# THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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# Message

Times of the Gentiles are revealed prophetically (2, 7, 8-12) and ethically (1, 3-6)



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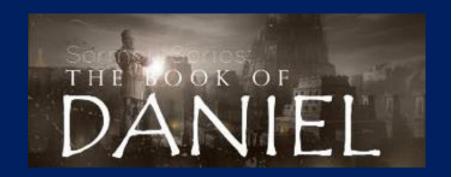
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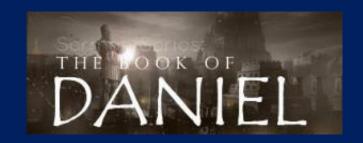
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- 1. Gentile History (2)
  - 2. Protection (3)
    - 3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
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  - 2. Protection (6)
- 1. Gentile history (7)



## **CHAPTER REVIEW**

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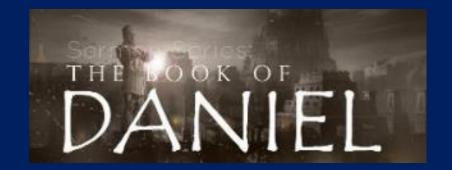
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# Daniel's Age

CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
1	Taken to Babylonian captivity	15
2	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1st dream (huge image)	17
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	19 or 20
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	45-50
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
6	Delivered from the den of lions	c.83
<u>7-8</u>	Daniel's visions and dreams	<u>Mid-60's</u>
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
10-12	Final dreams and visions	Mid-80's

#### Succession of Gentile Rulers

- 1-4: Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- 5: Belshazzar of Babylon
- 6: Darius of Media Persia
- 7-8: Belshazzar of Babylon
- 9: Darius of Media Persia
- 10-12: Cyrus of Media Persia



"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through **Daniel the prophet**, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)."



## SETTING V. 1

- Daniel has another vision
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Belshazzar
- 551 BC
- 2 years after the events in Chp. 7
- 12 years before the events in Chp. 5

# Daniel 8:20-21 (NASB)

"The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of <u>Media and Persia</u>. <sup>21</sup> The shaggy goat *represents* the kingdom of <u>Greece</u>, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king."

