

Daniel 8 Part 1: “The Dream”

Shortly before the fall of Babylon, when Daniel would meditate on the prophecies [of Isaiah and Jeremiah], as I have studied the life of Daniel, where he would be seeking God for an understanding of the times and the times to come, where we see a series of visions was given him concerning the rise and fall of nations that would come after Babylon. With the first vision that is recorded in the seventh chapter of Daniel, an interpretation was given, yet not all was made clear to the prophet.

Daniel 7:28 -My cogitations much troubled me,” he wrote of his experience at the time, “and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Again, we have a lot to cover, so let us start with Daniel 8 and his dream where it says in verse one:

Daniel 8:1 - 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.

Now if you remember, king Belshazzar is the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar even though the Bible says he was his son. There is nothing recorded in the Bible about the actual father of Belshazzar and what happened to him, but I did some research on it and found some things, but seeing that it was not recorded in the Bible, it tells me that it is of no importance to this study, so we will move on. One thing that I can point out is that this king Belshazzar had no relationship with Daniel and in fact, when we go back to chapter 5 of Daniel where we get into the fall of this king, you will see that what I tell you is in fact true that there was no relationship between Daniel and this king. And so, in the 3rd year reign of Belshazzar Daniel had a vision where....

Daniel 8:2 - And 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.

So here, we have the location of where Daniel was taken off into vision. He was not physically, geographically located there. He was in the same location where he was taken captive in Babylon. So in vision, he was east of there by the river Ulai in the province of Elam as you see in the picture map. And the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:3 - 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.

Okay... Let’s break this down. We have a ram which is a beast. What is a beast in Bible prophecy?

Symbol: = BEAST

Meaning: = KINGDOM, GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL POWER

Scriptural facts:

Daniel 7:23 -Thus he said, **The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

A beast in Bible prophecy is a kingdom or today a nation.

Next, what do horns mean again in Bible Prophecy?

Symbol: = HORN

Meaning: #1 = POWER AND STRENGTH

Scriptural facts:

Deuteronomy 33:17 -His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and **his horns are like the horns of unicorns**: with them **he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth**: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

Meaning: #2 = KING OR KINGDOM

Scriptural facts:

Psalms 89:17, 24 -For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: **and in my name shall his horn be exalted.**

So here, we have a nation having two horns or two powers, and one grew stronger than the other because it was higher than the other. If you notice, something is important here. This beast or nation has two powers. And because of Daniel 2, we know this nation was Medo-Persia which are the two powers of this beast mentioned... The two kings of these kingdoms were related. We have king Cyrus and Darius. Cyrus was obviously the king or kingdom that had the greater power because Cyrus was an anointed man of God to do the Lord's bidding in the reign of Cyrus the king of Persia. And during this vision, we understand that this is a vision. This is something that the Lord is saying is going to happen, which means that Daniel was still in Babylon at this time under the rule of Belshazzar the king of Babylon. So Medo-Persia has not happened yet. Then Daniel the prophet of God says...

Daniel 8:4 -I 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.

So, based on what we know, in the realm of Biblical symbolism, geographically speaking, we understand that Medo-Persia would be the beast that would come from the east or from the Iran area. Take note again, the Lord gave a clue in this to the prophet Daniel here as to where the location of the dream took place. This is actually by the east of where Daniel was located where this power came from in vision. And this beast came with great power and conquered. And the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:5 -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.**

Now, while Daniel is in vision, we have to also take note that this is a great amount of history that is taking place here in this swift vision where another beast, nation, horn or power is coming into the picture, where again, this beast only has ONE horn power and it did not touch the

ground, which means it was very swift with its notable power that was between the eyes. And the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:6 -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.

Now, we have these two powers meeting at the river. What is a river full of, or why is it called a river? There is water in a river. And in Bible prophecy, what does water mean?

