

KEYS TO THE BOOK OF DANIEL — PART 3

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We've reviewed Daniel Chapters 1–7 so far.

Daniel Chapter 7 is a fairly “busy” chapter!

Four Beasts — representing 4 Kingdoms (nations) at the end of the age — in the end-time.

Daniel Chapter 2 is helpful in identifying the **WHO** but not the **TIMING**.

The 4 Beasts exist at the time of Jesus' return and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

LION	—> IRAQ — MIDDLE EAST
BEAR	—> IRAN — MIDDLE EAST
LEOPARD	—> ASIA MINOR (TURKEY & 3 OTHERS)
TERRIBLE	
4TH BEAST	—> ISLAMIC REALM

Daniel was particularly interested in **the 4th Beast**.

Different! **The Great & Terrible Beast! 10 Horns (10 Kingdoms/10 Islamic nations — in coalition) ... plus one Pompous Horn — likely the Islamic Antichrist.**

Will make war on the saints — and overcomes them.

These Daniel 7 Beasts appear in Revelation Chapter 13 — composite form.

Daniel Chapter 8 returns to the Hebrew language.

Crucially ... the vision is for the end-time. We need to be familiar with the narrative.

Daniel has a vision of a Ram and a He-Goat fighting each other.

Daniel 8:15-19

15 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. *(We should be seeking the meaning too)*

16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "**Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.**" *(We need to understand too)*

17 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.**"

18 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.

19 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.**

Daniel 8:19 (NIV)

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.**

The angel continues with the vision.

Daniel 8:26

26 "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 8:26 (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.**"

So — assuming we're in the end-time — **THIS VISION CONCERNS US! It has everything to do with us!**

Daniel 8:3-4

3 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 (longer) than the other, and the higher one came up last. (2 Horns = 2 sources of power)

4 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.

The ram attacks.

Who is the ram? Verse 20:

Daniel 8:20

20 "The ram which you saw, having the two horns--they are the kings of Media and Persia.

Persia = Iran (Muslim) with 2 sources of power – the Ayatollahs and the IRGC – the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps – the military source – a huge powerful source

It attacks West ... North and South (not East)

West of Iran	= Iraq and Syria (and Israel?)
North of Iran	= Eastern Turkey ... some of Russia
South of Iran	= Saudi Arabia ... etc

All Muslim – but SUNNI not SHIA like Iran.

Some time later ... a counter attack.

Daniel 8:5-7

5 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.

6 Then **he came to the ram** (*Iran*) **that had two horns**, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

7 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. (*Utterly defeats him*)

The He-Goat counter attacks!

Who? Verse 21:

Daniel 8:21

21 "And **the male goat is the kingdom of Greece**. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

“Greece” = Javan (in Hebrew)
= Asia Minor
= **Turkey**

Is it surprising to consider Turkey as war-making in end-times? Look at its history.

The Ottoman Empire was an Islamic Empire that ruled SE Europe ... Middle East ... North Africa for 600 years. The Ottoman Empire was a Turkish Empire — ruled from Constantinople — now Istanbul.

It is a very powerful military nation. Second only to the USA in NATO.

President Erdogan wants to restore the greatness of the Ottoman Empire to Turkey. **Is he the man to watch?!** If it is soon ... he could be the notable horn?

Turkey is Sunni — sees Iran as heretics.

SUMMARY: End-time war in the Middle East and Persian Gulf involving Iran and — Turkey and allies.

Expect massive economic and financial devastation — worldwide.

In Daniel Chapter 9 ... Daniel realises from the prophecies of Jeremiah that 70 years punishment on Jerusalem is about up. He prays for restoration of God's city and temple.

Daniel 9:1-6

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans--

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

(About 539 BC)

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 "we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

6 "Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:16-19

16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

17 "Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 "**O my God, incline Your ear and hear**; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but **because of Your great mercies**.

19 "**O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.** (A heartfelt prayer)

In response to Daniel's requests ... **God sends the angel Gabriel with the "70 weeks" prophecy.**

Daniel 9:22-27

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "**O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.**

23 **At the beginning of your supplications the command went out,** and **I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved**; therefore consider the matter, and **understand the vision:**

24 "**Seventy weeks are determined** ($70 \times 7 = 490$ years) **For your people and for your holy city,**

To finish the transgression,

To make an end of sins,

To make reconciliation for iniquity,

To bring in everlasting righteousness,

To seal up vision and prophecy, (*the end of the age*)

And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 "**Know therefore and understand,**

That from the going forth of the command (Decree of Artaxerxes in 457BC)

To restore and build Jerusalem

Until Messiah the Prince,

There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; (*483 years from this command – to build Jerusalem*)

The street shall be built again, and the wall,

Even in troublesome times.