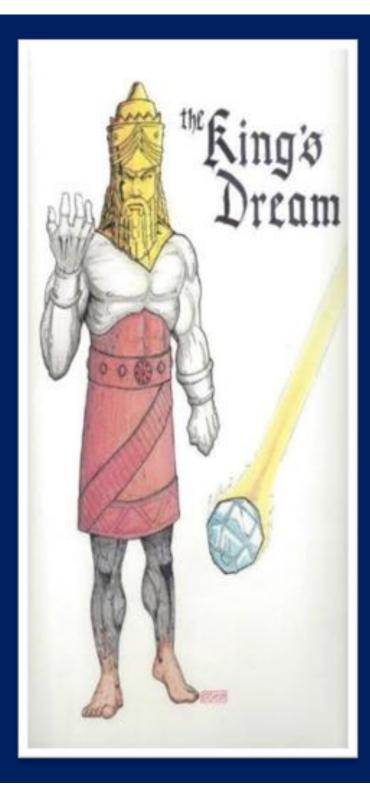


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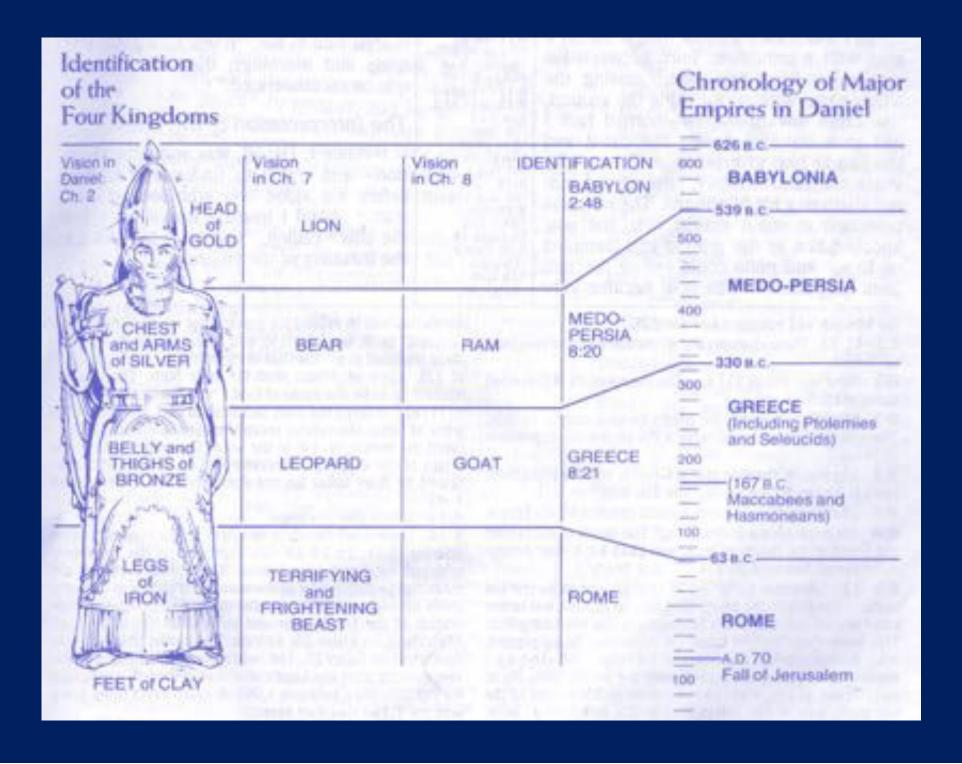
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Statue & Stone





## Description of 4 Beasts

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast (V.5)
  - Bear
  - Media-Persia
  - Chest & Arms of Silver
  - 5:28; 8:20
  - 539-331 BC
  - Raised on One Side
  - Three Ribs
  - Arise and Devour



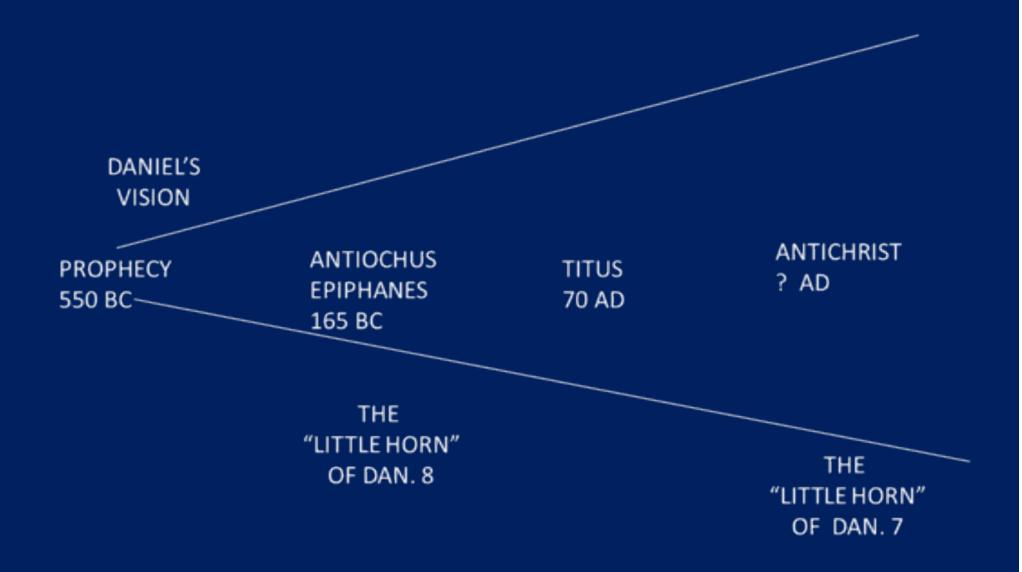
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beast (V. 6)
  - Leopard
  - Greece
  - Belly & Thighs of Bronze
  - 8:21
  - 331-63 BC
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### THE 2 HORNED RAM v. 2-4

