these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and **they shall speak lies at one table**; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

“Speaking lies at one table” is a good picture of today’s diplomacy and politics.

DAN.11:28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against **the holy covenant**; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

**** DAN.9:27** *and he shall confirm **the covenant** with many for one week...*

DAN.11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

DAN.11:30 for the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation **against the holy covenant**: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the **holy covenant**.



DAN.11:31 and arms shall stand on his part, and **they** shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

Jesus mentioned to his disciples about this very **“Abomination of Desolation”** as a sign of His return.

**** MAT.24:15, 21** *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*



DAN.11:32 and such as do wickedly against the covenant shall **be corrupt by flatteries**: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

DAN.11:33 and they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

Yet for all the opposition, those who know God are going to be strong and do exploits. Those who have studied God's Word and are spiritually prepared will understand the why's and wherefore's of what is happening, and therefore they will instruct those who don't understand what's going on.





DAN.11:34 Now when they shall fall, they **shall be helped** with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

DAN.11:35 and some of them of understanding shall fall, to **try them, and to purge, and to make them white**, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

But some will be killed by sword and fire, and some will be captured and their goods plundered. But even this “*fall*” has benefits, because it will refine and purify those who know and love God.

DAN.11:36 and the king shall do according to his will; and he shall **exalt himself**, and **magnify himself** above every god, and shall **speak marvellous things against the God** of gods, and shall prosper till the **indignation (wrath)** be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

In the New Testament we learn more about the activities and character of this final ruler:

**** REV.13:5-7** and there was given unto him a **mouth speaking great things and blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**. And he opened **his mouth in blasphemy against God**, to blaspheme his name, and his **tabernacle**, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him **to make war with the saints, and to overcome them**: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.





**** 2TH.2:4** *who opposeth and **exalteth himself above all that is called God**, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the **temple of God**, showing himself that he is God.*

And about the “indignation”:

**** REV.16:1** *And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of **the wrath of God** upon the earth.*

DAN.11:37 *neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor **the desire of women**, nor **regard any god**: for he **shall magnify himself above all**.*

DAN.11:38 *But in his estate shall he honour the **God of forces**: and a **god whom his fathers knew not** shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.*

DAN.11:39 *Thus shall he do in the strongest holds with a **strange god (???)**, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.*

What does this chapter tell us about this king of the North? It's actually a detailed description of the antichrist:

He is vile, he uses peace and intrigue to obtain the “*throne*,” he also fights several wars, he is deceitful, he rises to power with a small number of people, he disperses the plunder to his followers, he works against the Holy Covenant, he defiles the Jewish temple (sanctuary), stops Jewish religious rituals (daily sacrifices), and places the

“Abomination of Desolation.”





He corrupts people, he attacks those who believe in God, he claims to be greater than God and blasphemes Him. He worships a strange god of fortresses, and doesn't care about women.

He enters the Glorious Land (Israel), plants the "*tents of his palace*" between the seas and Mount Moriah, and then he comes to his end.

Where have we heard some of these things before? In chapters 7, 8, and 9! And as we know from those chapters, the person they were talking about who did such things was the Antichrist.

From chapter 7 we read that he speaks against God, he persecutes the saints, and he subdues kings.

In chapter 8 we are told that he enters the Glorious Land (Israel), he attacks God's people, he exalts himself as God, he stops the daily sacrifices, he is fierce, and he uses cunning, deceit, and sinister schemes.

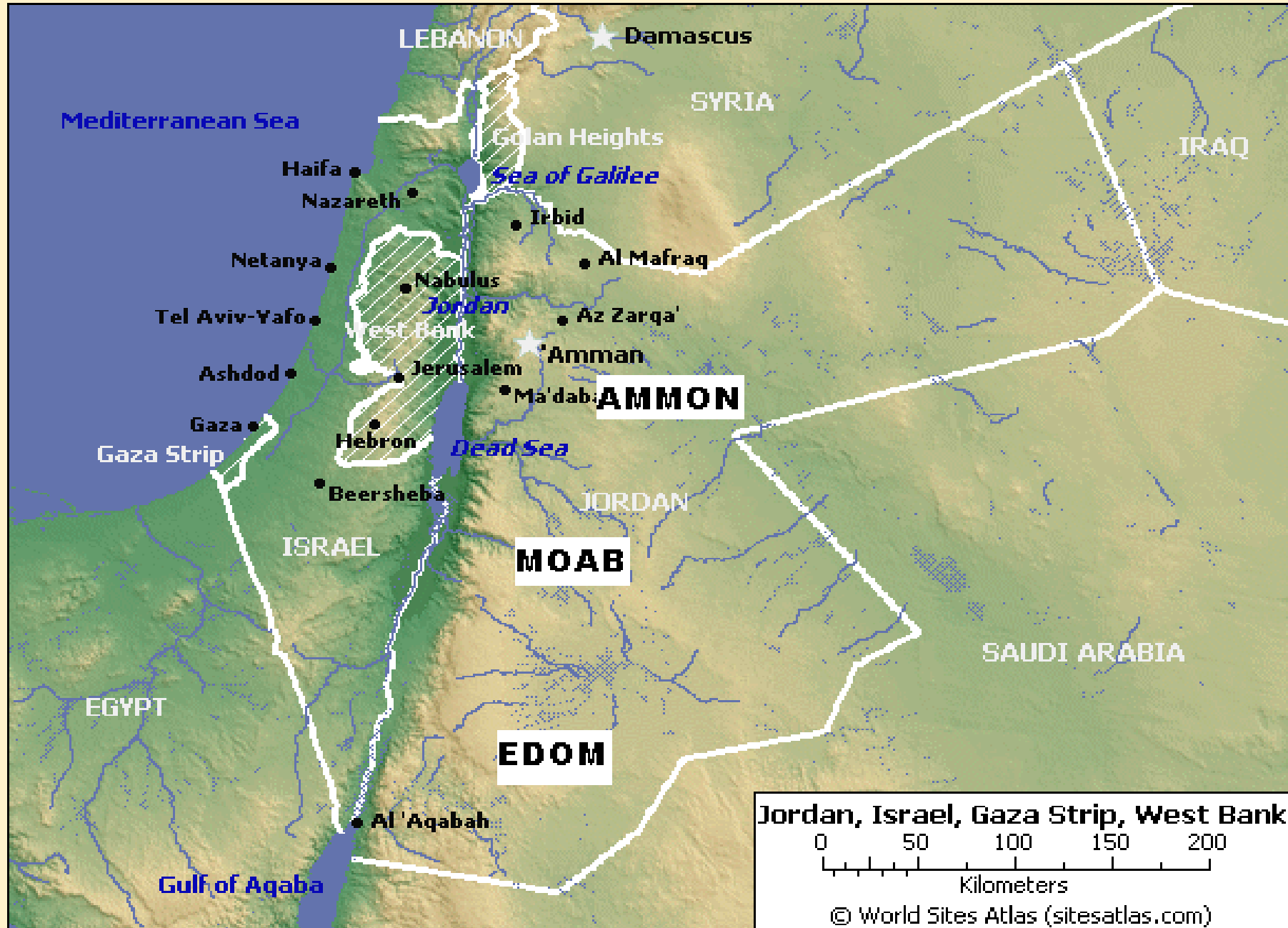
And in chapter 9 we find out that he confirms a covenant, breaks it, stops the daily sacrifice in the middle of the last 7 years, and then makes things desolate by means of an enigmatic abomination right to the end.

