

Daniel 8 Part 2: “The Dream”

We will start in Daniel 8:11 where it says...

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.

Now, as we were discussing before, this little horn that starts to come up and appear in the rule of the Grecian Empire is evidence that Rome is already mingling with the seeds of men. This is my discernment that this is correct as we were warned that the fourth beast would do in Daniel 2:43 where it says...

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.

Many SDAs and supposed Bible scholars are claiming that this little horn is a man by the name of Antiochus who came out of one of the 4 horn powers. It is kind of like how the same people are proclaiming the king of the north to be Turkey when all the prophecies point to the papacy. Just the slightest bit of deterrence will lead to another. Antiochus may have had some doings with Rome during this time, but the prophecies tell us that the little horn is Rome/pope. They proclaim Antiochus came from General Seleucus. This may be so in historical events or what have you, but this man did not fulfill all those things we know the papacy did in stamping upon and destroying God’s people, the daily sacrifice and the sanctuary. I also did some minor research on this and saw how Rome was, in fact, engaging in political warfare with these four Generals, and where Rome was killing off important men of Greece if they would not listen to the Senate of Rome, etc. and flat out murdering some small rulers in Greece that would destroy this 3rd beast of Greece within. This is part of this little horn power of Rome that would pop up in Greece starting her evil work as we know it that would prosper till this day. It is a fact that Rome is this little horn that starts mingling with the seeds of men and destroys Greece within as Rome has done till this day, and it is clear that this horn fulfills Rome because of the following verses in **Daniel 8:12-13**...

Daniel 8:12-13 -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 practiced, and prospered. Then 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?

So again, you tell me...does this fit a man by the name of Antiochus or the Roman Empire springing up out of Greece where the Pope would take over the control of the world eventually? It is the Roman Empire who comes up as this little horn/pope eventually when the eyes would appear in the fourth beast of Daniel 7. So Rome would rise to power and take over what

Greece could not finish. And Rome would be the seat of Satan from henceforth that would come from the west and devour the North, South, East and anyone who would cross her path for the most part. Or at least until she received that deadly wound in Revelation 13:3 that would be later beheaded in Revelation 13:12 when America would help this beast back up off the ground to become the 8th in Revelation 17.

Revelation 13:3, 12 -And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast...And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Revelation 17:11-And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

These verses here are an entire sermon of themselves, so we will not go there, but I just wanted to point out to the fact that all that is going on with Greece and Rome is just that and it has nothing to do with some man by the name of Antiochus who would rise up out of Seleucus Army to be king, etc. And again, whether this happened or not, this man neither fit the Bible prophecies on this subject matter nor does the SOP have this man's name mentioned anywhere, which also tells me that he is of no importance and does not fulfill anything that these so-called scholars are proclaiming he did. I see this as a detouring from the truth to lead people down to believing other things that these supposed scholars are proclaiming. One false move leads to another. So anyway, moving on to Daniel 8:14 where it says...

Daniel 8:14 -And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Okay now, let us break this verse down. First, we have 2300 days being stated here. When we are trying to breakdown revelation from heaven in prophetic subject matters, we need to go to the Bible and let it define itself as to what it is symbolically or literally saying. Is this 2300 days literal day as earth sees it? The Revelation is coming from Heaven. So, what does the Bible say about earthly days and heavenly days? Take a look at Ezekiel 4:6...

Ezekiel 4:6 -And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

So, we can conclude that the 2300 days means years, which is what the Lord is saying through His prophet. God sets the rules and what the term days mean. So, what Daniel 8:14 is proclaiming is that after 2300 years is completed, the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

Now, remember, Satan polluted the heavenly sanctuary when he and his fallen angels sinned in heaven against God. And here on earth, he has used the papacy, the seat of Satan, to defile God's sanctuary, so there needs to be a cleansing of it both on earth and in heaven. There is a masterful

work that has to be accomplished for what purpose? The purpose is to put an end to sin, to put sin to death, and to restore the people of God back to their Creator. We will go over this more in Daniel 9:24.

So first, what is the sanctuary and what is it all about?