- Susa of Elam: evidence of an early date (v.2)
- One horn longer than the other:
- Persians dominate the Medes (v.3)
- Conquest of Media-Persia: Chp. 5 flashback (v.4)







# Daniel Interprets the Writing (5:24-28)



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### THE 1 HORNED GOAT V. 5-8

- **■** (v. 5)
  - Alexander the Great



- The speed of the conquest
- (v. 6-7)



Greece conquers Media-Persia

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### THE 1 HORNED GOAT V. 5-8

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(v. 8)







- He magnifies himself (v.8a)
- Alexander's death (v.8b)
- Alexander's empire is divided among his four generals (v.8c)

# Four Generals Daniel 7:6; 8:8,22

Cassander Macedonia

Ptolemy Egypt

Lysimachus
Thrace &
Asia Minor

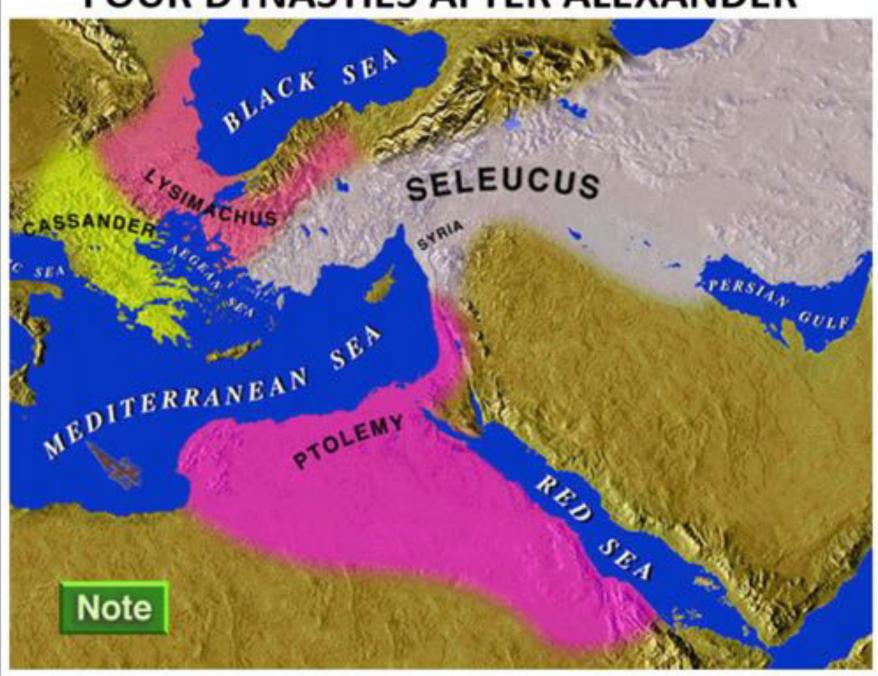
Seleucus
Syria
(including Israel)

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#### THE RISE OF ANTIOCHUS

- The Seleucid dynasty
- The Seleucid dynasty rules over Syria and Israel
- Antiochus becomes the ruler of the Seleucid dynasty
- Antiochus is the subject of verses 9-14

# Ezekiel 5:5

"Thus says the Lord God, 'This is Jerusalem; I have set her at <a href="the-enter of the nations">the center of the nations</a>, with lands around her."



### Ezekiel 38:12

"to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, <u>who</u> <u>live at the center of the world</u>."