Even though we get more information in this chapter, there is plenty about the characteristics, actions, and demeanor of this King of the North that line up with what we are told of the Antichrist in previous chapters. It should be safe to say then that this King of the North should be identified as the coming Antichrist.

DAN.11:40 and **at the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.



DAN.11:41 He shall enter also into **the glorious land (Israel)**, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even **Edom**, and **Moab**, and the chief of the children of **Ammon**.



(Edom, Moab and Ammon are ancient names of places that today comprise the country of Jordan. Why do they escape? We don't know. Maybe they make a deal with the Antichrist or maybe God miraculously spares them for hiding and helping His people. We shall see.)

DAN.11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the **land of Egypt shall not escape.**

DAN.11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the **Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps**.

He moves his forces all the way down to Egypt, apparently skirting the lands of Edom, Moab, and Ammon (modern-day Jordan), and that nation is spared. When the Antichrist invades the Mideast, Libya and Ethiopia are going to be "*at his steps*", meaning a place of submission, a place of subservience, a place of agreement, a place of cooperation. And *at the time of the end*, right

towards the end of the Antichrist's oppressive rule, the King of the South comes again to attack him.

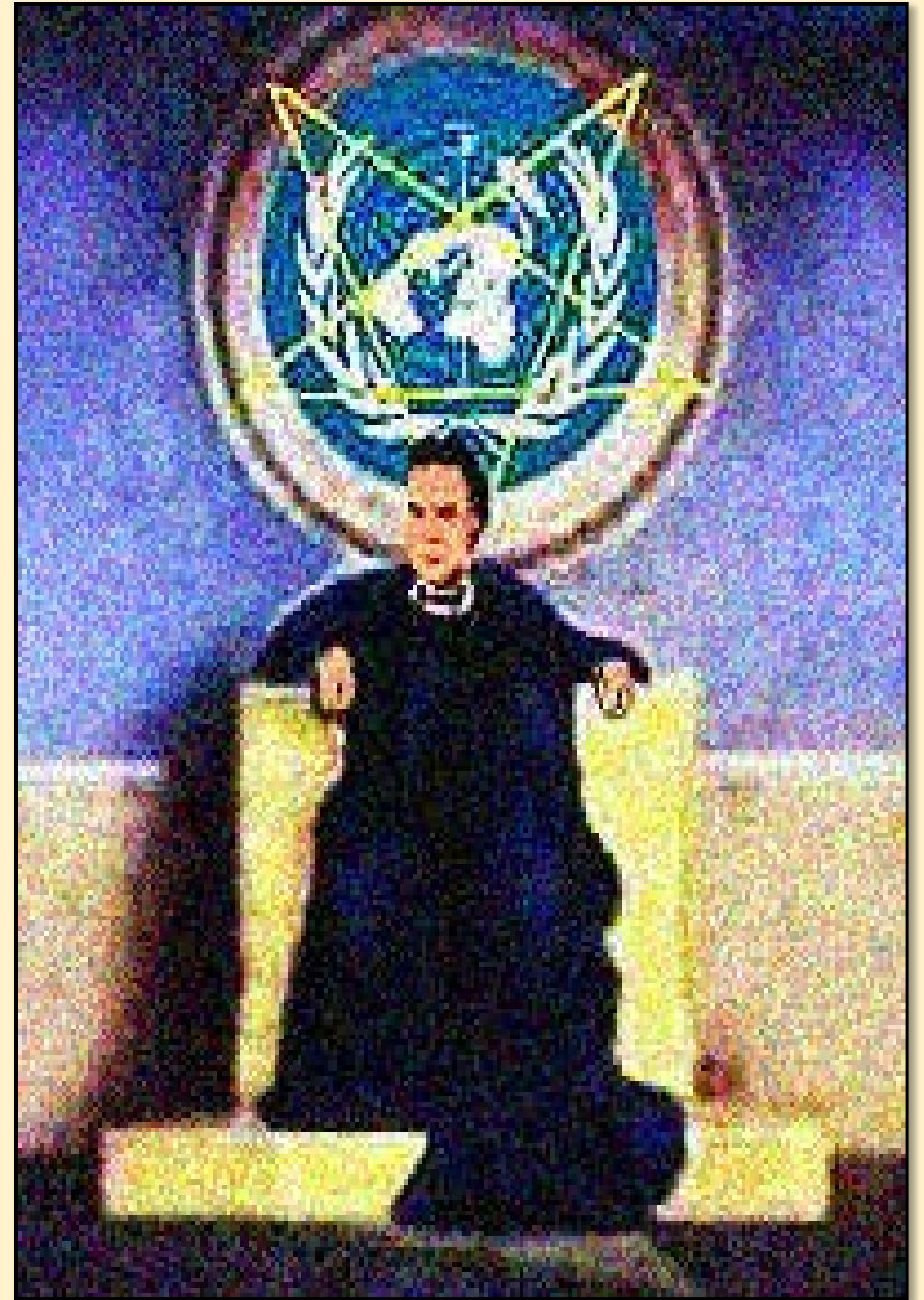
And then the King of the North comes against him with everything he has. And somehow Ethiopians and Libyans are involved in his invasion forces.



It is interesting to compare this to **Ezekiel 38-39** and the invasion of Gog from Magog, a powerful nation to the North. **Ezekiel 38** also names the Ethiopians and Libyans being involved with the armies of Magog, as well as the Iranians and others. It would appear that the descriptions in **Daniel 11** of the “king of the North” and in **Ezekiel 38-39** of this mysterious “Gog” figure are both talking about the same person.

**** EZE.38:3-5** And say, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O **Gog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even **a great company** with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: **Persia** (Iran), **Ethiopia**, and **Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet.

DAN.11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore, he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.





DAN.11:45 and he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas (**between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean**) in the glorious holy mountain; (**Mount Moriah in Jerusalem**) yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

**** REV.19:20** and the **beast was taken**, and with him the **false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were **cast alive into a lake of fire** burning with brimstone.

And so we come to this chapter's end, but the heavenly messenger is not yet finished. There is more to come in chapter 12. The events described above will take place during the Great Tribulation and the end of chapter 11 is tied to the end time events presented in chapter 12.

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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Chapter 12, part 1

Verses 1 - 4

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We come now to the final fascinating chapter in this amazing Book of Daniel. As you'll recall, there were no chapter divisions in the original text, so here the heavenly messenger who started talking to Daniel in *chapter 10* is now winding up his long and detailed message.

If we go back to the previous chapter, we find that the last part of it is talking about the last three and a half years of the Antichrist's reign, which is known as the Great Tribulation, and it ends with the end of the Antichrist. Now Daniel is told that at this time Michael, the great prince and archangel, the commander of Jesus' heavenly forces, who stands watch over the "*children*" of Daniel's people, will stand up.

