Daniel 8 - The Ram, the He-goat and 2300 Days

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Continuing with Daniel's second dream we see God giving more prophecies - some for the time right after Daniel, some God said is reserved for the end times or latter days.

Daniel 8:1 NKJV - In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared [to] me--to me, Daniel--after the one that appeared to me the first time.
Daniel 8:2 NKJV - I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I [was] in Shushan, the citadel, which [is] in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

From Expositor's Bible Commentary

> The **seer imagines himself to be in** the palace of Shushan: "As I beheld I was in the castle of Shushan." It has been supposed by some that Daniel was really there upon some business connected with the kingdom of Babylon. But this view creates a needless difficulty. Shushan, which the Greeks called Susa, and the Persians Shush (now Shushter), "the city of the lily," was "the palace" or fortress (birah) of the Achaemenid kings of Persia. and **it is most unlikely that a chief officer of the kingdom of Babylon should have been there in the third year of the imaginary King Belshazzar, just when Cyrus was on the eve of capturing Babylon without a blow.** If Belshazzar is some dim reflection of the son of Nabunaid (though he never reigned), Shushan was not then subject to the King of Babylonia. But the ideal presence of the prophet there, in vision, is analogous to the presence of the exile Ezekiel in Jerusalem; (Eze_40:1) and these transferences of the prophets to the scenes of their operation were sometimes even regarded as bodily, as in the legend of Habakkuk taken to the lions' den to support Daniel.

Daniel 8:3 NKJV - Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns [were] high; but one [was] higher than the other, and the higher [one] came up last.

From Albert Barnes Note On the Bible:

> *A ram which had two horns* - There can be no error in explaining the design of this symbol, for in Dan_8:20 it is expressly said that it denoted the two kings of Media and Persia. The united power of the kingdom was denoted by the ram itself; the fact that there were two powers or kingdoms combined, by the two horns of the ram.
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> *And the two horns were high* - Both indicating great power.
> But one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last - The higher horn springing up last denotes Persia, that became the more mighty power of the two, so that the name Media became finally almost dropped, and the united kingdom was known in Grecian history as the Persian The Median or Assyrian power was the older, but the Persian became the most mighty.

Daniel 8:4 NKJV - I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor [was there any] that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

MacArthur Bible Commentary says represents Cyrus also predicted 150 years earlier by Isaiah (Is 45:1-7)

> Isaiah 45:1 NKJV - "Thus says the LORD to His anointed, **To Cyrus,** whose right hand I have held--To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:
> Isaiah 45:2 NKJV - 'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron.
> Isaiah 45:3 NKJV - I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call [you] by your name, [Am] the God of Israel.
> Isaiah 45:4 NKJV - For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, **I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.**
> Isaiah 45:5 NKJV - I [am] the LORD, and [there is] no other; [There is] no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,
> Isaiah 45:6 NKJV - That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That [there is] none besides Me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] no other;
> Isaiah 45:7 NKJV - I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these [things].'

Warren Weirsbe in his commentary also sites verses in Isaiah 44:

> Isaiah 44:24 NKJV - Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I [am] the LORD, who makes all [things], Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;
> Isaiah 44:25 NKJV - Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness;
> Isaiah 44:26 NKJV - Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,' To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,' And I will raise up her waste places;
> Isaiah 44:27 NKJV - Who says to the deep, 'Be dry! And I will dry up your rivers';
> Isaiah 44:28 NKJV - **Who says of Cyrus, '[He is] My shepherd,** And he shall perform all My pleasure, **Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid**." '

Daniel 8:5 NKJV - And as I was considering, suddenly **a male goat came from the west**, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat [had] a notable horn between his eyes.
Daniel 8:6 NKJV - Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.
Daniel 8:7 NKJV - And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.
Daniel 8:8 NKJV - Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

Nearly all commentaries agree that the male goat is Alexander the Great, the following is from Matthew Henry:

3. He saw this ram overcome by a he-goat. He was considering the ram (wondering that so weak an animal should come to be so prevalent) and thinking what would be the issue; and, behold, a he-goat came, Dan_8:5. **This was Alexander the Great, the son of Philip king of Macedonia.** He came from the west, from Greece, which lay west from Persia. He fetched a great compass with his army: he came upon the face of the whole earth; he did in effect conquer the world, and then sat down and wept because there was not another world to be conquered. Unus Pellaeo juveni non sufficit orbis - One world was too little for the youth of Pellae. This he-goat (a creature famed for comeliness in going, Pro_30:31) went on with incredible swiftness, so that he touched not the ground, so lightly did he move; he rather seemed to fly above the ground than to go upon the ground; or none touched him in the earth, that is, he met with little or no opposition. This he-goat, or buck, had a notable horn between his eyes, like a unicorn. He had strength, and knew his own strength; he saw himself a match for all his neighbours. Alexander pushed his conquests on so fast, and with so much fury, that none of the kingdoms he attacked had courage to make a stand, or give check to the progress of his victorious arms. **In six years he made himself master of the greatest part of the then known world. Well might he be called a notable horn, for his name still lives in history as the name of one of the most celebrated commanders in war that ever the world knew.** Alexander's victories and achievements are still the entertainment of the ingenious. This he-goat came to the ram that had two horns, Dan_8:6. Alexander with his victorious army attacked the kingdom of Persia, an army consisting of no more than 30,000 foot and 5000 horse. He ran unto him, to surprise him ere he could get intelligence of his motions, in the fury of his power. He came close to the ram. Alexander with his army came up with Darius Codomannus, then emperor of Persia, being moved with choler against him, Dan_8:7. It was with the greatest violence that Alexander pushed on his war against Darius, who, though he brought vast numbers into the field, yet, for want of skill, was an unequal match for him, so that Alexander was too hard for him whenever he engaged him, smote him, cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him, which three expressions, some think, refer to the three famous victories that Alexander obtained over Darius, at Granicus, at Issus, and at Arbela, by which he was at length totally routed, having, in the last battle, had 600,000 men killed, so that Alexander became absolute master of all the Persian empire, broke his two horns, the kingdoms of Media and Persia. The ram that had destroyed all before him (Dan_8:4) now is himself destroyed; Darius has no power to stand before Alexander, not has he any friends or allies to help to deliver him out of his hand. Note, Those kingdoms which, when they had power, abused it, and, because none could oppose them, withheld not themselves from the doing of any wrong, may expect to have their power at length taken from them, and to be served in their own kind, Isa_33:1.

4. He saw the he-goat made hereby very considerable; but the great horn, that had done all this execution, was broken, Dan_8:8. Alexander was about twenty years old when he began his wars. When he was about twenty-six he conquered Darius, and became master of the whole Persian empire; but when he was about thirty-two or thirty-three years of age, when he was strong, in his full strength, **he was broken**. He was not killed in war, in the bed of honour, but died of a drunken surfeit, or, as some suspect, by poison and left no child living behind him to enjoy that which he had endlessly laboured for, but left a lasting monument of the vanity of worldly pomp and power, and their insufficiency to make a man happy.

5. He saw this kingdom divided into four parts, and that instead of **that one great horn there came up four notable ones,** Alexander's four captains, to whom he bequeathed his conquests; and he had so much that, when it was divided among four, they had each of them enough for any one man. These four notable horns were towards the four winds of heaven, the same with the four heads of the leopard (Dan_7:6), the kingdoms of Syria and Egypt, Asia and Greece - Syria lying to the east, Greece to the west, Asia Minor to the north, and Egypt to the south. Note, Those that heap up riches know not who shall gather them, nor whose all those things shall be which they have provided.

Dr. Herman Hoeh in his article “Daniel’s 2300 Days Prophecy” states the following:

Consider the time setting of this prophecy. It commenced with the Medo-Persian Empire which lasted until 331 B.C. Then the Greco-Macedonian Empire came on the scene with its first king, Alexander the Great. In 323 B.C. Alexander died at the age of 33. Alexander's empire was divided into four major parts — verse 22. None of these parts was as strong as the whole kingdom had been under Alexander the Great. The time setting of this prophecy already brings us to the date 323 B.C.!

Daniel 8:9 NKJV - And **out of one of them** came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious [Land].

This little horn is Antiochus Epiphanes … see below.

