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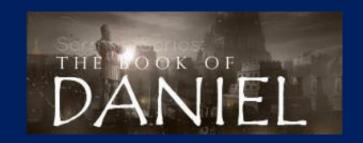
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- 1. Gentile History (2)
 - 2. Protection (3)
 - 3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
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 - 2. Protection (6)
- 1. Gentile history (7)



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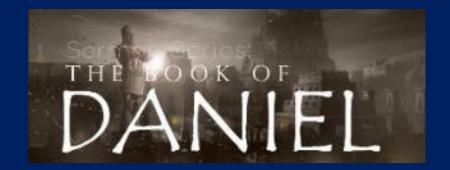
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CHAPTER AND VERSE IN DANIEL	CHRONOLOGICAL DATE	BIBLICAL DATE
1:1	605	3 rd year of Jehoiakim
2:1	603	2 nd year of Nebuchadnezzar
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1 st year of Belshazzar
<u>8:1</u>	<u>551</u>	3rd year of Belshazzar
9:1	538	1 st year of Darius
10:1	536	3 rd year of Cyrus

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

Daniel 8:20-21 (NASB)

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

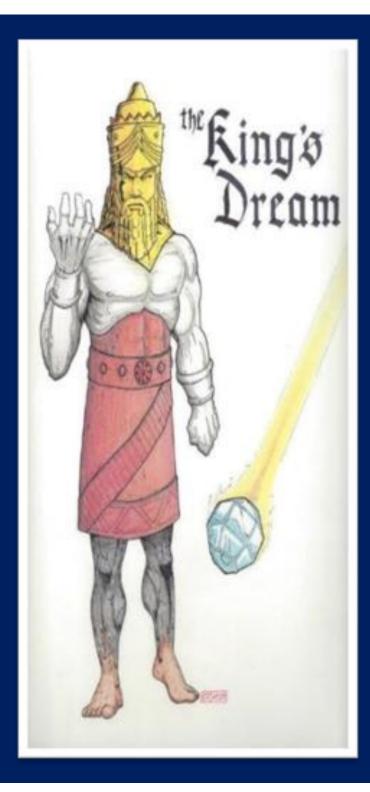


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- Media-Persia (2:39a; 7:5) 539-331 BC
- Greece (2:39b; 7:6) 331-63 BC
- Rome I (2:40; 7:7a) 63 BC 70 AD
- Rome II (2:41-43; 7:7b-8) Tribulation
- Kingdom (2:44-45; 7:9-14) After 2nd Coming

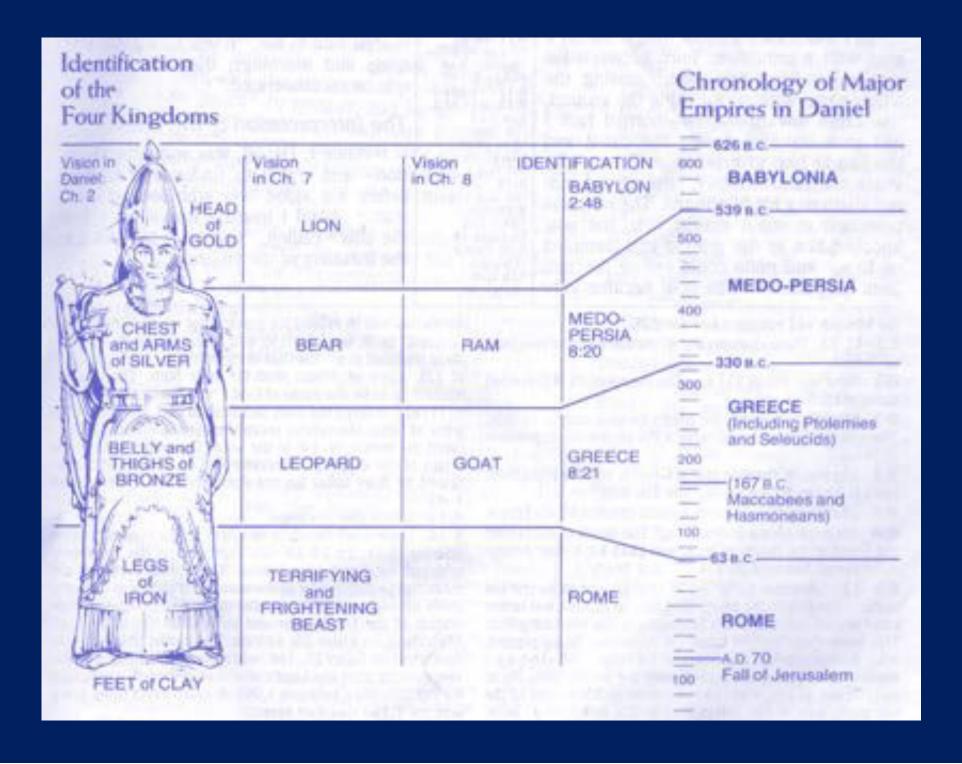
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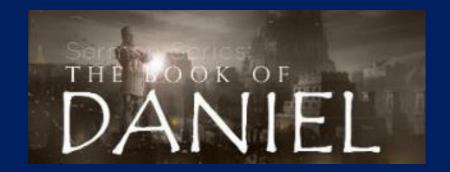