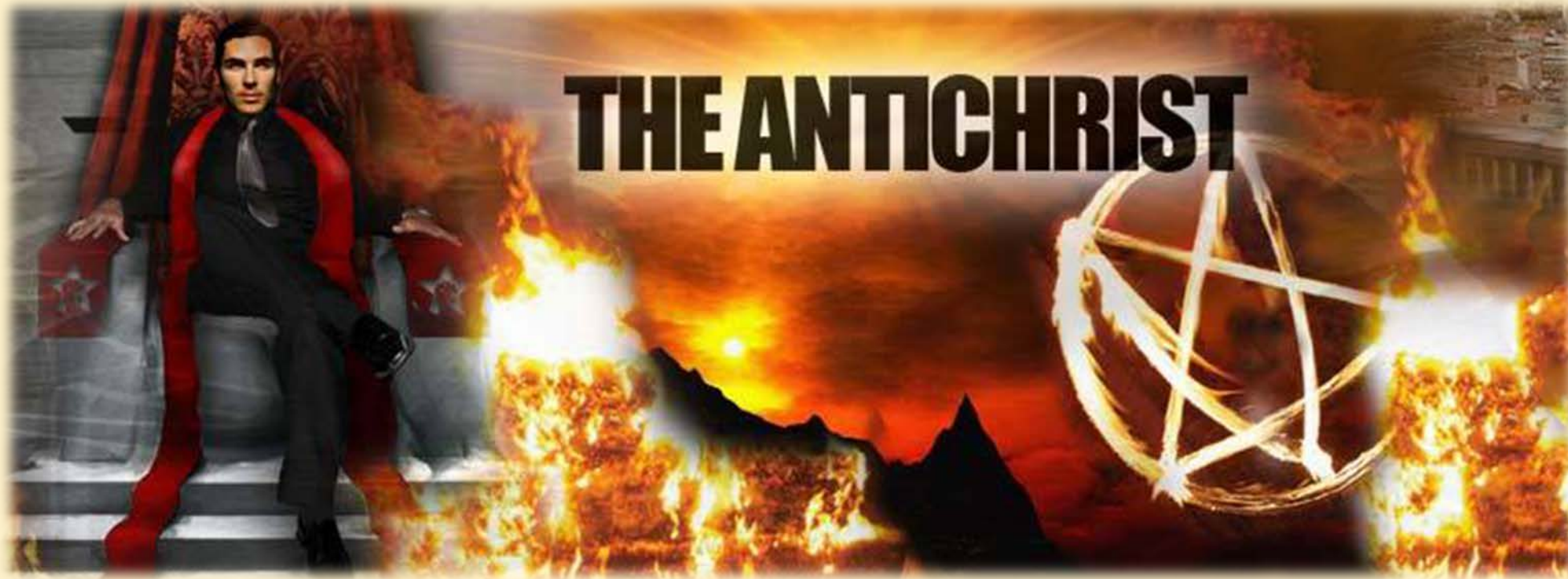
DAN.12:1 And at **that time** shall **Michael stand up**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be **a time of trouble**, such **as never was** since there was a nation even to that same time: and **at that time thy people shall be delivered**, every one that shall be found written in the book.

In **Daniel chapter 10**, we read that it was **Michael** who had come to the celestial messenger's aid and enabled him to gain the victory in the struggle with the prince of Persia. We also read in **Revelation** another passage about **Michael**:

****Rev.12:7–9** *“And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon**; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great **dragon was cast out**, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*



The Devil is cast out of the spiritual realm down to the earth, and at this pivotal moment it seems that he possesses the body of the Antichrist. At this midway point in the last seven years, the covenant is broken, the Abomination of Desolation is sent into the temple, and the Antichrist is possessed by the Devil. At this point he demands that the world worship him, and begins his maniacal persecution of the true believers in God. And so, Daniel is told that this will be a ***“time of trouble such as never was.”*** Jesus told us about this time also, and His admonitions are recorded in three of the four Gospels, in ***Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13.***



*****Mat.24:15, 21 “Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”***

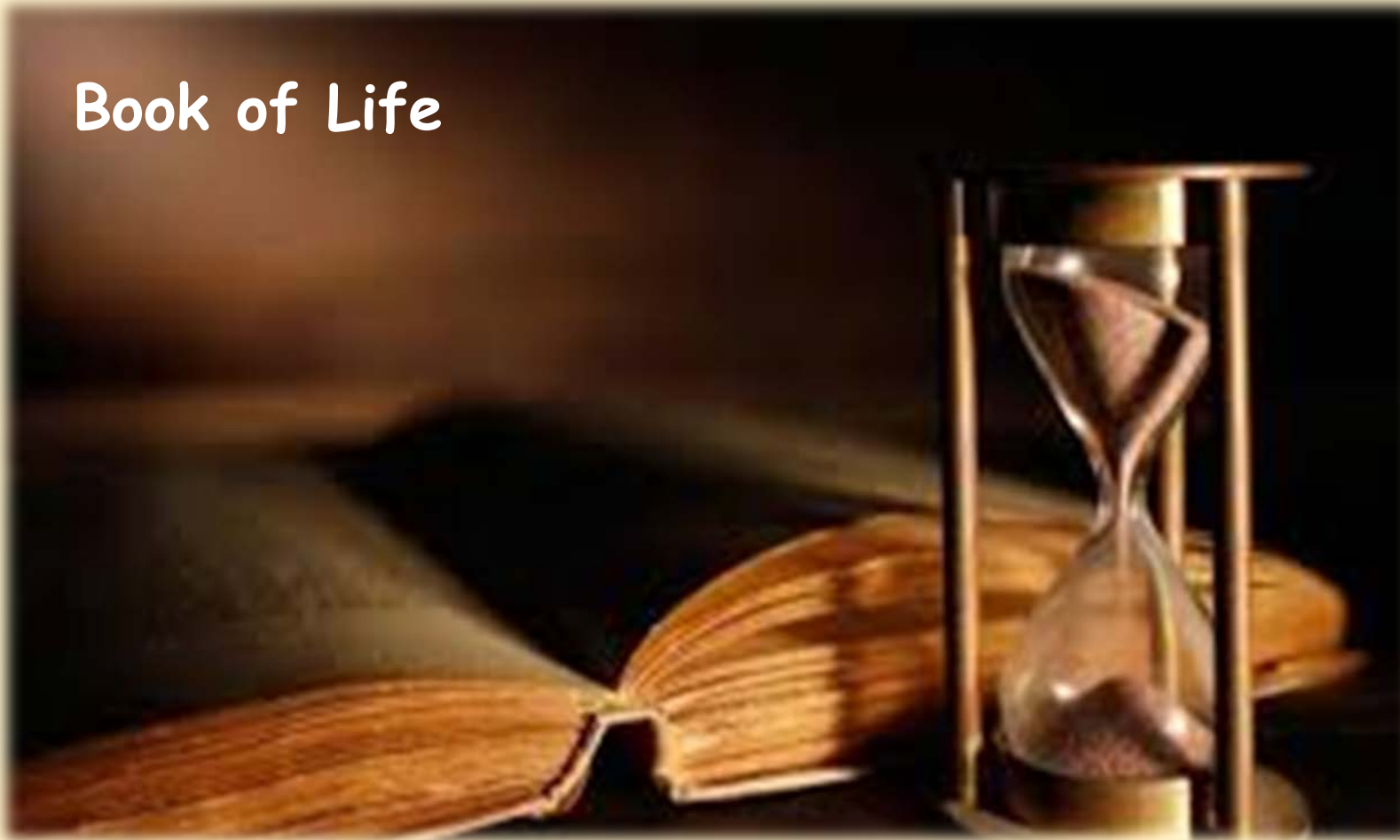
Called the Great Tribulation in the Bible, this era won't last forever. In fact, it will only last 1,260 days (as explained in the study on *Daniel chapter 9*). And as we read in *chapter 11*, it is also a time when great exploits are performed by those who love Jesus, who are warriors of the faith and for His cause. *Revelation 11* tells us about two of these witnesses who are a particular scourge on the Antichrist and his kingdom. And the kind of power wielded by these two might not be limited to them, but could also be available to all God's prophets and followers in one form or another during that dark and violent time.



