

I) **V1-4 INTRO: In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me**

II) **As we saw: Daniel received a vision covering his time until Jesus sets up His kingdom**

**This vision included the revelation of four great world empires  
The Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires**

III) **The Roman empire continues in some form until the tribulation, and then reforms**

**It can be seen today in the European Common market  
The European economic community is actually, *territorially*, the Roman empire**

IV) **Today there are 27 nations**

**In its final form it will consist of a ten-nation confederacy, with antichrist its leader**

V) **In the end, after a brief world domination antichrist's kingdom comes to an end  
Dan 7:26 tells us his dominion is stripped away and kingdom destroyed forever**

**V27 When it comes to its end, Jesus' kingdom is established and is everlasting**

VI) **Over time there have been attempts to unify the empire and have failed**

**In 800 AD, Charlemagne tried to do so, and Napoleon (1769-1821) tried but failed**

**Hitler tried when he brought in the Third Reich (Empire) but also failed**

VII) **There is still one man on the horizon who will not fail in reviving the empire**

**He will become the leader of a ten-nation confederacy, reviving the Roman Empire**

**He is known by many names: The willful king, The man of sin, Son of Perdition, lawless one, the beast, the Antichrist**

VIII) **Here he is called the little horn, as he had been identified in chapter 7:8**

**He will also be spoken of in chapters nine and eleven**

IX) **The world is looking for a world leader that can unify and bring peace**

**This is not a new desire: it is one that has existed for many years**

X) Former Belgian Prime Minister P H Spaak (1938-39) said: What we need is a man, someone of the highest order of great experience, of great authority, of wide influence, of great energy. Let him come and let him come quickly. Either a civilian or a military man, no matter what his nationality, who will cut all the red tape, shove out of the way all the committees, wake up all the people, and galvanize all governments into action. Let him come quickly. This man we need and for whom we wait will take charge of the defense of the West

XI) V1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel

I) As we begin I will give some basic information about this chapter  
A language called Aramaic had been used from Ch 2:4 and concluded with 7:28

In this chapter, Daniel resumes writing in Hebrew

II) The events recorded here actually transpired 2 years after those recorded in Ch 7

III) Daniel speaks of a vision that appeared to him  
This vision (waking dream) relates to events that occur in both the 2nd and 3rd Empires

This would be the Medo-Persian and Greek empires

IV) The vision also (V19) relates to events that prophetically occur in the *latter time*

V) V2 I saw *in the vision* and it so happened while I was looking that I was in Shushan

VISION: A divine communication from God to Daniel

Job 33:14-17 For God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction. In order to turn man from his deed, and conceal pride from man

VI) Daniel, by vision (not physically) is transported to the Capitol City of Persia  
In this vision he is given a glimpse into the coming Medo-Persian Empire

VII) He is taken to Shushan, the residence of Persian Kings: A citadel 200 mi. N of Babylon

Here he finds himself by the River Ullai (an artificial canal connecting two rivers)

VIII) V3-4 Then I lifted my eyes and saw and there standing beside the river was a ram which

(V20) The ram with two horns is later identified as the Medo-Persian empire  
Instead of crowns, a Persian king when leading the army wore a rams head

IX) The higher one is the Persian, the dominant portion of the empire which rose later

The Medes and Persians dominated the world for nearly 2 centuries

X) V4 I saw the ram pushing westward northward and southward so that no animal could

Though it expanded to the east, its principal conquests were west, north and south

Again, this speaks of the Medo-Persian Empire

XI) V5-8 And as I was considering suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the

The Grecian Empire is introduced (V21-22)