Revelation 17:15 -And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

So, we have two nations that would come from two different places. One from the west and one from the east to fight for world dominance where all people, nations, kindred and tongues are witnessing this event take place because it would change who is the new ruler of the world. And we know this power to be Greece from studying Daniel 2. And the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:7 -And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler 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.

Here, we see Daniel saying that he saw the ram/Medo-Persia being destroyed by the other beast/nation because the horns/power of the he goat had broken the horns of the ram, and there was no power in the ram to stand, and then was cast down to the ground and was stamped upon: and there was no one else around who could deliver the Medo-Persians from being destroyed. That was the end of king Cyrus and Darius's rule. Greece was the new power. And so, the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:8 -Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

Now, we have Greece waxing very great and strong, but then what happened? The great horn was broken! How did it break? I see not by war! Why? Where is another beast mentioned? Nowhere! So, what on God's green earth happened to this great horn. Let us do some Historical research to see what happened. We need to first understand who this king was for Greece. The king of Greece was "Alexander the Great". Even the Bible calls this nation "very great". What happened to him? He was not defeated by any nation the Bible says. So why did this great horn break?

"The beast had also four heads. The Grecian empire maintained its unity but little longer than the lifetime of Alexander. Within fifteen years after his brilliant career ended in a drunken debauch [323 B.C.] --*Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, page 119. See also Cottage Bible notes on this prophecy.*

Alexander the Great died because he had a party and drank too much and died from alcohol poisoning. And so, four notable ones came from the four winds of heaven. These four winds were the four generals of Alexander the great. How do we know? There was no other beast mentioned here in the Bible that came to the river for war. The beast remained. Greece remained. The power/horns sprung up out of the beast Greece. So, the powers that came from within were the leaders or generals of **Macedonia, Asia, Syria and Egypt. The four generals' names where: Antigonus of Macedonia, Lysimachus of Asia, Seleucus of Syria and Ptolemy of Egypt.** These four powers would rule until the fourth beast would rise.

"...the empire was divided among his four leading generals. Cassander had Macedon and Greece in the west; Lysimachus (**LYSIMAKUS**) had Thrace and the parts of Asia on the Hellespont and Bosphorus in the north; Ptolemy (**TOLEMY**) received Egypt, Lydia, Arabia, Palestine, and Coele-Syria in the south; and Seleucus (**SELUCUS**) had Syria and all the rest of Alexander's dominions in the east. **These divisions were denoted by the four heads of the leopard.**" --*Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, page 119. See also Cottage Bible notes on this prophecy.*

And so, the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:9 -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].

And if we notice here, that in the midst of all these horns, another horn, but little, comes forth out of these powers. There is no mention of the great and terrible beast that was noted before in...

Daniel 7:7 -After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it [was] diverse from all the beasts that [were] before it; and it had ten horns.

So it seems that Rome, who we know to be this forth beast, as wise as she has always been in dark things, craftily, sneaks into power and then waxes great later and would rise out of the forth beast as well. There is no mention of war either between the 3rd and 4th beast as what is being mentioned with the previous kingdoms. But either way, I would like to think for a moment about how Rome works even today and how they worked over America and other parts of life, that Rome, this little power, who is the seat of Satan till the end of TIME, infiltrated Greece by coming up out of this kingdom and then waxed great into the terrible and indescribable beast that is mentioned of her in Daniel 2 and 7. This is the same type of work, or method this little horn power worked through America in order to gain her power back as the eight beast of Revelation 17. Because remember what Daniel chapter 2 verse 43 said this beast/harlot/whore would do? She would mingle herself with the seeds of men...

