

World War Prophesied in Daniel Chapter 8 Pt 1

This is the first of a two-part series on that amazing Old Testament prophet Daniel, and is chapter number 8. Chapter number 8 is unique in that it goes from the beginning of the seven years of Tribulation, that is World War 3, through the rise and fall of the Antichrist, all the way up to Armageddon.

And remember, Daniel is extremely important in understanding the 'End Times', because Jesus refers to him, and only Daniel in the Olivet Discourse, when he is telling his apostles about the 'End Times'. Jesus says, when you see the abomination of desolation, as spoken of by Daniel the prophet, that is when you will flee. And you will not know when to flee, unless you understand what Daniel is talking about. And in this chapter, chapter number 8, Daniel explains what the abomination of desolation is.

Starting in chapter 8 verse number 1, **'In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me I Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.'** Now the earlier vision Daniel is speaking about is the one in chapter number 7 where he sees the four beasts come up out of the sea.

Now in this video, I am going to put Daniel's vision on the left in blue, and when the angel interprets the vision, I'm going to put his words in red. So jumping ahead to verse number 15, we read, **'And it came to pass, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and sought the meaning, that behold, they stood before me, as it were, the appearance of a man.'** Now this cannot be a man, because Daniel writes, 'as it were the appearance of a man', therefore this must be an angel.

And continuing in verse number 2, **'And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace,'** Now Shushan is the capital of Persia, **'which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.'** Now the Ulai was probably a canal and not a river although it may have flowed like a river.

Now in verse 16, we meet the angel who will explain the vision to Daniel. **'And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision'.**

So the angel who will describe the vision to Daniel is the great Archangel Gabriel. But now who is this man who gives orders to Gabriel?

Now many people have assumed that this man must be Jesus Himself, but I believe that this is rather Enoch, and it verifies that this is an 'End Times' prophecy, because Enoch and Elijah will return in the 'End Times'. The reason Enoch is associated with both the bank, and the water of the river, is because he will send his message to the far-off Gentiles.

In verse number 17, **'And he came near where I stood:'**. Now this is Gabriel, **'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 the vision be fulfilled.'** In other words, the first thing Gabriel says about this vision, is that it is about the 'End Times', the times we are living in today.

Verse number 18, **'Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face on the ground: but he touched me, and set me up right. And he said: behold I will show you what shall be in the last end.'** So here Gabriel refers to the 'end' a second time: **'the end of the indignation: for the time appointed the end shall be.'** So there's the third time that Gabriel refers to the 'end'. Obviously chapter 8 is primarily a vision of these 'End Times' that we are living in today.

And Daniel continues in verse number 3, **'Then 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'**. And now the angel explains what this vision means. **'The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.'**

Now the word 'king' in Hebrew can be both a kingdom and a king. Therefore the ram symbolizes the Persian Empire, but the two horns symbolized Media and Persia, and Persia was the later higher horn, and it was more powerful than Media. But notice that the angel Gabriel does not explain this vision for the 'End Times', even though Gabriel has already said three times that this is an 'End Times' vision.

So what does this ram symbolize in these times? Well we know that the Persian Empire was the greatest empire in the world at Daniel's

time. It stretched all the way from beyond Turkey, all the way nearly to India. This was the Empire which Alexander conquered. So what does this Empire symbolize in the 'End Times'? What is the greatest empire that we know of? The only empire that this ram can symbolize is the Anglo-American Empire. We are the rulers of the roost, and like the two horns on this ram, one nation came up higher and newer than the other, and of course that refers to the United States. Therefore we see, that Gabriel gives us the near time interpretation of the prophecy but he leaves it up to us, to understand the 'End Times' interpretation of the prophecy.

And Daniel continues in verse number 4: **'I saw the ram pushing against the west, and against the north, and against the south, so that no beast could withstand him, and neither was there any that could be delivered out of his hand: but he did according to his will, and became great.'** Now this is exactly the description of the expansion of the Persian Empire, but it also describes the expansion of the Anglo American Empire. The only area that the Anglo-American Empire is still frustrated by, is in the east, in other words, China and Russia, and remember, most of Russia is in the east.

And verse number 5, **'And as I was considering, behold a 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.'** And now Gabriel explains to Daniel what this vision meant. **'And the rough goat is the king of the Greeks: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.'** Now this first king refers to Alexander the Great. Now this is an amazing prophecy in itself, because Alexander the Great came hundreds of years after Daniel. Now this he-goat, that is Alexander the Great, came from the west because Greece is west of Persia, and when 'he touches not the ground', that means his attack was very swift.

But what is the 'End Times' interpretation of this passage? What is the goat that will attack the Anglo-American empire? And for a hint, let me tell you that Karl Marx was born in the west. The Empire which opposes the Anglo American Empire is communism, and the goat in the 'End Times' symbolizes the Soviet Union, and the horn on the goat symbolizes Russia, and the attack against the west by the goat, that is Russia will also be swift and it will cover the ground very quickly. In other words it will be by air power, and missiles and nuclear weapons.

So Daniel is not only prophesying the defeat of the Medes and the Persians by Alexander the Great, he is also prophesying about the demise of the Anglo-American empire by the forces of communism.

And verse number 6, **'And he went up to the ram that had the two horns,'** that is Britain and America, **'which I had seen standing before the river, and ran towards him in the fury of his strength. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was enraged against him, and he struck the ram and broke his two horns:'**, that is England and America are broken in World War 3, **'and there was no strength in the ram to withstand 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'.**

Now in part number 2 of the series, we will also find that the horn of the goat is broken, that is Russia will also be broken in World War 3, and the Antichrist will arise and set up the abomination of desolation, but he also will be destroyed at the battle of Armageddon.