XII) Greece comes from the west rapidly moving to the east in conquest

I) One author by the name of Larkin wrote: Alexander the Great (BC 356-323) became King of Greece when he was 20 years of age, in BC 336. Two years later (334 BC) in goat like fashion, he leaped the Hellespont, and with an army of 30,000 infantry and 5,000 cavalry he defeated a Persian force on the banks of the Granicus. By a swift advance eastward he, in the following year (333 BC) defeated at Issus a Persian army of 600,000 men commanded by King Darius. After minor conquests in Phoenicia and Egypt he returned to Syria, where on the banks of the Tigris River he defeated an enormous army led by Darius. This is known as the Battle of Arbela (331 BC). From 330 to 327 BC Alexander was engaged in subjugating the outlying provinces of the Persian Empire. Later he returned to Babylon, where at the climax of his glory he died of marsh fever and intemperance in June of 323, his 33rd year

II) V8 NOTICE: But when he became strong the large horn was broken  
Alexander died in the prime of his life

III) Alexander conquered the world, but could not conquer himself: He died while drunk

Pr 20:1 Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led

astray by it is not wise

Pr 31:4 It is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink

Eph 5:18 Do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled

with the Spirit

IV) And in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven

V22 After considerable turmoil, the empire was divided into four parts

V) There was a great amount of infighting that lasted for 22 years after Alexander's death

It was finally divided between 4 generals: Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy

VI) V9-12 And out of *one of them* came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the

The little horn is introduced: This has a two-fold application

VII) Out of one of them would speak of Seleucus

Seleucus ruled over Syria, Kuwait, Turkmenistan, Persia and Afghanistan

This empire lasted from 312 BC to 63 BC

VIII) The little horn that is introduced to us is Antiochus Epiphanes

He was the 8th King of the Syrian dynasty (ruled 175-164 BC) (not antichrist; a type)

IX) V9 This horn was small in its beginning but grew great in three directions

The south, the east and the Glorious Land (Israel)

Ezek 20:6 On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, 'flowing with milk and honey,' the glory of all lands.

I) V10 And it grew up to the host of heaven and it cast down some of the host and some of

II) Antiochus Epiphanes conducted war against the Jews

His treatment of the Jews can rightly be classified as a religious cleansing (persecution)

III) Stars can represent the Jews, as God's promise to Abraham bears this out

Gen 15:5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be

Dan 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the

**firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.**

**IV) V11-12 He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host and by him the daily**

**V) Antiochus attempted to Hellenize the Jews  
He brought in the culture, language and religion of the Greeks  
He appointed a Greek high priest, and built a stadium outside of the Holy of Holies**

**VI) What is wrong with this? What is wrong is the Greeks exercised and competed, naked  
Eventually the Jewish priests began to participate in the games, also naked**

**VII) This was highly offensive: the Jews knew that God covered Adam and Eve's nakedness  
They knew that this would only bring lust  
The stadium was in plain view of the temple, where all could see those participating**

**VIII) Since Jews were circumcised by Greeks weren't, Jews began to neglect circumcising  
This led to the acceptance of Greek culture and morals**

**IX) V10 And it grew up to the host of heaven and it cast down some of the host and some  
He fell upon Jerusalem and massacred many and took all the valuables  
Those who could escape retreated to the wilderness**

**X) History records that they put to death women that had caused their children to be circumcised and they hanged the babies around their mothers' necks, plundered their houses, and slew those who had circumcised them.  
What he did was, when he found a mother who circumcised a child, he slew the baby, and tied the baby around the mother's neck, marched her right through the middle of town to the edge of town, and threw her over a cliff to be crushed to death.**

**XI) V11 He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host and by him the daily  
He claimed divine honor: Epiphanes speaks of a glorious or divine manifestation**

**He blasphemed God and magnified himself as God, proclaiming he was equal to God**

**I) V11 He took away the daily sacrifices and desecrated the sanctuary  
The morning and evening offerings were not allowed while he ruled over them**

**II) The unbelieving Jews followed his commands, and forsook the Jewish faith  
They built altars in groves, sacrificed pig's flesh, stopped circumcising their sons, pursued immoral lives and forgot God's word**

**III) He tried to abolish the Jewish religion by force  
(Apocrypha) 1 Mac 1:44-49 The king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land, to forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary, to profane Sabbaths and feasts, to defile the sanctuary and the priest, to build altars in sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to make themselves abominable to everything unclean and profane, so that they should forget the law and change all the ordinances. And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die.**

