

# ANTIOCHUS AND THE ANTI-CHRIST

THE DANIEL PROPHECIES

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## THE RAM, THE GOAT, THE LITTLE HORN—[8:3-10](#)

**Daniel 8:3–7 (NIV)** — 3 I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. 4 I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great. 5 As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. 6 He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. 7 I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power.

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**Daniel 8:8–10 (NIV)** — 8 The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven. 9 Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. 10 It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.

**This “Small Horn” is Antiochus Epiphanes.**

- He Rose To Power As One Of The 4 Little Horns
- Antiochus is a type of the future Antichrist

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## THE SACRIFICE TO THE LORD IS HALTED—[8:11-14](#)

**Daniel 8:11-14 (NIV) (11)** It (SMALL HORN) set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. (12) Because of rebellion, the host [of the saints] and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground. (13) Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled--the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?" (14) He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

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**THIS VISION CONCERNS THE TIME OF THE END – 8:15-22**

**Daniel 8:15–17 (NIV)** — 15 While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. 16 And I heard a man’s voice from the Ulai calling, “Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision.” 17 As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. “Son of man,” he said to me, “understand that the vision concerns the time of the end.”

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**Daniel 8:18–22 (NIV)** — 18 While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and raised me to my feet. 19 He said: “I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end. 20 The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. 21 The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king. 22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

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## THIS VISION CONCERNS THE ANTICHRIST – 8:23-25

**Daniel 8:23-25 (NIV) (23)** "In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise. (24) He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people. (25) He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power..."

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**Many of these traits of the future Antichrist were seen in the life of Antiochus:**

- *Both begin modestly but increase in power and influence*
- *Both blaspheme God*
- *Both persecute the Jewish people*
- *Both claim to be gods and put images in the temple*
- *Both impose their own religion*
- *Both are opposed by a believing remnant that knows God*
- *Both are energized by the devil and are great deceivers*
- *Both appear to succeed marvelously and seem to be invincible*
- *Both are finally defeated by the coming of a redeemer (Judas Maccabeus and Jesus Christ)*



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## **THE OVERTHROW OF THE ANTI-CHRIST—[8:25](#)**

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## **DANIEL -- THE OVERWHELMED PROPHET—[8:26-27](#)**

Daniel 8:26-27 (NIV) (26) "The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future." (27) I, Daniel, was exhausted and lay ill for several days. Then I got up and went about the king's business. I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding.

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**The vision was true -- yet not fulfilled for a long time to come**

- It was to be sealed – It pertains to our current times
- The sealing of this prophecy -- was not done to conceal it. It was sealed to care for, seal, and protect it.

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## **One Day Soon Jesus Will Return In The Clouds**

- All Believers Will Be Instantaneously Changed And Caught Away To Meet The Lord In The Air.
- This Is Our Blessed Hope

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**After the Church is gone a world leader will arise a who is called in the Bible the Man of Sin, the Antichrist.**

- Antichrist will set up an image in Jerusalem and compel all the world to worship the image

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**There will be a remnant of 144,000 of the 12 tribes of Israel, who will refuse to worship this image, as a result they become the object of the terrible hate and persecution.**

**God is not finished with Israel -- the 144,000 are proof:**

- 1. God will seal them*
- 2. He will miraculously deliver them*
- 3. He will exalt them above the nations in that day*

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**Antiochus is a type of the “Beast” of Revelation 13.**

- The “image” is the type and picture of the ‘abomination of desolation’
- As Antiochus wanted to restrict worship corporately and collectively -- the Antichrist will establish the idea of one world worship, with strict compulsory participation

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**There is an interfaith contingent today that says:**

- *All roads lead to heaven*
- *All religions are equal*
- *Many ways lead to God --throw off the fundamentals & come together*
  
- This is the seed of the Antichrist's One-World religion



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**This is not a game – nor is it an insignificant outcome**

- **Revelation 13:15 (NIV)** 15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.
- The Antiochus pattern of – “we will all worship the same way or die” -- points to the ultimate anti-God and anti-Christ worship -- which will play a significant role in the timeline of the tribulation.

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**Q. *When will this take place?***

**A. *We are in the final planning stages right now***

- The foundation for a One-World government is in place now.

One-World government organizations exist now such as:

- *The World Bank ; The World Health Organization ;The International Monetary Fund ; The United Nations; The World Economic Forum*
- All of them are looking to form a One-World Government or New World Order

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***The Events Of 2023 Should Not Go Unnoticed!***

- ***“Things Aren’t Falling Apart -- They Are Falling Into Place”***

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## The Great Reset Is A World In Rebellion Towards God's Order

World Economic Forum = *#The Great Reset – they say:*

- *Now is the time to press the reset button on capitalism*
- *Transforming everything about our society*
- *To build a better world – (to do away with capitalism)*

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*So, how do they make it happen? They say that*

- 1. We need to transform the economy*
  - 2. Channel investments around the world to “build better”*
  - 3. Use the fourth industrial revolution for good*
- They aren't just talking about it -- they are doing it

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## **According To Scripture Someday The Reset Will Transpire**

- Some will bow -- Some will refuse
- the history of man is not a succession of isolated events. It is all part of one grand plan
- It is a struggle between God and Satan, the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent
- The fire is being stoked up it's getting hotter and hotter

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**The final Antichrist will appear and rule for a brief time**

- Revelation 19:20 tells us that the Antichrist's fate. He is defeated at the hands of Jesus and will see eternal punishment.
- Until then, we will continue to see the spirit of Antichrist manifest

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**Does it make any difference what we believe?**

- It makes all the difference in the world! We are living in crisis days
- It is vitally important that we know and believe the truth and be able to detect lies when they come your way.
- *Bible Exposition Commentary*



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***It Is Incumbent Upon Us To Live Ready And To Help Others To Do So As Well***

## **Connectedness Keys:**

- A. *Live Close To Jesus*
- B. *Keep His Commands*
- C. *Live In Him & His Word*
- D. *Pray*
- E. *Keep Lives Clean Thru The Word*

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## 5 TAKE-AWAYS FROM DANIEL 8

1. The same Antichrist spirit seen in the small horn as he attacks the true worshippers of God is in the world today
2. God has a specific time of deliverance -- an ending point in mind.
3. There is a cosmic war that is going on which is behind the conflicts of humanity. We must align w/ Christ!
4. Judgment is a sure thing for those who continually resist God, and for all of those who oppress His people
5. God's people will be under the gun – “put asunder for a brief time” -- but in the end – they will see a sure victory!

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***The Lord Gave Daniel The Vision About The Ram And Goat --The Nations Of Medo-Persia And Greece For One Main Reason***

- He Was Giving To His People A Time-line So They Would Have Something To Reflect On -- To Give Them Strength As These Things Transpire
- This Prophecy Of Daniel's Vision Stands As A Strong Infallible Testimony Of The Accuracy Of The Word Of God

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*Daniel 8:25 ends by saying, “He [Antiochus] will be destroyed, but not by human power.”*

- Toward the end of his reign Antiochus led an expedition toward the east, toward Babylon. While he was on that trip, he died.
- According to the historical record, he was not killed in battle by a sword nor by an assassin. He died from a nervous disorder that quickly took his life.

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*He was “destroyed, but not by human power.”*

- The Same Will Happen To The Antichrist
- He Will Be Captured And Taken Down
  
- Not By Man -- But By Christ Himself
- God Has It All In His Hands -- And Control !