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THE 1 HORNED GOAT V. 5-8

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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

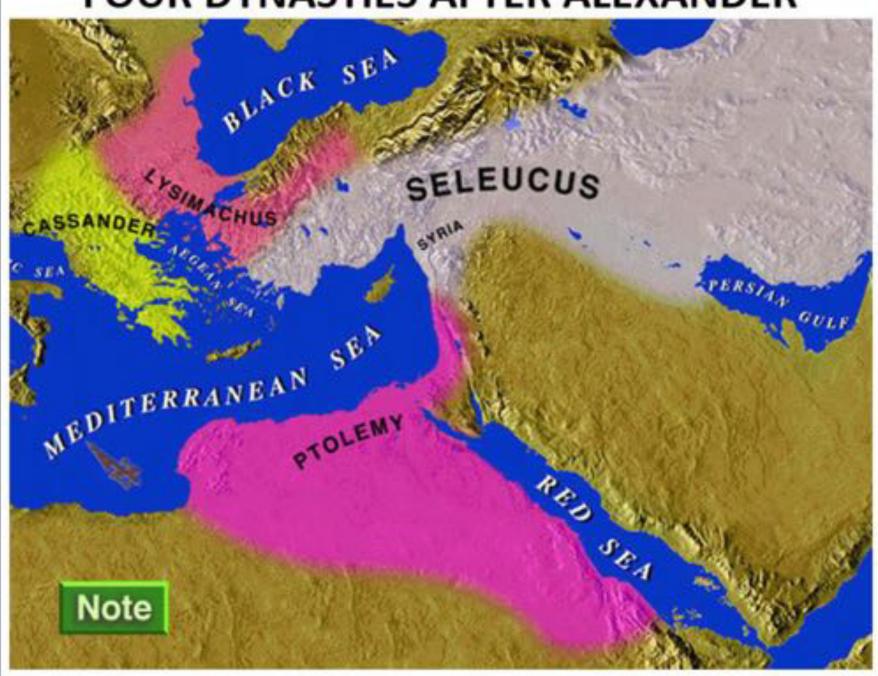
Cassander Macedonia

Ptolemy Egypt

Lysimachus
Thrace &
Asia Minor

Seleucus
Syria
(including Israel)