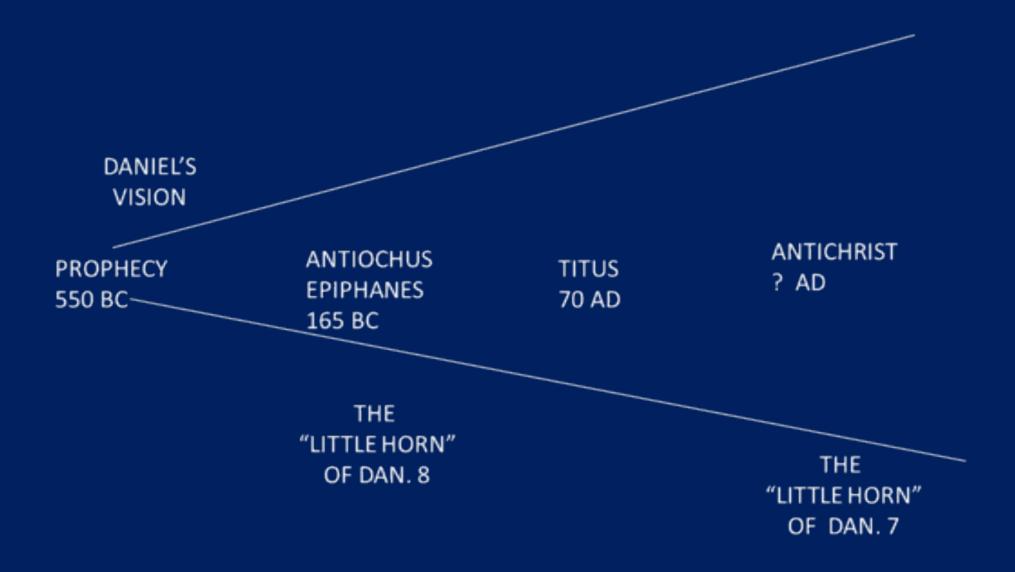


■ V. 9

- The conquests of Antiochus
- Antiochus foreshadows the future Antichrist



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- V. 10
  - Antiochus' persecution of Israel



- Goal is Hellenization
- He viewed the Jews as an obstacle to his goal
- He outlawed the Hebrew scriptures and executed families who observed the Sabbath and circumcision

- V. 11
  - Made himself equal with God



- Stopped Jewish sacrifices
- Desecrated the temple (167 BC)
  - Set up an image of Zeus
  - Sacrificed a pig on the altar

#### DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



- V. 12
  - Persecuted Israel
  - Stopped the sacrifices
  - Disregarded the truth
  - Prospered



Persecuted the Jews

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- V. 13
  - ◆ How long will temple desecration last?
- V. 14
  - 2300 evenings and mornings



- 171 BC-Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 165 BC
- = 2300 mornings and evenings
- Daniel predicted these events roughly 400 years in advance
- Argument over the date of Daniel