Let us go back to the time of the Beginning where the sanctuary was introduced to Moses. The earthly sanctuary was built by the Prophet Moses. It was patterned after the Heavenly sanctuary. The earthly one was an illustration of what was happening in the heavenly sanctuary. It was "a figure, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices;" its two holy places were "patterns of things in the heavens;" Christ, our great High Priest, is "a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Hebrews 9:9, 23; 8:2.

Hebrews 9:9, 23 -Which [was] a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;...[It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Hebrews 8:2 - A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

If you notice in the book of Revelation, the apostle John was taken off in vision and was given a clear view of the heavenly sanctuary...

Revelation 4:5 -And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

When we read this, we understand that this is the first apartment of the sanctuary. How do we know? That is where the seven lamps are burning of fire that he saw...And again, the Bible confirms that John saw the sanctuary in...

Revelation 11:19-And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Here, we also can conclude that John looked and was allowed to see within the veil that separated the Holy of Holies, the holy place to the most holy place. How do we know? Well, where is the ark of his testament located, which we know contains the law of God, the Ten Commandments? It is found in the most holy place where the throne of God resides.

So here, we can see that John got to see the original sanctuary where our High Priest is ministering for us. And the earthly that was given to Moses is a copy of the heavenly. And for those who want to use the excuse that we can have images in our homes and churches because God broke His own commandment is grossly mistaken to many misunderstanding this.

First, God used images for the sole purpose of Illustrating what was going on in heaven and not for the purpose of worshipping these images as you see Rome teaching the world to do in bowing down and even kissing the feet to the point the toes are gone. Remember what the commandment says?

Exodus 20:4, 5 -Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me;

The heavenly temple, which is the abiding place of the King of kings, is also where we find in...

Daniel 7:10 -A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

And where:

Revelation 15:8 -And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

And where:

Revelation 8:4 -And the smoke of the incense, [which came] with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

This is all such wonderful proof of the heavenly temple, and the earthly copy of it is and was clearly connected with Moses, Daniel, Paul and John the Revelator. Praise the Lord!!!

And when we take a look in the sanctuary, we see the priest of the earthly that ministered for the Lord in the Old Testament was illustrating our High Priest in Heaven. See what Paul says in...

Hebrews 9:24 -For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

When did Christ start this work for ministering for us? It was not until His earthly work was accomplished that called for His appearing on earth. So, after His ascension, our Saviour was to begin His work as our High Priest in the heavenly Sanctuary.

And one thing that we need to understand in the ministering work of our High Priest is that there are two divisions, which each one took up a space in time to be accomplished and both have a distinctive place and work. You have the daily work and the yearly work or service.

In the first apartment, which is the Holy Place, it was Christ's blood, the Lamb of God's blood who would stand for the repentant believers and cover them as Christ would do the ministerial work of sprinkling the blood of His sacrifice when he fulfilled the cross and would stand on behalf of the repentant sinful person.

As the blood of Christ would be sprinkled in the first apartment, the holy place, it did not release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law. It was not to cancel the sin from the repentant sinner; but it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement would take place and so, just like in the type of the earthly sanctuary, the blood of the sin offering with bullocks and such only removed the sin from the penitent, but it stayed in the sanctuary until the day of atonement.

And so, in the great day of final reward, what is to happen?

Revelation 20:12 -And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And so, by virtue of the atoning blood of Christ, the sins of all the truly repentant sinners will be blotted from the books of heaven.

Remember:

Micah 7:18, 19 -Who [is] a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth [in] mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

This verse right here is the work of Christ that He is doing with the repentant sinner. There is no work being performed for the unrepentant sinner because in Isaiah, it says...

Isaiah 1:18-20 -Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **If ye be willing and obedient**, ye shall eat the good of the land: **But if ye refuse and rebel**, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

See? There is a condition that Christ will minister for us. We have to cooperate with our High Priest, and He will work with us. Remember, faith and works go hand in hand otherwise our walk is DEAD! Our profession in Him is DEAD!

James 2:18-26 -Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had

offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent [them] out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

And so, the cleansing of the sanctuary requires our service with God, our High Priest. The cleansing of the sanctuary has everything to do with removing sin.