26 "And **after the sixty-two weeks**

Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; (*Jesus's death*)

And the people of the prince who is to come (*Islamic Antichrist*)

Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it shall be with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 **Then he** (*the prince who is to come*) **shall confirm a covenant with many for one week**; (*covenant = treaty for 1 week – 7 years*)

But in the middle of the week (*3½ years*)

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate."

70 weeks = 70 Shabuas (sevens) = 490 years

VERSE 25: 7 weeks + 62 weeks may bring us to Jesus' baptism in 26/27 AD — and the start of Jesus' ministry — “until Messiah the Prince” ... some 483 years on?

Of particular relevance to us is the final week — the final 7 years.

A prince who is to come (Antichrist) will confirm a treaty or covenant for 7 years — but will break it after 3½ years and stop the sacrifices ... and set up the Abomination of Desolation.

Seventh Day Adventists ... Worldwide Church of God ... and some others ... teach that this final “prince” in verse 27 is Jesus. He died mid-week (we took that to be Wednesday) ... after 3½ year ministry ... and will confirm the New Covenant with some people for a further 3½ years (maybe in a Place of Safety ... or the World Tomorrow or ... ? Just **wild speculation!**)

Also ... whilst on this point ... who said Jesus' ministry was 3½ years long? Some scholars think it was only 70 weeks. Some top scholars believe 2 years or 3 perhaps? It's an assumption to say Christ's ministry was 3½ years long.

It appears that we can look out for a 7 year Covenant of Death (Isaiah 28) ... to be broken at the half-way point stopping the sacrifices in the temple ... along with the setting up of the Abomination of Desolation ... then 3½ years of Great Tribulation per Jesus in Matthew 24.

SUMMARY: The 70 weeks prophecy and the final 7 year treaty including the Abomination of Desolation.

Before we move on too far... remember that **Jesus Himself directed us to look to Daniel: “When you see the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet” — FLEE!!**

There are 4 references to the Abomination of Desolation in Daniel — 2 of which appear in Daniel Chapters 8 and 9 — 2 are in Chapters 11 and 12 — which we will get to soon.

Daniel 9:27

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But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate.”

The NKJV is a bit awkward? The NIV is clearer.

Daniel 9:27 NIV

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ **In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.** **And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation,**

So ... 3½ years after the Covenant starts:

- 1. Jewish sacrifices are stopped**
- 2. The Abomination is set up**
- 3. The Great Tribulation — as per Jesus!**

Daniel 8:8-14

8 Therefore **the male goat (Turkey) 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.

9 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.

10 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.**

11 **He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host**; (*he sees himself as high as Jesus Christ*) and by him (*the Islamic Antichrist*) the daily sacrifices were taken away, **and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.**

12 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.

13 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?”**

14 And he said to me, **“For two thousand three hundred days**; (*evenings/mornings*) then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.” (*Just a little over 6 years or just over 3 years*)

The arrogant Little Horn (from Asia Minor — Islamic Antichrist) boasts against the Lord Jesus! He stops the daily sacrifices and sets up the “Transgression of Desolation” (in which the Sanctuary — Temple — is trampled).

It looks like the Apostle Paul covered this material with the brethren in Thessalonica?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

1 Now, brethren, **concerning the coming of (PAROUSIA) our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, we ask you,
2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, **as though the day of Christ had come**. (*Someone is sending out counterfeit epistles*)
3 Let no one deceive you by any means; **for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition**,
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**. (*A reference back to Daniel Chapter 8*)
5 Do you not remember that **when I was still with you I told you these things?**

2 Thessalonians 2:8

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

The Man of Sin fulfills the prophecies of Daniel. He exalts himself as god! He sits in the Sanctuary. He demands worship!

But the “Prince of the Host” will destroy him at His return!





OTTOMAN EMPIRE

CREATED IN
1299AD

2 MILLION SQ MILES

DISSOLVED BY
KEMAL ATATÜRK
IN 1922