Daniel 8:10 NKJV - And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down [some] of the host and [some] of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.
Daniel 8:11 NKJV - He even exalted [himself] as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily [sacrifices] were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.
Daniel 8:12 NKJV - Because of transgression, an army was given over [to the horn] to oppose the daily [sacrifices]; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did [all this] and prospered.
Daniel 8:13 NKJV - Then I heard a holy one speaking; and [another] holy one said to that certain [one] who was speaking, "How long [will] the vision [be, concerning] the daily [sacrifices] and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?"
Daniel 8:14 NKJV - And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days[FT]; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." [FT] = Footnote: Literally *evening-mornings*

From Expositor's Bible Commentary:

> With one only of the four kingdoms, and with one only of its kings, is the vision further concerned-with the kingdom of the Seleueidae, and with the eighth king of the Dynasty, **Antiochus Epiphanes**. In this chapter, however, a brief sketch only of him is furnished. Many details of the minutest kind are subsequently added. He is called "a puny horn," because, in his youth, no one could have anticipated his future greatness. He was only a younger son of Antiochus III (the Great). When Antiochus III was defeated in the Battle of Magnesia under Mount Sipylus (B.C. 190), his loss was terrible. Fifty thousand foot and four thousand horse were slain on the battlefield, and fourteen hundred were taken prisoners. He was forced to make peace with the Romans, and to give them hostages, one of whom was Antiochus the Younger, brother of Seleucus, who was heir to the throne. Antiochus for thirteen years languished miserably as a hostage at Rome. His father, Antiochus the Great, was either slain in B.C. 187 by the people of Elymais, after his sacrilegious plundering of the Temple of Jupiter-Belus; or murdered by some of his own attendants whom he had beaten during a fit of drunkenness. Seleucus Philopator succeeded him, and after having reigned for thirteen years, wished to see his brother Antiochus again. He therefore sent his son Demetrius in exchange for him, perhaps desiring that the boy, who was then twelve years old, should enjoy the advantage of a Roman education, or thinking that Antiochus would be of more use to him in his designs against Ptolemy Philometor, the child-king of Egypt. When Demetrius was on his way to Rome, and Antiochus had not yet reached Antioch, Heliodorus, the treasurer, seized the opportunity to poison Seleucus and usurp the crown.
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> The chances, therefore, of Antiochus seemed very forlorn. But he was a man of ability, though with a taint of folly and madness in his veins. By allying himself with Eumenes, King of Pergamum, as we shall see hereafter, he suppressed Heliodorus, secured the kingdom, and "becoming very great," though only by fraud, cruelty, and stratagem, assumed the title of Epiphanes "the Illustrious." He extended his power "towards the South" by intriguing and warring against Egypt and his young nephew, Ptolemy Philometor; and "towards the Sun-rising" by his successes in the direction of Media and Persia; (See 1Ma_3:29-37) and towards "the Glory" or "Ornament" (hatstsebi) - i.e., the Holy Land. Inflated with insolence, he now set himself against the stars, the host of heaven- i.e., against the chosen people of God and their leaders. He cast down and trampled on them, and defined the Prince of the host; for he
> "Not e'en against the Holy One of heaven Refrained his tongue blasphemous."
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> His chief enormity was the abolition of "the daily" (tamid) - i.e., the sacrifice daily offered in the Temple; and the desecration of the sanctuary itself by violence and sacrilege, which will be more fully set forth in the next chapters. He also seized and destroyed the sacred books of the Jews. As he forbade the reading of the Law-of which the daily lesson was called the Parashah -there began from this time the custom of selecting a lesson from the Prophets, which was called the Haphtarah.

It was natural to make one of the holy ones, who are supposed to witness this horrible iniquity, inquire how long it was to be permitted. The enigmatic answer is, "Until an evening-morning two thousand three hundred."
In the further explanation given to Daniel by Gabriel a few more touches are added.
Antiochus Epiphanes is described as a king "bold of visage, and skilled in enigmas." His boldness is sufficiently illustrated by his many campaigns and battles, and his braggart insolence has been already alluded to in Dan_7:8. His skill in enigmas is illustrated by his dark and tortuous diplomacy, which was exhibited in all his proceedings, (Comp. Dan_11:21) and especially in the whole of his dealings with Egypt, in which country he desired to usurp the throne from his young nephew Ptolemy Philometor. The statement that "he will have mighty strength, but not by his own strength," may either mean that his transient prosperity was due only to the permission of God, or that his successes were won rather by cunning than by prowess. After an allusion to his cruel persecution of the holy people, Gabriel adds that "without a hand shall he be broken in pieces"; in other words, his retribution and destruction shall be due to no human intervention, but will come from God Himself.
Daniel is bidden to hide the vision for many days-a sentence which is due to the literary plan of the Book; and he is assured that the vision concerning the "evening-morning" was true

Daniel 8:15 NKJV - Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.
Daniel 8:16 NKJV - And I heard a man's voice between [the banks of] the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this [man] understand the vision."
Daniel 8:17 NKJV - So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, **that the vision [refers] to the time of the end."**
Daniel 8:18 NKJV - Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.
Daniel 8:19 NKJV - And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end [shall be].

