

Old Book for a New Day

Seminar on the Bible book of Daniel - #9

Daniel 8 - *The Little Horn Rises Again*

I. The Vision

A. Time and Place and Context

1. Time - ____/____ - ____ years after the vision of Daniel 7
2. Place - _____ - But in vision he finds himself in _____
3. Context (in Daniel's mind) - (v.1) " _____ "

B. The RAM = _____ (v.20)

1. Standing by the River - In its home territory
2. ____ horns - One _____ than the other - The higher came up _____ = _____
3. Came from the _____
4. Became _____

C. The GOAT = _____ (v.21)

1. From the _____
2. Not touching the ground = _____
3. Notable horn = _____ (_____) _____ = _____
4. Furious at the Ram - Defeated him in _____
5. Grew _____
6. Large horn broken - Alexander died _____
7. Four notable horns came up towards the four winds = _____ (v.22)
 - a. 20 year struggle to hold together the empire - Till Battle of Ipsus - 301 BC
 - b. Four kingdoms emerged - Plus some minor fragments
 - 1) Macedonia - _____
 - 2) Asia Minor - _____
 - 3) Syria-Babylonia - _____
 - 4) Egypt - _____
 - c. 20 years later - Asia Minor soon merged into the Syria-Babylonian Kingdom
 - d. These three kingdoms lasted, in varying forms and strength, until Rome

D. The LITTLE HORN = A _____ (_____) having fierce features (v.23)

1. When? - v.23 - In the _____ of their kingdom... - The divisions of Greece
2. From where? - Out of one of _____ => Winds (not horns) - A NEW power
3. From what direction? - _____
4. How big? - Grew _____
5. Description turns "spiritual"
 - a. v.10 - Grew up to the host of heaven - Cast down some of the host and stars to the ground
 - b. v.11 - Exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host
 - c. v.11 - Took away the daily *sacrifices*; and v.12 - Opposed the daily *sacrifices*
 - d. v.11 - Cast down the place of His sanctuary
 - e. v.12 - Cast truth down to the ground
 - f. v.23 - Understands sinister schemes
 - g. v.24 - Mighty, but not by his own power = Borrowed political might
 - h. v.25 - Through cunning cause deceit to prosper
 - i. v.25 - Rise against the Prince of princes
 - j. v.25 - Broken without human hand

6. Parallels with Little Horn of Daniel 7
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| a. Name | v.9 - Little Horn | v.8 - Little Horn |
| b. From the west | v.9 - Grew toward south, east and Glorious land | v.8 - Coming up among them = Divisions of Rome |
| c. Against God | v.10 - Cast down host of heaven
v.11 - Exalted high as Prince of host | v.8,25 - Mouth speaking pompous words against Most High |
| d. Successful | v.12 - Did all this and prospered
v.24 - Prosper and thrive | v.21 - Making war and prevailing |
| e. Borrowed power | v.24 - Mighty, but not by his own power | v.8 - A horn on the beast
v.11 - Horn ends when beast slain |
| f. Persecuting | v.24 - Destroy holy people
v.25 - Destroy many in prosperity | v.25 - Persecute the saints of the Most High |
| g. Superiority complex | v.25 - Magnify himself in his heart | v.20 - Appearance greater than his fellows |
| h. Lasts till END (Stone cut out without hands - Daniel 2) | v.25 - Broken without human hand | v.11,22 - Lasts until God brings judgment and destroys |
7. Major difference from Little Horn of Daniel 7 - A problem of chronological succession
- Little Horn of Daniel 8 follows which kingdom? - _____
 - Little Horn of Daniel 7 follows which kingdom? - _____
8. The SIMILARITIES are too great to ignore - Both chapters must portray the same "Little Horn"
The DIFFERENCE must be reconciled - Pointed out so clearly, it must have significant meaning

II. The Purpose of the Vision

A. The Little Horn and the Stump

- Daniel 4 - Stump (Babylon) is preserved with A BAND (singular) of _____ and _____
 - Babylon = Do-it-yourself religion - Let's build a tower and save ourselves
 - Bronze = _____
 - Iron = _____
- A single power combining the legacy of both BRONZE and IRON...
 - Would have to arise after the reign of both the BRONZE and IRON
 - Would incorporating the key legacy of both the BRONZE and IRON
- Chapter 8 must build on Chapter 7 - Not tear it apart
 - Little Horn of Chapter 7 = Medieval Papacy - (See study #8)
 - Did the Medieval Papal church/state system incorporate a combination of Bronze and Iron?
 - The philosophical/spiritual basis was derived from _____
 - The civil/political basis was derived from _____

B. Two visions = Two distinct, different, and important perspectives on the Little Horn

- Chapter 7 - Traces the political/civil roots of the Little Horn's power back to Pagan Rome (Iron), focusing on the political rise, reign and dominion, and physical devastation or its rule. Politically the Little Horn descended from ROME.
- Chapter 8 - Traces the spiritual/philosophical roots of the Little Horn's power back to ancient Greece (Bronze), focusing on its spiritual rise, reign, dominion and devastation. Spiritually the Little Horn descended from GREECE.
- The Band of Iron and Bronze = The Little Horn which will keep the rebellion of Babylon alive until the final judgement when God will take away its dominion, establish His own eternal kingdom, and turn it over to Christ and the Saints.
- Revelation will call the same power BABYLON!

C. The symbols of this vision are drawn from the **Jewish sacrificial system** and **Temple ritual**. Therefore, to understand the MESSAGE of this vision, that which Daniel would perceive, we must survey the Old Testament Sanctuary system and apply those types to these symbols -- The focus of our next study!