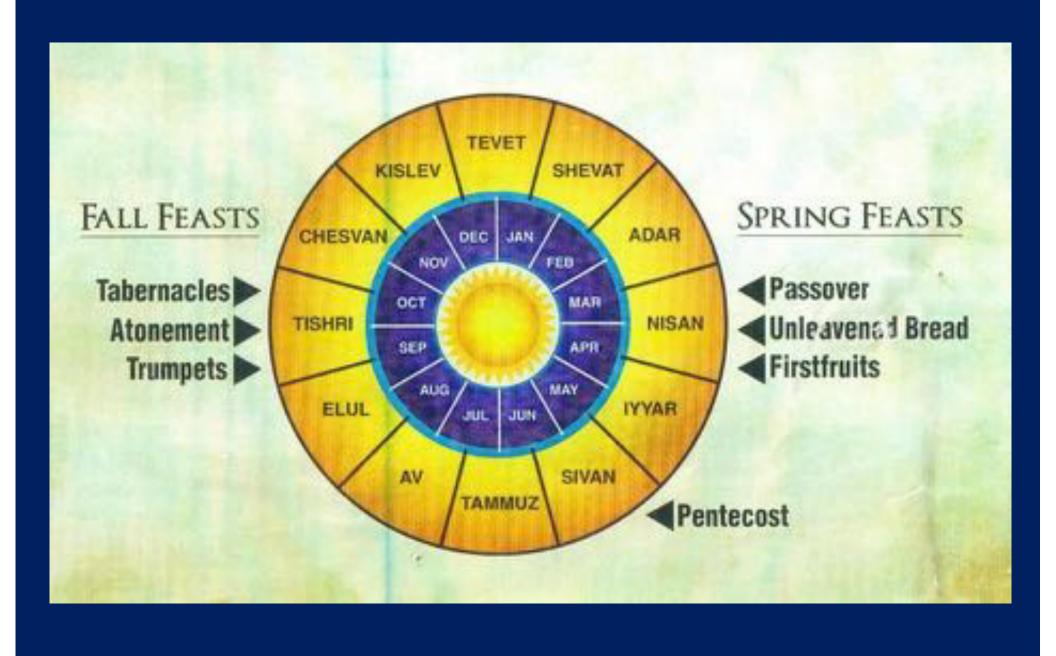


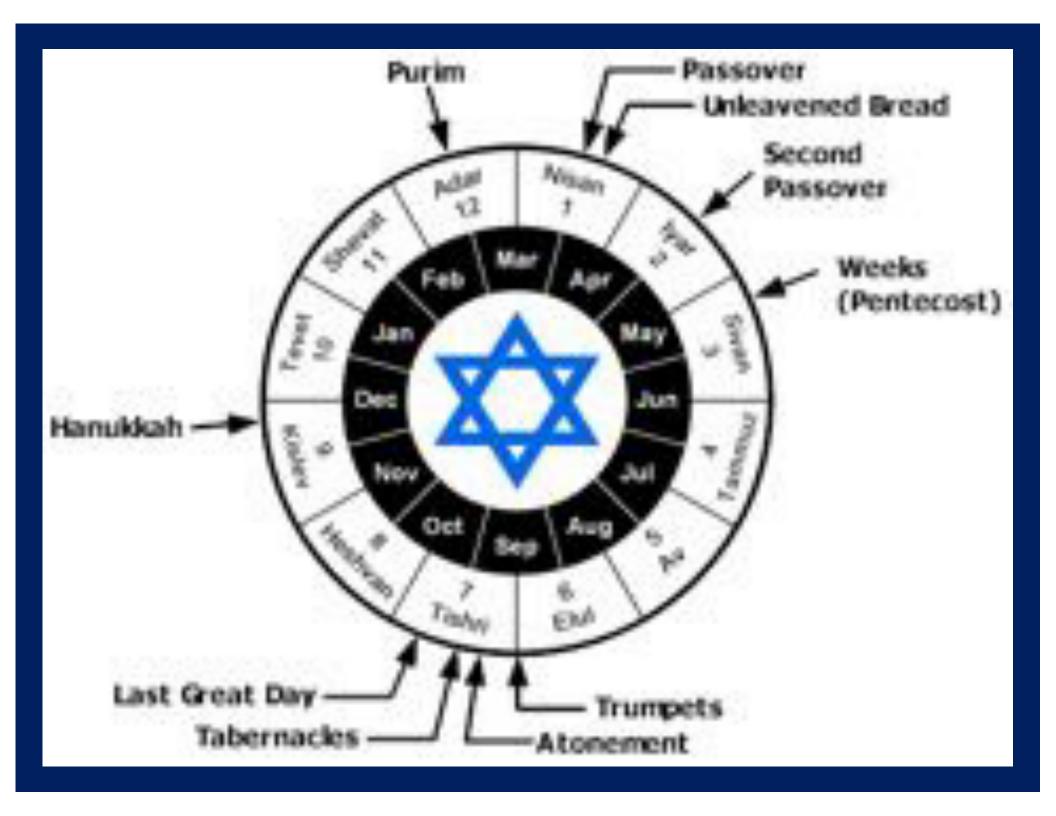
#### **HANUKKAH**

- The Maccabean revolt
- December 25<sup>th</sup> 165 BC: the temple is liberated and rededicated
- 1 & 2 Maccabees
- The miracle of the lamp oil
- Hanukkah "Feast of Dedication" (festival of lights).
- Christmas / Jewish Holiday
- John 10:22-24