In the meantime, God is afflicting the wicked with plagues that are unleashed at the sounding of six of the seven Trumpets of Tribulation (expounded on in *Revelation chapters 8 to 10*). They include fire and hail from the sky, a third of the waters of the seas being turned into blood, the waters in the lakes and rivers turning bitter, the light of the sun and stars greatly dimmed, and plagues of monstrous insects. Although the Antichrist and his evil henchmen try to hurt and destroy God's people, God is a much greater adversary to him and his ilk than they are to us.

...and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Book of Life



Then all Daniel's people who are found written "*in the book*" are delivered in the astounding, momentous event of the Rapture, when Jesus returns at the seventh and last Trumpet to gather His people to Him in the clouds, translating them miraculously into the Heavenly Realm. What is "*the book*" referred to here? Many passages in the Bible talk about the Book of Life, and this is what it could be referring to.

(Ex.32:33, Ps69:28, Luk.10:20, Ph.4:3, Rev.3:5, Rev.20:12, Rev.21:27, Rev.22:19)



Why the passage says “*children of thy people*” is open to some interpretation. The apostle Paul made it obvious that

“if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29).

The inheritors of the promises made to the Jews in the Old Testament are the Christians, and this includes everyone, whether Jew or Gentile, who believes in Jesus as their Savior. So now it is the followers of Christ who are the chosen people, the spiritual heirs, of the former chosen people.

DAN.12:2 and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake**, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and **everlasting contempt**.

DAN.12:3 and they that be wise **shall shine as the brightness** of the firmament; and they that **turn many to righteousness as the stars** for ever and ever.

The Rapture



The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, often referred to as the Rapture, will be the most anticipated and wonderful event for the followers of Christ who have gone through the Tribulation. They have endured the depths of persecutions and the hell into which the world has descended under the Devil incarnate, the oppressive tyranny of the Antichrist.

Now their moment of release has come when they are to be taken out of this world and transported into the wonders and joys of Heaven. It will have been a very hard and difficult three and a half years. There can be no wishful thinking about it, such as an early Rapture prior to the Tribulation, as taught by some nowadays. But once it is finished, then comes glorious deliverance and reward.

Paul further expounds on the happenings of verses 2 and 3:

****1 Thes.4:16–17** “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the trumpet of God**. And **the dead in Christ will rise first**. Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

****1 Co.15:51–52** “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For **the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**”



Those he is referring to as having ***“fallen asleep”*** are those believers who have died. Their bodies are dead in the grave, but their spirits are very much alive in Heaven with Jesus. When Jesus returns at this time, Paul says that all of these will come with Him. Why? Because a very important event is about to occur for them and for those of us who remain. When the Lord descends from Heaven with a shout and the trumpeting begins, the ***“dead in Christ”*** shall rise first. All those spirits whose bodies have been buried in the earth are going to be reunited with their physical bodies. However, it is not going to be the old body they knew, but a totally made-over body, regenerated and indestructible, a new heavenly body. We all then get caught up together in the clouds. Yes, we all sail up into the sky in our new bodies.

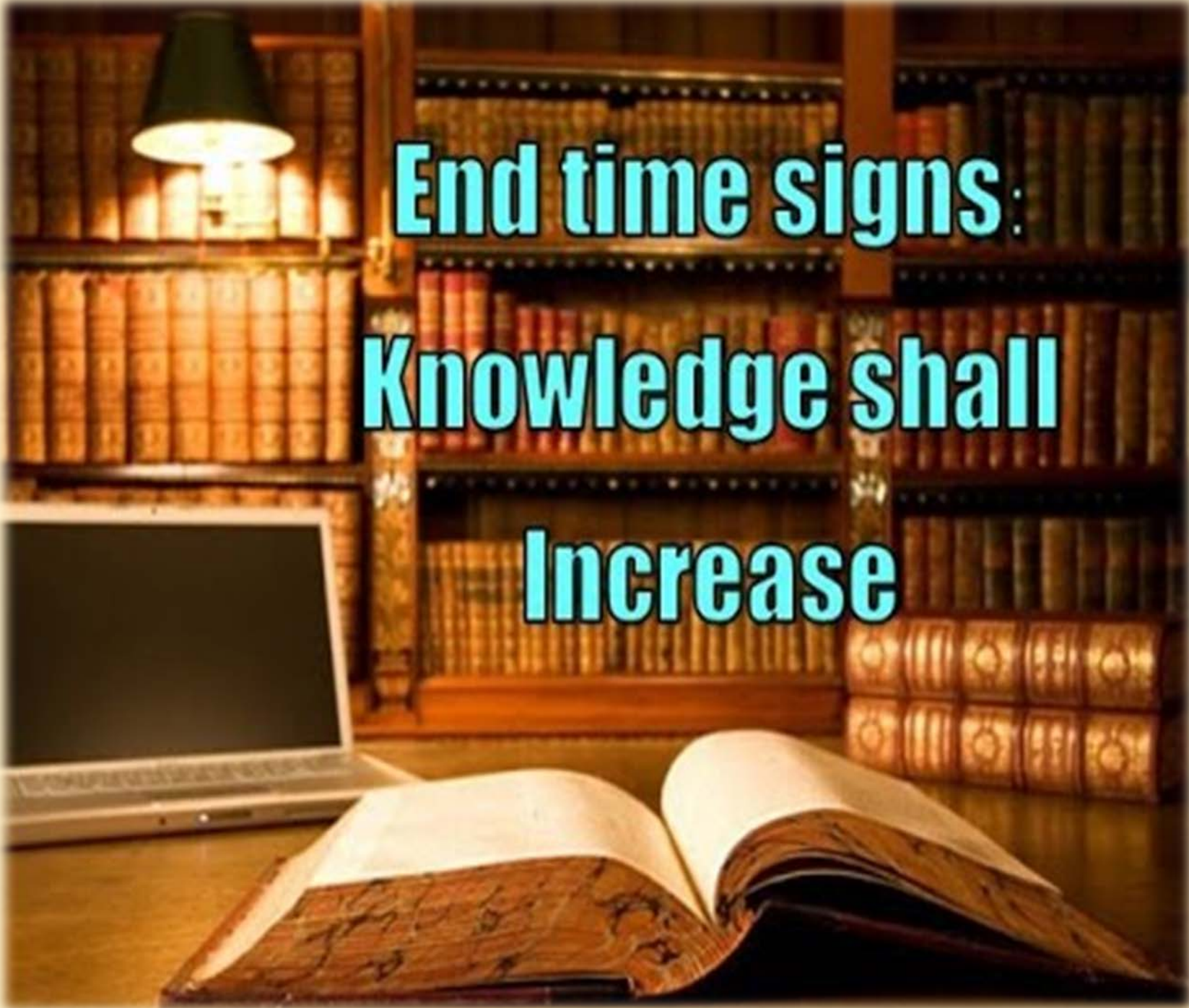




And for those who have been faithful in their love and service to God, who have through their witness and lives turned many to righteousness, especially the righteousness of believing in our loving and mighty God, it will truly be a wonderful day. For as verse 3 tells us, those wise ones will shine like the sun and stars in the sky forever. **(1 Co.15:58.)**

But for others it will not be as joyous. All who believe in and receive Jesus as their Savior have everlasting life in Heaven. For believing in and receiving Him is all we have to do to receive His salvation. But to shine like the sun there in Heaven, and to receive the eternal honor and spiritual riches there, we have to do something here. In fact, we have to do a good deal. We have to work for those stars in our heavenly crown by living a life of service to God and humanity.