Daniel 2:43 -And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men:** but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

So, we can see that we were even told that this beast would mingle themselves with men, or other nations and is one of the reasons why we see another little horn who does not have eyes yet or a mouth speaking against God yet, but would wax great unto the fourth kingdom/power that would have a man with eyes and mouth speaking great things and until that time Rome would not be established. And yes, there are lots of modern day scholars that will claim that one of the horns or generals would be this little horn that would spring up and conquer out of the four generals mentioned, but that can't be the case or the Lord would have had one of those already mentioned horns WAX Greater than the rest, but instead, ANOTHER little horn power arises and would wax great in the nation of Rome and would become clearer when it would obtain eyes and a mouth speaking great things. So, I see, this beast of Rome mingling with this nation Greece, subduing it and waxing great through their craftiness as she continues to do till this day and simply took over because the Bible does not mention war between these two nations that would bring about the transferring of powers. And furthermore, these so-called scholars have to be absolutely wrong in their understanding regarding this little horn power that springs up in Greece because as you continue to read in Daniel 8, it goes on to say how the daily sacrifice was taken away, etc. which we know that no general from Greece did this, but it was the papacy little horn. So that is more than enough Biblical evidence that I need to know that what I have said is truth and these so-called wise men of the Bible who are proclaiming today regarding this subject matter are false.

And how about in Revelation 17 verses 1 and 2 where it confirms even more about what this beast/church does till this day in mingling with others and committing fornication with the world while professing to be God's church?

Revelation 17:1-2 -And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

And so, we see how this fourth beast would mingle themselves with others and make people drunk with their lies while committing fornication with the kings of other nations. Let us continue and find out more...

And the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:10 -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.

So, this little horn waxed great to the point that it cast down some of the host of heaven and the stars to the ground and stamped upon them. Now, we know that this cannot literally happen to where this nation would physically cast the host of heaven to the ground. So what are stars in Bible prophecy?

Symbol : = STARS

Meaning: = ANGELS/Messengers

Scriptural facts:

Revelation 1:16, 20 -And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

So, stars are angels, or the hosts of heaven. The angels of heaven were cast down. Angels are messengers of God. They are involved in the work of God. The work that God was doing was being destroyed by this little great horn power. It would stamp upon them and cast it to the ground. So much so, that the Bible goes on to say...

Daniel 8:11 -Yea, **he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.**

Here we see the Word continue to inform us that this man/he little horn power would magnify himself and would take the daily sacrifices away and cast down the sanctuary. There is so much history with this right here. As we know and as we have found out, that from Daniel 2, Daniel 7 and now Daniel 8 that this little horn power would continue to rule for ever, that is until the Rock cut not with mans hands would cast this power to the ground and would continue as the great and terrible beast that would have ten horns/ten toes. Let us go now and see some references for all this so we can see again how this little power would magnify himself and work against God to the point that he would cast down the sanctuary and take away the daily sacrifices.

So, first let us look into...

Daniel 2:40-43 -And **the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces** and subdueth all [things]: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And [as] the toes of the feet [were] part of iron, and part of clay, [so] the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men**: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Daniel 7:8 -I considered the horns, and, behold, there **came up among them another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] **eyes like the eyes of man**, and a **mouth speaking great things**.

So, how does this little horn/power that has eyes of a man speaking great things against the Most High, who would think to change times and laws, who would kill the saints of the Most High during the 1260, and who would also destroy the daily sacrifices and cast down the sanctuary of the Lord? Again, we already know, based on Bible record and historical facts that this nation is Rome, and this nation would have a power come up out of it speaking great things against the Most High who is the pope. So, how does the pope magnify himself? Let us take a look at a few things:

First, does the pope claim to be God?

Section 1.

"The Pope is not simply the representative of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, **he is Jesus Christ Himself**, under the veil of the flesh, and who by means of a being common to humanity continues His ministry amongst men ... Does the Pope speak? **It is Jesus Christ Who is speaking**. Does he teach? **It is Jesus Christ Who teaches**. Does he confer grace or pronounce an anathema? **It is Jesus Christ Himself** Who is pronouncing the anathema and conferring the grace. Hence consequently, when one speaks of the Pope, it is not necessary to examine, **but to obey**: there must be no limiting the bounds of the command, in order to suit the purpose of the individual whose obedience is demanded: there must be no caviling at the declared will of the Pope, and so invest it with quite another than that which he has put upon it: no preconceived opinions must be brought to bear upon it: no rights must be set up against the rights of the Holy Father to teach and command; his decisions are not to be criticized, or his ordinances disputed. Therefore by Divine ordination, all, **no matter how august the person may be** - whether he wear a crown or be invested with the purple, or be clothed in the sacred vestments: **all must be subject to Him Who has had all things put under Him**." -[Evangelical Christendom, January 1, 1895, pg. 15, <http://biblelight.net/Sources/Evangelical-Christendom-pg-15.gif>](http://biblelight.net/Sources/Evangelical-Christendom-pg-15.gif) published in London by J. S. Phillips.