### **Levitical Feasts (Lev. 23)**

Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor. 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise	1 Cor. 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt. 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev 16	Zech. 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech. 14:16-18







"At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. 24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

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#### INTERPRETATION V.15-25

- No guess work is needed
- V. 15
  - Daniel seeks an interpretation
- V. 16
  - A voice tells Gabriel to interpret the vision
- V. 17
  - "Time of the end" means the end of the third kingdom (Greece) not the end of the age
- V. 18-19
  - "Time of the end" is the end of Antiochus' desecration

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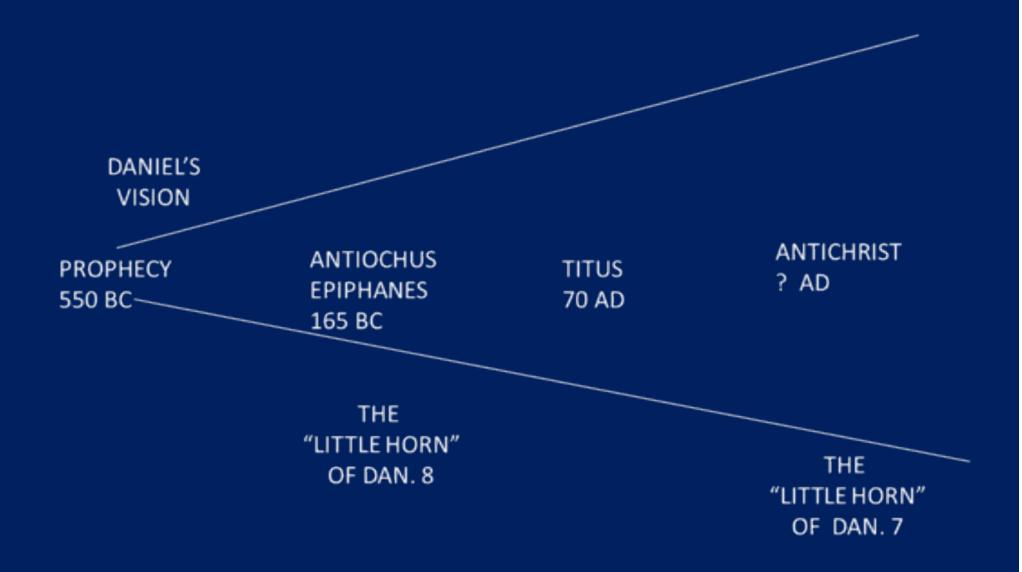
- V. 20
- Ram = Media-Persia



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- V. 21
  - ◆ Goat = Greece
  - Horn between eyes = Alexander the Great
- V. 22
  - "Broken horn" = the demise of Alexander the Great
  - "Four Horns" = four generals
  - The divided kingdom was not as strong as Alexander's kingdom
- V. 23-35
  - The Activities of Antiochus Epiphanes
  - Foreshadowing of the antichrist

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#### TIME FRAME V.26

- V. 26
  - ◆ True
  - Daniel is told to keep it a secret
  - The vision will not be fulfilled for 386 years
  - ◆ Daniel 12:4, 9

## Daniel 12:4, 9 (NASB)

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase...Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."



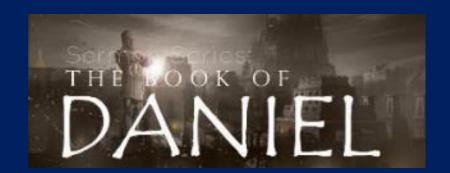


"People will stagger from sea to sea And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, But they will not find it."



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#### THE EFFECT ON DANIEL V. 27

- Daniel is exhausted
- Daniel is astounded
- Daniel wants more understanding
  - ◆ Daniel 12:8-9

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