“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works” (Matthew 16:27).

A photograph of a library or study. In the foreground, an open book with aged, yellowed pages lies on a wooden surface. To the left, a laptop is partially visible. In the background, tall wooden bookshelves are filled with numerous books. A desk lamp with a green shade is lit, casting a warm glow. The text "End time signs: Knowledge shall Increase" is overlaid in a large, blue, stylized font with a black outline.

End time signs: Knowledge shall Increase

DAN.12:4 but thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Then Daniel is told to close up the book—which seems to infer that he was writing this all down as he received it. When he is told that many shall run to and fro and knowledge will be increased, we understand then that the message is not to be fully understood till the End Time. God told him not to worry that he couldn't understand it all, that even though the prophecy was given to him, it wasn't for him.



Many running to and fro literally means “*speeding about, here and there,*” or as The Living Bible renders this verse, “*travel shall be vastly increased.*” When you consider that people’s means of transportation—horse and buggy, wagons, camels, boats, etc.—did not change substantially for thousands of years, you can appreciate the significance of this prophecy.

In 1789 it took George Washington eight days to travel the 200 miles from his home to his inauguration in New York City. The fact that it took eight days is not significant. What is noteworthy is that Julius Caesar could have made the same trip just as rapidly in the year 50 BC! No real progress had been made in transportation over the 18 centuries

that passed between their lifetimes. But look how mankind has advanced in the past hundred years!

Two thousand six hundred years ago, another prophet described how ***“in the days of the Lord’s preparation” (before He returns): “The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of His preparation. ... The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one another in the broad roads; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightning” (Nahum 2:3-4).***



No horse-drawn chariot ever ran like lightning. Could this be a vision of our modern highways at night filled with vehicles with their headlights on? It would certainly fit the description. And if it is, our modern vehicle-filled highways are another indication that the Lord is soon to return. And they certainly jostle one

another in the broad roads. Since the invention of the motor vehicle over a century ago, it is estimated that about 30 million people have been killed in road crashes.



“Knowledge shall be increased”. It is with good cause that the term ***“information overload”*** was coined in recent years. If the incredible amount of information that is currently accessible is an indication of the overall knowledge available today, then knowledge has increased within our generation almost beyond imagination!

As far back as 1995, Professor Peter Cochrane of the British Telecom Laboratories’ Advanced Application Division said, ***“There are now wristwatches that wield more computing***

ability than some 1970s mainframes. Ordinary cars today have more ‘intelligence’ than the original lunar lander [Apollo Lunar Module].” In the decades since this statement, computer sciences and related disciplines have advanced exponentially.

Buckminster Fuller created the “*Knowledge Doubling Curve*”; he noticed that until 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the end of World War II knowledge was doubling every 25 years. Today human knowledge is doubling every 13 months. According to IBM, the build out of the “*internet of things*” could soon lead to the doubling of knowledge every 12 hours!!!

“Knowledge shall be increased” ...a sign of the End time!!

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. Jesus says: *“Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Rev.3:20*

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen."

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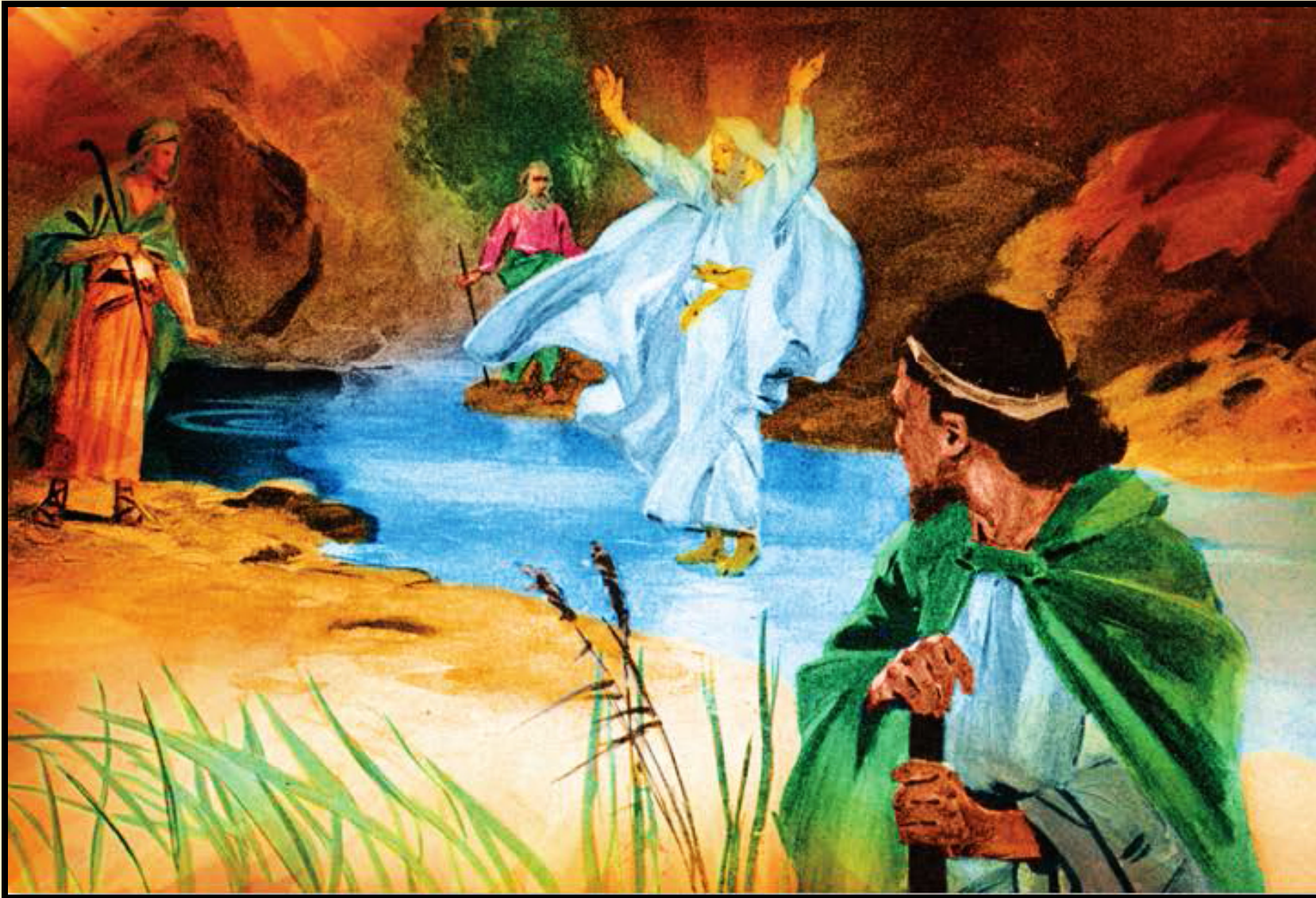
Chapter 12, part 2

Verses 5 - 13

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DANIEL CHAPTER 12 (PART 2) The last three and a half years... plus 75 days.

Basic and General Study of the Book of Daniel *compiled by Gaetan*



DAN.12:5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, **there stood other two**, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

DAN.12:6 and one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, **how long shall it be to the end of these wonders?**

DAN.12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever

that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and when **he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people**, all these things shall be finished. (**Dan.7:25; 8:24**)

Just as the angel was finishing his message, Daniel looks and sees two other heavenly beings, one on each bank of the Tigris River. —And another angelic messenger is floating above the water in the middle. Poor Daniel must have been flabbergasted by all that he had been told, and it seems that he needed some reassurance as to when the true lasting peace would finally come. Perhaps in an effort to help Daniel understand, one of the heavenly beings asks the angelic messenger a question, one that will be important to those who will live through those future times.