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Then he said, “I am here to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath. What you have seen pertains to the very end of time.

Wrath:
Isaiah 13:9 NKJV - Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both **wrath** and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

Jeremiah 10:10 NKJV - But the LORD [is] the true God; He [is] the living God and the everlasting King. At His **wrath** the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

Ezekiel 7:19 NKJV - 'They will throw their silver into the streets, And their gold will be like refuse; Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them **In the day of the wrath** of the LORD; They will not satisfy their souls, Nor fill their stomachs, Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.

Matthew 3:7 NKJV - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! **Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**

Daniel 8:20 NKJV - "**The ram which you saw, having the two horns--[they are] the kings of Media and Persia.**
Daniel 8:21 NKJV - "**And the male goat [is] the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that [is] between its eyes [is] the first king.**

Daniel 8:22 NKJV - "As for the broken [horn] and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.
Daniel 8:23 NKJV - "And **in the latter time of their kingdom**, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.
Daniel 8:24 NKJV - His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and [also] the holy people.
Daniel 8:25 NKJV - "Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt [himself] in his heart. He shall destroy many in [their] prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without [human] means.
Daniel 8:26 NKJV - "And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; **Therefore seal up the vision, For [it refers] to many days [in the future].**"
Daniel 8:27 NKJV - And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

The 2300 “Days” in Prophecy

From Dr. Hermon Hoeh’s article:

A Prophecy for the Latter Time!

Let us continue with verse 3: "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."

Look at this prophecy again. Here a "little horn" appears coming out of one of the four divisions of Alexander's empire. THIS "LITTLE HORN" CANNOT HAVE ARISEN BEFORE THE DIVISION OF ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE, as some claim! Notice that again! "OUT OF ONE OF THEM CAME FORTH a little horn"!

Whatever this mysterious horn symbolizes, whatever this little horn does on the world scene, must occur AFTER the death of Alexander the Great — after the division of his empire into four parts!

We come now to the climax of this vision. Daniel was told: "For AT THE TIME OF THE END shall be the vision" (verse 17). The vision of "the little horn" is for the time of the end! Read verse 23, "AND IN THE LATTER TIME of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full."

But WHO does the "little horn" symbolize? Notice the Bible explanation!

"A king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty... and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace [the margin says "prosperity"] shall destroy many; HE SHALL ALSO STAND UP AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES; but he shall be broken without hand" (verses 23-25). There is the answer!

Look at this prophecy again. Notice it is a prophecy for the latter days. The little horn symbolizes a king who shall arise "in the latter time of their kingdom" (verse 23). This man stands up AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES — that is Christ at His second coming! Here is a great Gentile world ruler who stands up against Christ and is supernaturally destroyed — "without hand" — not by human hand but by divine intervention in human affairs.

The Bible interprets this "little horn" as A RULER WHO SHALL EXIST AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST! He comes on the scene when world transgression — world sin — has reached its climax (verse 23).

This "little horn" is described again in Revelation 17:14. There we read that he makes war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome him and his allies. This "little horn" does the same thing as the final "beast" of Revelation!

What the "Little Horn" Does

But to continue with this amazing prophecy for the latter days! "And it [the little horn] 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. 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. And a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression" — the margin reads: "the host was given over for the transgression against the daily sacrifice" — "and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered" (Daniel 8:10-12).

Many have tried to interpret these mysterious symbols out of their own human reasoning. They have tried to read into the Bible meanings that are not there. Let THE BIBLE interpret the Bible! Notice the explanation in verse 24: "And his power shall be mighty." That's the explanation of the first part of verse 10: "It waxed great."

To continue: "But not by his own power." This king will not accomplish his great deeds by his own strength. Revelation 17:17 reveals why. Ten lesser kings GIVE THEIR MILITARY POWER AND STRENGTH "unto the Beast."

This little horn "shall destroy wonderfully" — shall have marvelous, frightening military powers "and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (verse 24). Here is a persecuting power, a power which destroys God's people — the children of Israel — and persecutes the true church (Dan. 8:10,24).

Verse 25 continues to explain verse 11, and so on.

A Common Misunderstanding

Notice Daniel 8:26: "And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true..." The vision of "2300 days" is actually called in the Scripture "THE VISION OF THE EVENING AND THE MORNING." Why?