**IV) V11 The place of His sanctuary was cast down  
After Antiochus was defeated and died in battle, the Jews tore down the altar and replaced it, as well altar as the interior of the temple**

**V) V12 Because of transgression an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily**

**VI) Who was this army given over to the horn?  
Unfaithful and unbelieving Jews who joined him in the slaughter of their own people  
Because Israel had not been faithful, God gave them over into the hand of this king**

**VII) The point is: God brought judgment on His unfaithful people  
Jer 12:7 I have forsaken My house, I have left My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.  
Ezek 5:11 `Therefore, as I live,' says the Lord GOD, `surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity.**

**VIII) V13-14 Then I heard a holy one speaking and another holy one said to that**

certain one

It is generally believed that these 2300 days are fulfilled in the period from 171-164 BC

This would be the time when the Jewish religion eroded, and ending with his death

IX) John Walvoord: Onias the Third, the legitimate Jewish high priest, was murdered in 171 BC: From then a pseudo-line of priests assumed power: Approximately 2300 days after this, Antiochus died on a military campaign in Media

I) This opened the door for the cleansing and rededication of the Temple  
The temple was rededicated because Antiochus sacked Jerusalem, killed 80,000 Jews, plundered the temple and dedicated it to his idols, killed a pig on the altar and then spread the fluids that gushed out all through the temple

II) V15-19 Now it happened when I Daniel had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning

III) Here we are introduced to an angel: Gabriel (warrior of God)  
This is the First time an angel is mentioned by name  
HE GIVES DANIEL: Insight into coming events

IV) V20-22 The ram which you saw having the two horns they are the kings of Media and

There is a dual fulfillment, both Historical and prophetic  
The prophecy fulfilled foreshadows future events that are yet to be fulfilled

Two mountains separated by a valley that you cannot see

V) V23-27 And in the *latter time* of their kingdom when the transgressors have reached their

The latter time of their kingdoms is represented by the fourth kingdom: Rome

VI) V23 This is the prophecy of the coming antichrist  
In the latter time of their kingdom a king arises

VII) V23 He has fierce features: a strong and bold appearance; a warrior's appearance

He will be fierce, strong and confident  
He understands sinister schemes: He is intelligent, a genius

VIII) V24 His power shall be mighty, both militarily and spiritually

**He shall have a system of military alliances and will be demonically empowered**

**IX) V24 But not by his own power (Rev 13:2 And the dragon gave him his power)**

**X) V24 He shall destroy fearfully (the world will wonder after the beast—Rev 13:3)  
Rev 13:7-8 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

**XI) V24 He shall prosper and thrive (he will be rich and powerful)**

**Dan 11:36 Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done**

**I) V24 He shall destroy the mighty and also the holy people:**

**Rev 17:6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**

**II) V25 Through his cunning: The antichrist will be constantly scheming and deceiving**

**He is a liar and his lies are believed by those who follow him**

**III) His false prophet will encourage this deception, especially in worship**

**Rev 13:11-13 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.**

**IV) V25 He shall magnify himself in his heart: he is self promoting and self exalting**

**2 Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God**

**V) V25 He shall destroy many in their prosperity: They will have a false peace**

**1 Th 5:3 When they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.**

**VI) V25 He shall even rise against the Prince of princes: He will oppose Jesus**



**Dan 7:25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,  
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High**

**VII) V25 He shall be broken without human hand: Jesus will destroy him at His 2nd  
Coming**

**At the second coming**

**Rev 19:19-21 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their  
armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his**

**army. But the beast was captured,  
and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these  
signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped  
its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning**

**sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on  
the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.**

**Pr 16:5 Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though  
they join forces, none will go unpunished.**

**VIII) V26-27 And the vision of the evenings and morning which was told is true  
Therefore**

**This is for the future, and is true and it devastated him**

**People were going to suffer terribly, and it broke his loving heart**

**because**