“How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?”

And much like a witness in a courtroom who swears to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the messenger raises his hands and swears by God that it is going to last three and a half ***“times,”*** or 3½ years or 1,260 days, and then when the power of the holy people is shattered, it shall be finished.





Well, that doesn't sound too promising to those of us who regard ourselves as part of the holy people because of our belief in God. But take heart, because it is not talking about the individuals themselves being completely shattered, but

“the power of the holy people”

– that is, the political and financial power wielded by influential Christian denominations and other religions. We know that the Antichrist is going to persecute Christians, and it is going to be a very great and dreadful persecution. However, he also will be having trouble, as we read in the last chapters, and will read in the Book of Revelation about the seven Trumpets of Tribulation.

The Lord is going to allow the Antichrist to overcome the church, not spiritually, but in its temporal power. As far as its material power, its organisational power, its building power, its monetary power, its prestige with the government and all of this, the church is going to be a dead duck.

But when the Antichrist has accomplished to do this, when it looks like we've lost and he's won--at the end of 3½ years--then God steps in to give us the greatest victory the world has ever seen, first in the Rapture and then in the battle of Armageddon.





DAN.12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, **what shall be the end of these things?**

DAN.12:9 and he said, go thy way, Daniel: for **the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**

DAN.12:10 many shall be **purified, and made white, and tried**; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.**

This information apparently whetted Daniel's curiosity for a little more, because he still didn't understand. So, he repeats the question. The angel then tells him that basically it wasn't for him to understand, that the picture painted by all this information wouldn't really come into focus till the time of the End, and that the wicked wouldn't understand even then, but only the wise would.

****DAN.11:32, 33** *and such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the **people that do know their God shall be strong**, and do exploits. And they **that understand among the people shall instruct many**: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.*

DAN.12:11 and from the time that the **daily sacrifice** shall be taken away, and the **abomination that maketh desolate set up**, there shall be a **thousand two hundred and ninety days**.

"And the Abomination that maketh desolate set up." Again, as in *Daniel 11:31*, we hear about the entrance of the abomination into the Jewish holy place. These words echo the words of Jesus a few centuries later:

"When ye shall therefore see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place." (Mat. 24:15)

This event, mentioned a few times in Scripture, marks the starting point for the Great Tribulation. Apparently, it's going to be a sensational phenomenal celebration worldwide when the holy place is invaded, and the world is forced to worship the Antichrist and his image! That starting point is going to be on a given day, an exact day in the middle of that seven years! --From which it will be exactly 1,260 days until the Rapture!



DAN.12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

And now—when we thought we had all the timing down, that the Tribulation would be 3-1/2 years, 42 months, or 1,260 days—the angel throws in more numbers for us to juggle. He tells us that from the time the daily sacrifice in the temple is stopped and the Abomination of Desolation is standing there, it is going to be 1,290 days, and he who waits and comes to 1,335 days is going to be blessed.

Before we let this upset the applecart, we need to remember that we already have been told repeatedly throughout the books of Daniel and Revelation that during the Tribulation, the Antichrist will be fully possessed by Satan, and that he will wage repeated wars, and more importantly to God, he will persecute those who believe in Him. And the time span is three and a half years. It is said so often that it almost begins to sound like a broken record. Jesus really wants us to understand this point. Here are those Scriptures:



*He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for **a time and times and half a time**. (Daniel 7:25)*

*Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but **in the middle of the week** he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate. (Daniel 9:27)*

*The court which is outside the temple ... has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for **forty-two months**. (Revelation 11:2)*

*And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth. (Revelation 11:3)*

*Then the woman **[who represents the body of believers]** fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**. (Revelation 12:6)*





*But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for **a time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent. (Revelation 12:14)*

*And [the Antichrist] was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for **forty-two months**. (Revelation 13:5)*

Even here (in verses 6-7), the angelic messenger makes it clear that by the time that three and a half years has finished, all the previous things he has been talking about will have happened, ending with the deliverance of Daniel's people. The believers, both alive and dead, at the end of this 1,260-day period will get caught up in the Rapture to be with Jesus.

It seems there must have been a different nuance to Daniel's question in verse 8,

“What shall be the end (fulfillment?) of these things?”

when compared with the previous question in verse 6,

“How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?”

because it elicited a different answer. Instead of *“time, times, and a half”*, the answer given now is 1,290 days, and that he who waits till 1,335 days will be blessed. In other words, the *“fulfillment”* and the *“end”* are somehow different and there is an extra 30-day period followed by a further 45-day period.

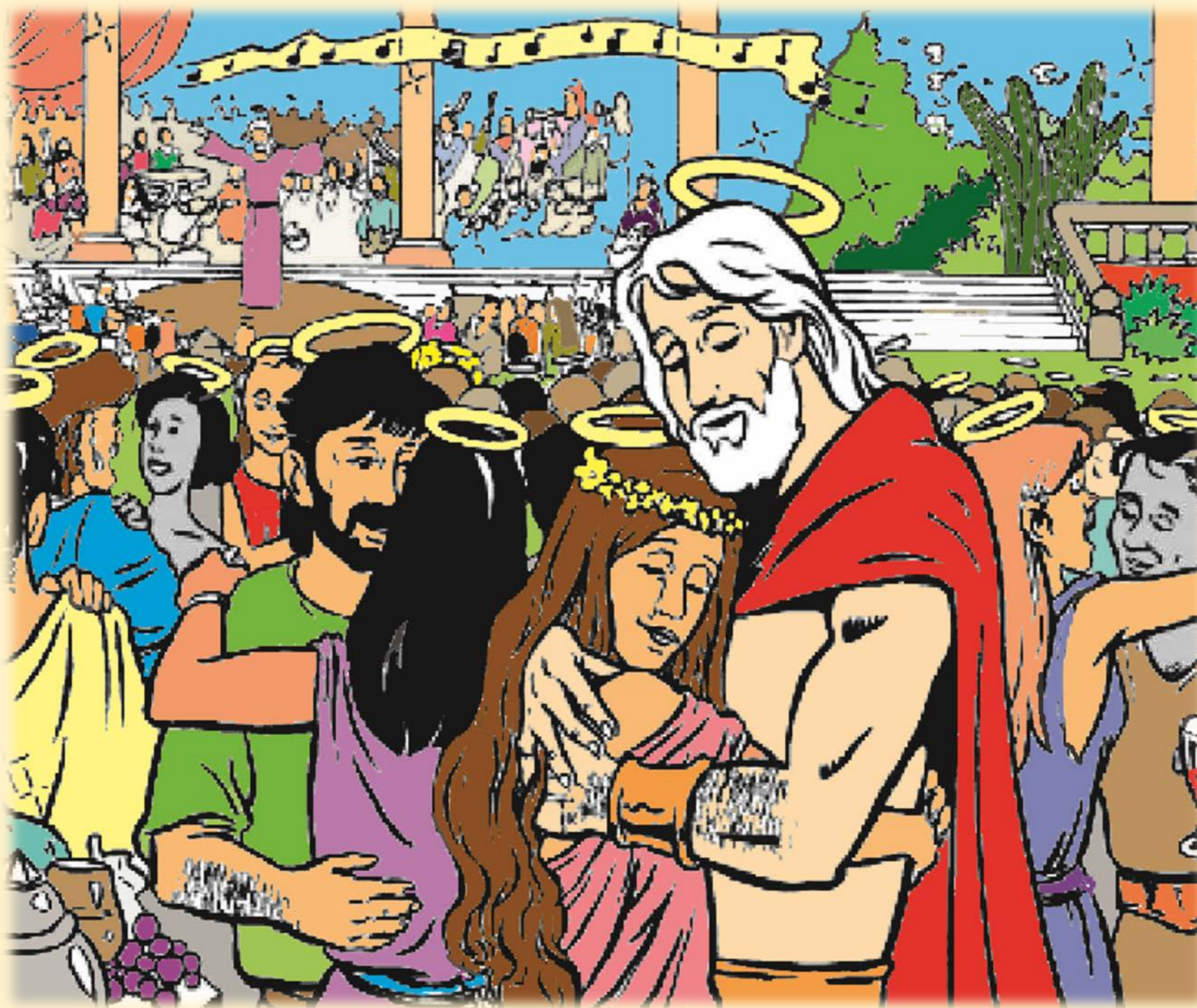
We will present here a possible interpretation:



We know from the book of Revelation that the Rapture happens before the seven bowls are poured out. These bowls contain the final plagues of God's Indignation reserved for the unbelieving world and evil-doers. *(Revelation 16:1–21)* We need to look at something else that is happening at the same time as this era of Indignation.

While all hell is breaking loose on earth, there is an event going on in Heaven called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, where, in addition to all the celebrations, as we learn in *Revelation 11:18*, Christ's "*servants the prophets*" and "*the saints and them that fear His name, small and great,*" are rewarded according to their service for the Lord. It's a celebration of the marriage that has existed for millennia between Jesus and His people, the followers of Christ from all ages.





The Bible uses the imagery of a Christian's relationship with Jesus Christ being like a wife and husband. Paul the Apostle stated in his letter to the Romans that we should be "**married**" to Jesus. (**Romans 7:4**) The book of Revelation also pictures believers collectively as Jesus' wife.

*"For the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and **His wife** has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, write: Blessed are those who are called to **the marriage supper of the Lamb!**"*
(**Revelation 19:7–9**)



And at the end of the Marriage Supper, John the Revelator “saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ... And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ... And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.” (Revelation 19:11, 14, 19)

Three answers are given to these two questions. The first question is, “How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?” --First of all, 1260 days or 3-1/2 years, which we know from other places as well, that's the end of our stay here when we (the “saints”) are raptured.

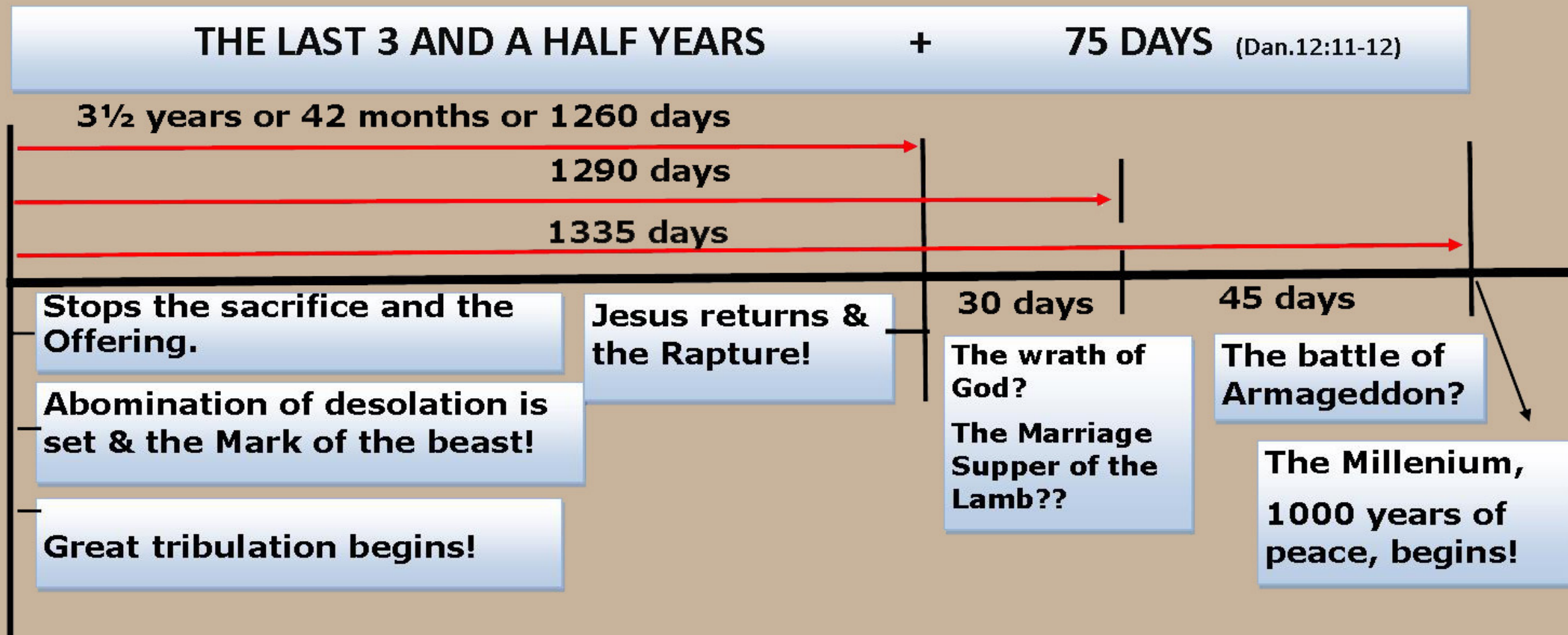
Then he says, “What shall be the end of these things?”--Not only our end here on Earth when we’re raptured, resurrected, but to the end of the Antichrist's reign in the Wrath of God which could last another 30 days. “...there shall be 1,290 days.”

Then the angel adds the next answer: *“Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to 1,335 days ...”* 45 more days. In other words, that’s the end of the End. It sounds like that's how long the End is going to last. And what is it that's ending Man's rule on Earth? The Battle of Armageddon. Even though God is a god of miracles and can do anything, and nothing is impossible with Him, the Battle of Armageddon could take a while, like 45 days.

Could it be that the extra 75 days cover those 3 events: the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Wrath of God and the Battle of Armageddon?

(Take a moment now to study the chart in the next page.)

75 extra days covering
the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
the Wrath of God and
the Battle of Armageddon?



It is, however, important to state that what happens during the 30 and 45-day periods is not specified in the Scriptures, and the hypothesis written here is just that, a hypothesis. It is conjecture, but it is an educated guess based on Scripture and the events that we know will come to pass.

There will be three general divisions of people in the last days. First, there are the saved believers who, at the time of the Rapture, are taken to Heaven.

Second, there are the worshippers of the Antichrist who will be defeated and destroyed at the battle of Armageddon.

And third, there are the people who fall in between these two categories. They were neither believers in Jesus nor Antichrist-worshippers. They live through this horrific era of the final Plagues and then the Battle of Armageddon and undoubtedly, do not have a pleasant time of it. Even though they are not the primary targets, they will, nevertheless, be caught in the fallout. What if you were one of those people? Wouldn't you feel blessed once all this was over?

(Verse 12) Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.