"The Pope is of so great dignity, and so exalted that he is **not a mere man, but as it were God**. and the vicar of God." -*Ferraris Ecclesiastical dictionary*

"**All names which in the Scriptures are applied to Christ**, by virtue of which it is established that He is over the church, **all the same names are applied to the Pope**." - *On the Authority of the Councils, book 2, chapter 17*

"**The Pope and God are the same**, so he has all power in Heaven and earth." *Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Chapter XXVII, p. 218, "Cities Petrus Bertanous"*.

"...the Pope is as it were **God on earth**, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings, having plenitude of power." *Lucius Ferraris, in "Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica, Juridica, Moralis, Theologica, Ascetica, Polemica, Rubristica, Historica", Volume V, article on "Papa, Article II", titled "Concerning the extent of Papal dignity, authority, or dominion and infallibility", #1, 5, 13-15, 18, published in Petit-Montrouge (Paris) by J. P. Migne, 1858 edition.*

"**The Pope takes the place of Jesus Christ on earth**...by divine right the Pope has supreme and full power in faith, in morals over each and every pastor and his flock. **He is the true vicar**, the **head of the entire church**, the **father and teacher of all Christians**. He is the **infallible ruler**, the **founder of dogmas**, the **author of and the judge of councils**; the **universal ruler of truth**, the **arbiter of the world**, the **supreme judge of heaven and earth**, the **judge of all**, being judged **by no one, God himself on earth**." *Quoted in the New York Catechism.*

-Writers on the Canon Law say, "**The Pope and God are the same**, so he has all power in heaven and earth."- *Barclay Cap. XXVII, p. 218. Cities Petrus Bertrandus, Pius V. - Cardinal Cusa supports his statement.*

So here, we have the pope and those working with him and under him and those who serve and worship him, understand, know and proclaim that he is a god or he is the Christ.

How else does this power, or this little horn power, this Mr. Pope man magnify himself and cast down truth? Take a look at...

2 Thessalonians 2:4 -Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

- "Most Divine of all Heads."
- "Holy Father of Fathers."
- "Pontiff Supreme Over Prelates."
- "Overseer of the Christian Religion."
- "Pastor of Pastors."
- "Christ by Unction."
- "Abraham by Patriarch."
- "Melchisedec in Order."
- "Moses in Authority."
- "Samuel in the Judicial Office."
- "High Priest, Supreme Bishop."
- "Heir to the Apostles; Peter in Power."
- "Key-bearer of the Kingdom of Heaven."
- "Pontiff Appointed with Plenitude of Power."
- "Vicar of Christ."
- "Vicar of the Son of God."
- "Sovereign Priest."
- "Head of all the Holy Churches."
- "Chief of the Universal Church."
- "Bishop of Bishops."
- "Ruler of the House of the Lord."
- "Apostolic Lord and Father of Fathers."
- "Chief Pastor and Teacher."
- "Physician of Souls."
- "Rock against which the proud gates of hell prevail not."
- "Infallible Pope."
- "Head of All the Holy Priests of God"
- "Chief bridge maker"

Some additional info on "some" of the names:

- **Pontifex Maximus** is a papal title meaning in Latin "chief bridge maker" between earth and heaven. However, Jesus Christ is the only One who can claim this title because "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6. This was a title of the Roman Caesars and of the Roman Emperors of paganism.

