Daniel 8

King James Version (KJV)

(This chapter goes back to Hebrew language from Aramaic in the manuscripts.

This chapter is also chronologically before Chapter 6 in time. Babylon is still ruling over the Israelites)

- **8** In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. (This is 2 years after the vision in chapter 7. Daniel is approx. 84 years old)
- ²And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. (This is Iran, today) (Shushan = a lily) (Elam = eternity) (Ulai a stream at the head of the Persian Gulf that flows into the Tigris; Ulai means Pure Water)
- ³Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. (This is Media & Persia – The Medial-Persian Empire. Persia was higher than Media)

NOTE: (Spiritually, these 2 horns could also be the two witnesses of God in the end times)

- ⁴I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. (Medial Persia later conquered Babylon, Assyria, Syria and many other nations)
- ⁵ And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. (This was Alexander the Great, out of Macedonia)

NOTE: (Spiritually, the goat could be the antichrist's one world system, in the future. He murders the two witnesses)

⁶ And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

NOTE: (Most if not all of the wars in the world today are over religion. The one world system is making progress. According to the Book of Revelation, it will fail; until antichrist shows up to heal its deadly wound)

'And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with <u>choler</u> against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. (choler = bitter bile)

(Alexander later defeated the Medes and the Persians and went on to build a great empire)

⁸Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up <u>four notable ones</u> toward <u>the four winds of heaven</u>. (After Alexander died, the 4 notable ones inherited Alexander's empire and divided it)

(Prophetically, the 4 winds come in the end days. The ram is the one world system and the deadly wound. The 4 notable ones in the end days will be the 4 hidden dynasties of that One World System <Religion, Politics, Education, and Finance>) see Ezekiel-37

- ⁹ 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. (The little horn is symbolic of the antichrist. The pleasant land is Jerusalem. He will revive the one world system, heal its deadly wound and take control of it)
- ¹⁰ And it 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. (This is the great apostasy. Most people in the world will be deceived by antichrist, thinking that he is Jesus, returned. They will worship him and risk losing their salvation)
- ¹¹Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down. (The daily sacrifice will be taken away from God and switched to an offering to antichrist. Antichrist will defile the sanctuary by pretending to be messiah, and by sitting where the real Christ should sit)

NOTE: (After Jesus' crucifixion, the daily sacrifice became an offering of our love and obedience to God. We offer our love for Him and our obedience to His laws. Instead, people will be worshipping antichrist because they will be deceived by him)

¹² And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. (The host is the fallen angels; the truth is the Word of God. Antichrist will prosper above all other. He will rule the world for 5 months before Jesus returns to end him)

¹³Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? (desolation – this word should have been translated desolator – they are the same word in Hebrew; the desolator is antichrist)

(Desolator = destroyer. He will spiritually destroy peoples' faith in God, by deceiving them into worshipping him)

¹⁴ And he said unto me, Unto <u>two thousand and three hundred days</u>; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. (two thousand and three hundred days = 6.3 years. Jesus shortened that time to approx. 5 months) see Matthew-24:22-24

(The truth of God's Word will prevail over Satan's lies, and his false synagogue will be cast down) see Mark-13:1-2

NOTES: (The last time that the sanctuary was cleansed was in Joshua-23:13)

(Since Israel fell, Gentiles have controlled the place of the temple, even unto today. Since the 8th century, there is a Muslim mosque today where the temple had been. That is an abomination to Christians and Jews)

(The Muslim Mosque is a precursor for when the antichrist will set up his throne on the temple mount, in the end days of this Age)

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. (This is an angel)

¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of <u>Ulai</u>, which called, and said, <u>Gabriel</u>, make this man to understand the vision. (<u>Ulai</u>= pure water) (<u>Gabriel</u> = man of <u>God</u>)

(God commanded Gabriel to explain the prophecy. Gabriel is an archangel and a servant of God)

- ¹⁷So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. (This vision is for the end of this Age; not for Daniel's days)
- ¹⁸ Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. (God wants us standing upright when He speaks to us)
- ¹⁹ And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.
- ²⁰ The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.
- ²¹ And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. (Alexander the Great)
- ²² Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. (Not in Earthly power; but in religious or spiritual power)

(Gabriel does not name the 4 kingdoms after Alexander. These powers governed Jerusalem, and they could be -> Rome, Ptolemaic, Muslim/Ottoman, and finally the British Empire. After that, Israel is made a nation. The Jews return, and the generation of the fig tree begins in 1948) – My interpretation)

- ²³ And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. (This is Satan, as the false messiah, the antichrist; who arrives at the 6th Trump)
- ²⁴ And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: <u>and he shall destroy wonderfully</u>, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. (He destroys spiritually, in

peace, not in wars; in deceit and corruption and apostasy; all nicely said, with false love for everyone)

(Satan doesn't murder people; he murders souls by stealing their salvation with lies and deceit)

²⁵ And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, <u>and by peace shall destroy many</u>: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but <u>he shall be broken without hand</u>. (He will destroy souls through false love and acceptance. The people of the world will fall for his lies and worship him, thinking that he is Jesus; coming to "rapture" them away. He will not be defeated in a war. He will be defeated by the truth of God's Word)

(The false messiah will be brought down when the Elect testify by the Holy Spirit of God, against him. The truth of God's Word will wake people up, out of their stupor; and expose antichrist for what he really is. He is a liar and a destroyer of souls)

NOTES: (Those movies about the end of times that portray wars and strife are helping Satan to deceive people. Satan will destroy with peace and false doctrine; to draw people away from the true God. He murders souls with peace, and false love)

(Today, the Chinese dictator XI Jinping is a type for antichrist. He unites former enemies in order to bring them all under his control. He makes financial deals with other nations to put them into debt to China. They lose their resources and their freedom while he enriches China. He will later leverage that debt against them to control them. The Chinese standard is the dragon, just like Satan's standard)

- ²⁶ And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. (The evening and morning this is when the daily oblation was given to God)
- ²⁷ And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it. (That's because it was not meant for his time. It was meant for the end times the generation of the fig tree)