The restoration of the war-damaged Earth will then begin. Jesus will rule on Earth for 1,000 years, assisted by those who had been His followers in their earthly lives. This time is commonly called the Millennium and it will be a veritable golden age compared to the world that preceded it. Peace and harmony will be restored to the world and the enmity between animals, and between animals and man, will be gone. The survivors, those who are the blessed, will live on in a simpler and righteous world, where loving God and others will be the governing rule:

***The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, **and all dominions shall serve and obey Him (Daniel 2:44; 7:27)**. They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; **nation shall not lift up sword against nation**, neither shall they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)*

***The whole earth is at rest and quiet. [The Lord] will even make ... rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honor [Him]. **The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb**, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and **a little child shall lead them**. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and **the lion shall eat straw like the ox**.*

*The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain**, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 14:7; 43:19–20; 11:6–9)*



DAN.12:13 But go thou thy way **till the end be**: for **thou shalt rest**, and stand in thy lot at the **end of the days**.

And as for Daniel, he was then told that he should just do what he has been doing till his end, for he will die and “**rest.**” He certainly deserved to rest after such a life as his.

And as we, who are now in the Latter Days, understand more and more the meaning of the prophetic messages within his book, we will be forever grateful that he recorded them so we can have the benefit of knowing these things.





Daniel

In Conclusion:

There is a lot in Daniel's short book. It is the Old Testament's single most prophetic look into the future. It contains amazingly accurate predictions of events that were to follow its writing, events now fulfilled to the letter, which we now can only sit back and marvel at. They are so accurately fulfilled that skeptics, in order to debunk them, claim that the predictions post-dated the events. They can't deny the accuracy, so they snipe at the delivery.

Yet it is not the fulfilled prophecy that is the greatest thing in this book. It is the prophetic predictions of the soon-to-be-upon-us future, the End time;

these are its greatest gift to us. For by them we are forewarned and forearmed and at least somewhat prepared to face those coming days with faith instead of fear.

Being aware of what is occurring and knowing what the outcome is going to be and how long it will take can give us faith to endure. They will be momentous days, and the Antichrist will be a dreadful and demonic tyrant who will do his damndest to destroy all believers and lovers of the one true God. — not to mention the war and havoc he will wreak on the world.

Yet his doom is sure. He and his puppet master, Satan, are destined for calamity and defeat. We can rest assured that even if at times it looks like they are the sure winners, they are nothing but the ultimate and foreordained losers. And even when it looks like we are losing, we are the sure winners because it has been written in God's book that we are. For we are on the side of the One who cannot lose, the God of love who is also the unbeatable God of gods and Lord of lords.

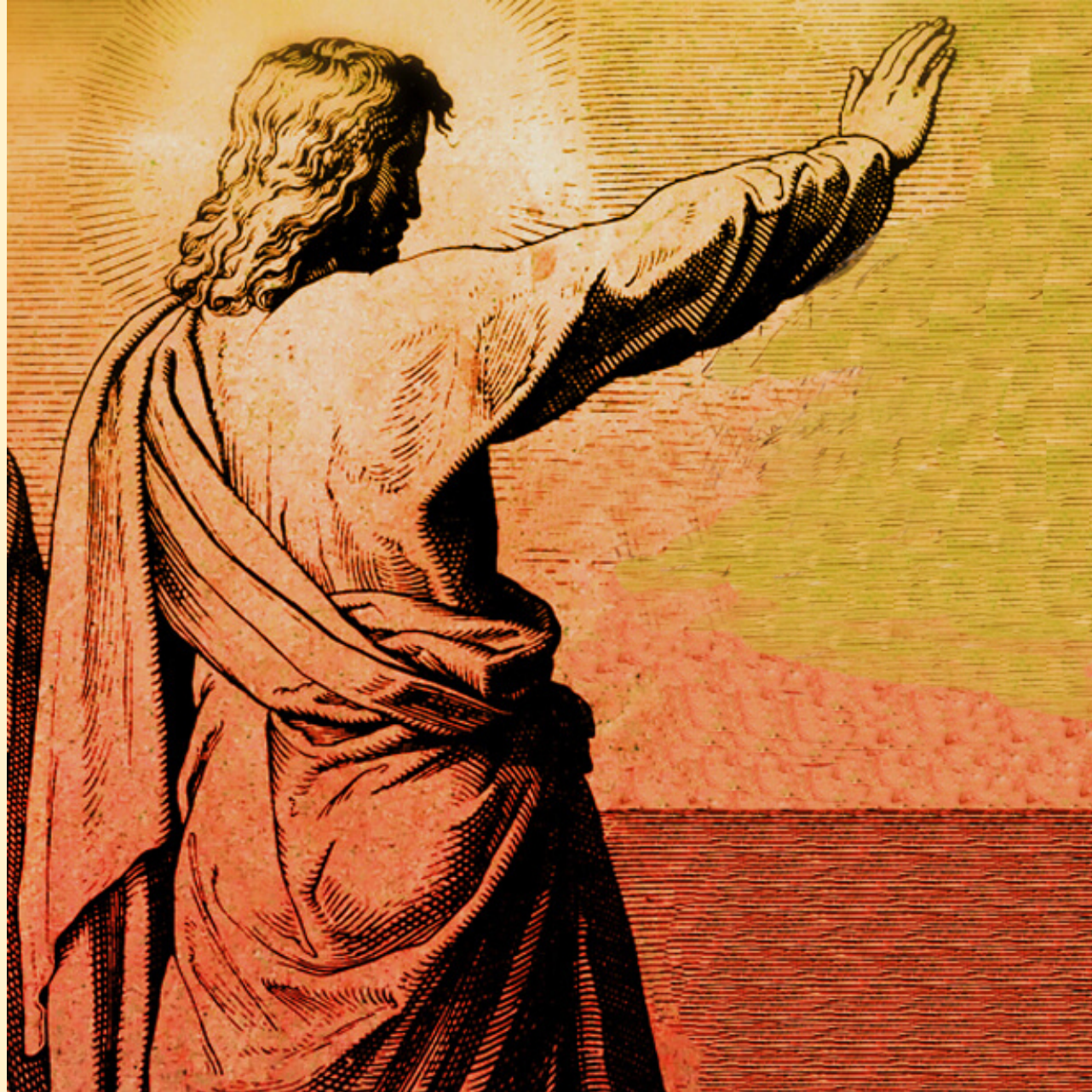




The events of the future covered in this book might sound frightening to some, and understandably so. They will be dark days for the world, but we who believe in and love Jesus, and do our best to serve Him, have His special protection. The book of Revelation states that the servants of God are sealed and that at least some of the calamities and plagues of the Tribulation only affect those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (*Revelation 7:3; 9:4*)

Furthermore, we must remember that Jesus has a vested interest in preserving us. He wants us to reach others with His love and truth, and so if we are doing what we can in that respect, then we can be assured that He is doing His part to protect us. Daniel wrote that those “*that know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.*” (*Daniel 11:32*)

You may not feel capable of that right now, but He gives power for the hour, usually when you need it and not before. Christians have endured many hard times before. But the end result has



always been a victorious one for Christ's people. It is in time of trial that Jesus has the greatest opportunity to show His power. It is not our strength that will save us but God's. He doesn't expect us to be fearless, but He will make us brave and bold and triumphant as we call out to Him to come to our aid. His Word says:

***"I will never leave you nor forsake you. So we may boldly say: the Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"
(Hebrews 13:5-6)***

We pray that this book of classes leaves you with your faith strengthened. We have nothing to fear. Even if there are some dark days ahead, those days are numbered. And after that, those who believe in Jesus and His atonement have only the brightest of futures—everlasting and filled with joy and happiness—to look forward to.



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