Turn in your Bibles to verse 14 of chapter 8. In most Bibles you will find a marginal note for the word "days." This note reveals that the original Hebrew of the word "days" is "evening morning." This prophecy is NOT referring to 24-hour days but to evenings and mornings — THE EVENING AND MORNING SACRIFICE! Notice in verse 11 that the little horn takes away the DAILY SACRIFICE. The daily sacrifice was offered in the evening and in the morning. See Lev. 6:9 and 12.

Verse 14 is a MISTRANSLATION in the text of the King James Version, though it is correct in the margin. The Revised Standard Version more correctly reads, "for two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings."

In other words, here is a prophecy that two thousand three hundred evening and morning sacrifices would cease to be offered. Since the daily sacrifice was offered TWICE A DAY, this prophecy is actually speaking of one thousand one hundred fifty (1150) days. In 1150 days there would be exactly two thousand three hundred sacrifices offered at evening and morning.

At the end of this 1150-day period the sanctuary is to be "cleansed" or "justified." This prophecy is yet to be fulfilled! That's why it was shut up and sealed from human understanding until our time. It was not for God's people or the world until these latter days!

Another False Idea

Some have contended that this prophecy has already been fulfilled. This is NOT TRUE! Notice why: what happened to the daily sacrifice in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes (168-165 B.C.) was ONLY A TYPE of what is yet to occur! The wicked deeds of Antiochus Epiphanes are recorded in Daniel 11:31. He polluted the ancient sanctuary. He took away the daily sacrifice BUT NOT FOR EXACTLY 1150 DAYS.

Daniel 11:31 is not referring to the same event described in Daniel 8. Notice especially in Daniel 11 that the latter days do not commence until verse 40. "And at the TIME OF THE END..." That's in this generation, almost two thousand years AFTER the days of Antiochus Epiphanes.

But Daniel 8 shows that the little horn, which takes away the daily sacrifice and casts down the sanctuary, ARISES IN THE LATTER DAYS. It is to arise at the time of the end. The little horn is the LAST KING of one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire. He is, in fact, the last king who rules over the "Kingdom of the North" — one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire.

The King of the North, described in Daniel 11, was originally Syria — NORTH of Palestine. BUT SYRIA WAS SWALLOWED UP BY ROME. The Roman system of government became the "Kingdom of the North." It has existed to our time in Europe. This amazing history is described in Daniel 11:36-41. In Daniel 11 the last King of the North is pictured as occupying "the glorious land" Palestine (verse 41). This is the same region that the little horn" of Daniel 8 is yet to control IN OUR DAY!

The Final Fulfillment

This amazing prophecy is about to be fulfilled in our day. A great crisis is yet to occur in Palestine. After nearly 19 centuries a part of the tribe of Judah the Jews — has come back to Palestine. In their war of independence in 1948 they gained possession of the new part of Jerusalem, but the Arabs still control old Jerusalem. Not only Jerusalem, but the whole land of Palestine is divided. It is an armed camp likely to ignite at any moment!

In the near future we shall literally see the next great prophesied event for Palestine — "the daily sacrifice" and "the sanctuary" restored before our very eyes.

Then will come World War III and the occupation of Palestine and Jerusalem.

A great European Church-State union will be in control of Palestine and the whole Western World. It will prohibit the Truth. It will "cast down the truth to the ground." It will practice and prosper!

It will persecute and martyr God's Holy people. It will be allowed to tread Jerusalem underfoot and to prohibit the daily sacrifice at the sanctuary for 1150 days. It will substitute its own abominable, idolatrous rites in place of the evening and morning sacrifice. Jesus referred to this same event in Matthew 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;) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains... for then shall be great tribulation..." climaxing in the second coming of Jesus Christ (verses 15-21).

The Gentiles will trod down Jerusalem for 1260 days (Rev. 11). It will be the time of the two witnesses who will prophesy in the streets of Jerusalem for 1260 days, then be killed, and — just IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE RETURN OF CHRIST — be raised from the dead in the sight of the people!

God will suddenly intervene in human affairs. He will put an end to this wicked idolatrous system. "The sanctuary SHALL BE cleansed."

We are very near the fulfillment of these amazing prophecies. It is time we wake up to world events and free ourselves from fables and traditions began more than a century ago! It's time we believe the Bible and not false teachers! It's time we asked God for wisdom and ask Him to lead us and to show us HIS TRUTH!

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