- **Holy Father** is a title the pope claims for himself. However, this title occurs only once in the Bible, and used when Jesus addresses His Heavenly Father in John 17:11 in His great prayer before His betrayal, arrest and crucifixion.
- **Father** is a title that every Roman Catholic priest claims for himself and expects to be called. Jesus warns in Matthew 23:9 "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your father which is in heaven." The catholic priest is not regarded in Scripture to be anyone's spiritual father.
- **Monsignor** This means "my Lord", and this clearly is a title belonging only to God, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Reverend** is a title of many Roman Catholic priests and Protestant ministers. This is also a title for God in Psalms 111:9 "Holy and Reverend is his name." It is blasphemy for any man to take to himself a title of God.
- **"Mother of God"** - Title given to Mary which denotes blasphemy, as it diverts worship to Mary. Mary was the mother of Jesus Christ's humanity, but not the mother of Jesus Christ's divinity.

How else does the office of the Pope magnify himself?

Take a look at the meaning of blasphemy where the pope proclaims not only to be god but also to have power to forgive sins when he is just a man. This is blasphemy. The Bible says...

Matthew 2:5-12 -When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, **Why doth this [man] thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?** And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, [Thy] sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

And so, this blasphemous beast/antichrist pope, does he claim to have power and his priest to have power to forgive men of their sins? Yes, they claim this...

“Were the Redeemer to descend into a church, and sit in a confessional to administer the sacrament of penance, and a priest to sit in a confessional, Jesus would say over each penitent, ‘ego te absolvo’, the priest would likewise say over each of his penitents, ‘ego te absolvo’, and **the penitents of each would be equally absolved.**” Ibid., pg 34.

“The priest does not only declare that the sinner is forgiven, but **he really forgives him...so great is the power of the priest, that the judgments of heaven itself are subject to his decision.**” The Catholic Priest, by Michael Meuller, Kreuzer Bros., 1876.

***"Don't go to God for forgiveness of sins, come to me." -*Pope John Paul II, LA Times, 12-12-1984*

"And **God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priest** and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse to give absolution, provided the penitent is capable of it." - Liguori, «Duties and Dignities of the Priest», p.27

"This judicial authority **will even include the power to forgive sin.**" [The Catholic Encyclopaedia Vol xii, article 'Pope' pg 265]

"the poor sinner kneels at his confessor's feet. He KNOWS he is not speaking to an ordinary man but to '**ANOTHER CHRIST,**' He hears the words: '**I absolve thy sins...**' and the **HIDEOUS LOAD OF SINS DROPS FROM HIS SOUL FOREVER.**" -William Doyle "Shall I be a priest" pp 14, 15

How else does the office of the Pope magnify himself?

"Do not hold aloof from the Church; for nothing is stronger than the Church. **The Church is thy hope, thy salvation, thy refuge.**" St. John Chrysostom, Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Series I, Vol. IX, Introduction to the Two Homilies on Eutropius, Homily II.

"The Saviour Himself is the door of the sheepfold: 'I am the door of the sheep.' Into this fold of Jesus Christ, **no man may enter unless he be led by the Sovereign Pontiff; and only if they be united to him can men be saved,** for the Roman Pontiff is the Vicar of Christ and His personal representative on earth." (Pope John XXIII in his homily to the Bishops and faithful assisting at his coronation on November 4, 1958).

So, not only does the pope take the place of Jesus but the church also becomes an idol. And the lists go on and on about how this little horn power would just try and destroy everything of God and what Jesus has revealed to the world through His messengers, His angels and His human agents on this earth that the papacy has cast down and trodden under foot the things of God. This is why we have so much work to do in these last days to be the repairers of the breach.

Isaiah 58:12 -And [they that shall be] of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Now, we are going to leave it here and continue next time with understanding this verse which will be in direct connection to what the papacy has done in destroying the **daily [sacrifice], which was taken away,** and **the place of his sanctuary was cast down** as it says in **Daniel 8:11.**