FOUR DYNASTIES AFTER ALEXANDER



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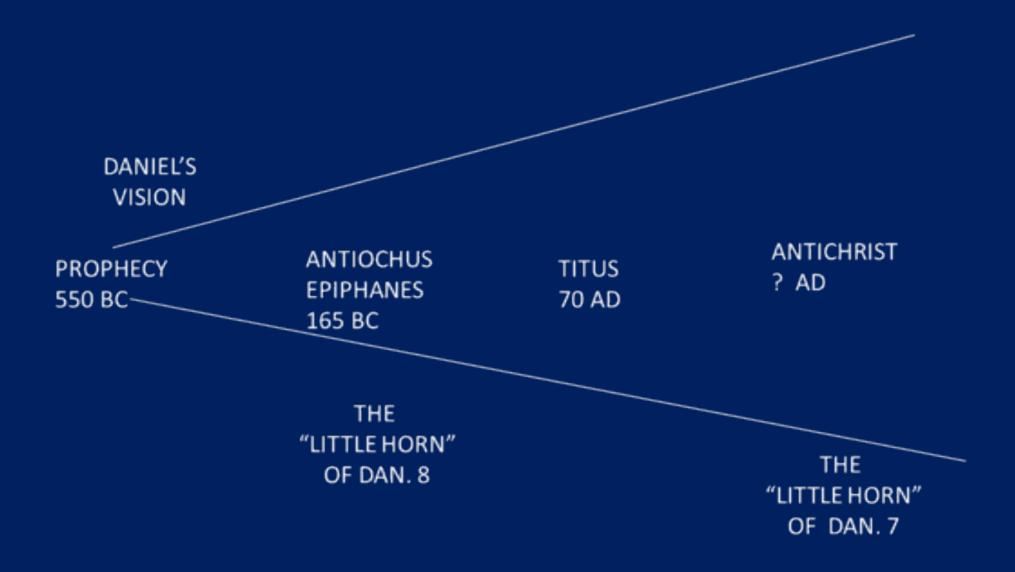
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Little Horn Slide