This is why it is so important to keep our minds focused on heaven. Seek the kingdom of God first and we will be rewarded. If we do not draw our attention to heaven and understanding the sanctuary book, the schemes of Satan will occupy our lives instead. This is why the world is so deceived. They are too busy with the love of the world and not the love of God. Lucifer hates the work of God and the truths that it brings to view in how there is an atoning sacrifice and an all-powerful mediator in our behalf if we would just deny self, give up the world, pick up our cross and follow God. Satan knows that his main objective is to divert the minds of people away from God. Without Him being able to accomplish this, He knows that He will fail. So, let us fix our hearts and minds on Christ and His heavenly truths or else we will be lost forever. We have not a moment to spare. Amen.

We are now on the Day of Atonement. If you look into the typical service in the earthly sanctuary, you will see that the high priest was making the atonement for Israel; all were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin and humiliation before our God in heaven, lest they be cut off from among the people.

Leviticus 23:28-32 -And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it [is] a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul [it be] that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul [it be] that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: [it shall be] a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It [shall be] unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth [day] of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

And then in the New Testament:

James 4:7-10 -Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and [your] joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

And so now, all who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of this world's probation, need to afflict our souls before God by sorrow for sin and have true repentance towards God. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. We must examine ourselves and see if we be in the faith. Everyone must be tested and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

Ephesians 5:27 -That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Remember what the Word says? We are to be like Christ. We are to walk as Christ walked, for He is our example who did no sin.

1 Peter 2:21-22 -For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1 Peter 1:19 -But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

So, let us put away sin and sin no more because the judgments of God are now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years, this work has been going on. Soon, none knows how soon it will pass to the cases of the living from the dead. In the awful presence of God, our lives are to come up in review before His throne. At this time, above all others, we need to heed the Saviour's admonition:

Mark 13:33 -Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

So remember, when the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is soon to end in a short space before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds.

Revelation 22:11-12 -He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

The righteous and the wicked will still be living in this sick dying world that is full of sin in their mortal state. Men will be planting and building, eating and drinking; all are unconscious that the final, irrevocable decision has been pronounced in the sanctuary above.

And it is here when the unnoticed Thief comes in the midnight, which will come the decisive hour which marks the fixing of every man's destiny, the final withdrawal of mercy's offer to the guilty human race.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 -For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

So, brethren, let us be perfect in the Lord and cooperate with our High Priest and put away our sins through the power of God. Amen. And as we will later continue with this subject some more in Daniel 9, we will continue to move forward now in Daniel 8 and finish this chapter up. So let us move forward in...

Daniel 8:15 -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.

Now, Daniel had sought for the meaning of the cleansing of the sanctuary that he had seen in a vision and saw the appearance of a man. Who was this man? Or was it a man? Daniel was a prophet on earth working for the Lord. So, who appeared as a man to Daniel to make known the vision?

Daniel 8:16 -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, Gabriel was sent to make known the vision. And is Gabriel an angel or a man?

Luke 1:19 -And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.

And:

Daniel 8:17 -So 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.

Now, the angel Gabriel explains:

Daniel 8:18 -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.

Daniel 8:19 -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].

He goes on to confirm what we had been talking about with the beast in the vision:

Daniel 8:20 -The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia.

Daniel 8:21 -And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king.

Daniel 8:22 -Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

Daniel 8:23 -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.

Here, we have the little horn power of the antichrist pope who would stand up:

Daniel 8:24 -And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

Just as we saw this little horn antichrist power has done from the 1260 years of persecuting the saints of God even unto this day:

Daniel 8:25 -And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

And you know that this verse was fulfilled with all the pope boastfulness of his so-called power in forgiving sins, changing the Sabbath, claiming control over all the governments, and churches, and people and destroying the law of God to the letter, which the pope and them will soon answer for. And then the 8th chapter of Daniel goes on to say...

Daniel 8:26 -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.

And so, what happened to Daniel again?

Daniel 8:27 -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].

So after this, Daniel was sick again and was amazed by his experience which none understood it. Can you imagine the experience that Daniel got to go through? What a wonderful gift to experience that with the angel Gabriel and God. Praise the Lord for His love and revealing what we need to know for these last days. May the God of heaven and earth bless us all with understanding as we will press forward next time to Daniel 5 where we are placing each chapter in historical order. Peace.