- 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

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



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

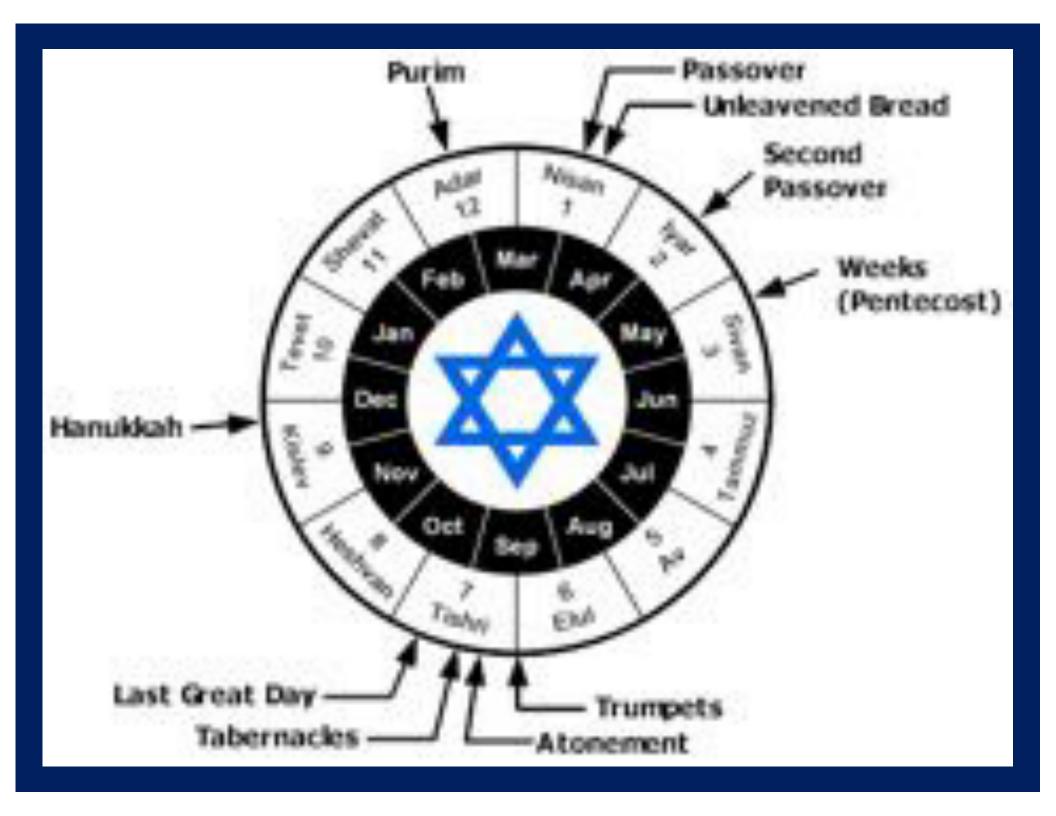


- 171 BC Dec. 25th 165 BC
- = 2300 mornings and evenings
- Daniel predicted these events roughly 400 years in advance
- Argument over the date of Daniel



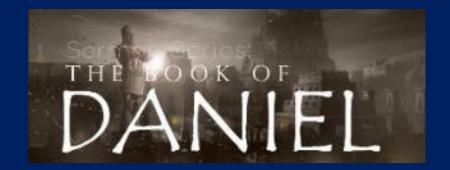
HANUKKAH

- The Maccabean revolt
- December 25th 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



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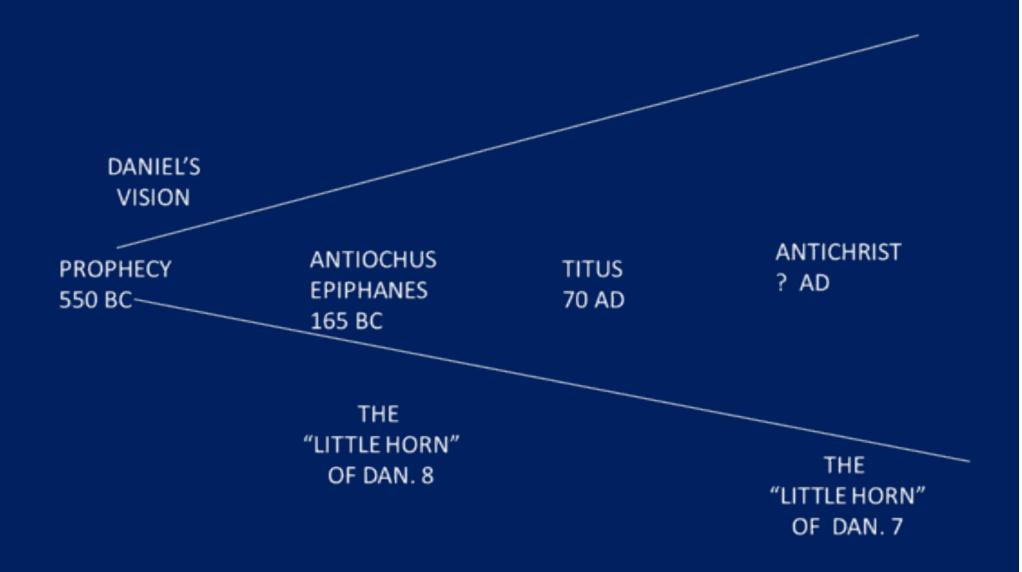
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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Antichrist's Satanic Miracles 2 Thessalonians 2:9

Miracle	Greek Word	Christ's Ministry
Powers	Dynamis	Matt. 11:20
Signs	Semēion	John 20:30
Wonders	Teras	Acts 2:22

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

- Exod 7–8
- Deut 13:1-3
- Matt 7:21-23; 24:24
- Acts 8:9; 16:16
- Gal 1:6-9
- 2 Thess 2:9
- Rev 13:3, 13; 16:13-14



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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)

⁴"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...9 Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."



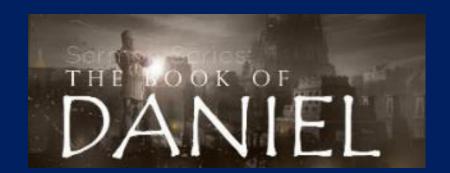
Amos 8:12 (NASB)

"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

Conclusion

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