



### Last Day Events

MAJOR PROPHECIES OF DANIEL & THE REVELATION

# "UNTO 2,300 DAYS THEN SHALL THE SANCTUARY BE CLEANSED"





#### Why Daniel & the Revelation?

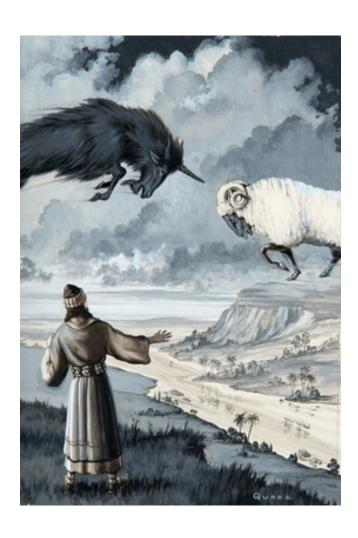
- "In the Revelation all the books of the Bible **meet and end**. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation." Acts of the Apostles p.g 585
- "The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied..." Gospel Workers p.g 148
- "When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. "Testimonies to Ministers p.g 114
- REPEAT & ENLARGE



- Daniel sees yet another vision regarding two beasts- <u>A Ram & A</u> <u>Goat</u>, here representing the kingdoms of the <u>Medo-Persians</u> and <u>the Greeks</u>.
- These Beasts, unlike those of **Daniel 7** are "clean beasts", and more specifically, they are **Beasts used in the Sanctuary service** of the Old Testament.
- Daniel 8:1-7;20-21



- The he-goat, wars with the ram and destroys it but we are told that eventually, over the course of time, the first king of the Greek Empire, Alexander the Great, eventually dies, and his kingdom is then divided, amongst his 4 generals.
- Lysimachus, Ptolemy, Cassander, Selucis, represented in Daniel 7 as the leapoard with 4 heads.
- Daniel 8:8
- It was out of one of these 4 horns that there arose a little horn.



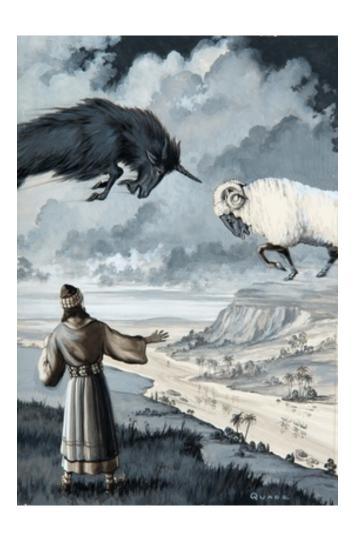
- This Little Horn, here in Daniel 8, represents the kingdom of Rome as a whole. The Roman Empire is seen in verse 9 and Papal Rome is seen in verse 10 onwards.
- How do we know this?
- Daniel 7:6-7, tell us that after the Greek Kingdom, came the Roman Kingdom; after the leopard, came the great and terrible beast.
- Additionally, geographically, The Roman Empire itself did expand to the south and east of Rome. It also conquered the Pleasant Land, i.e., Israel. History confirms this. Daniel 8:9



- However, in Daniel 8:10-11, we see that this "little horn" takes on more of a spiritual and religious nature.
- "And it waxed (became) 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. Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down." Daniel 8:10-11
- Also See: Exodus 29:38-41; 2 Thessalonians 2:2:3-4; Isaiah14:12-14; Revelation 13:6
- Here we see the Religious aspect of Rome as fulfilled in the Roman Papacy.



- After seeing all these things, Daniel is astonished, because he, being a sound student of Scripture, understands the implications of the "daily" being taken away, the sanctuary being cast down, and this little horn even exalting itself above the Prince of Host.
- "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? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:13-14



#### The Vision

- In verses 15-27, **Christ** sends Gabriel to explain the vision, and for the most part, all of the vision was explained **except the 2300 days and the cleansing.**
- Living in the days of Belshazzar, the last king of Babylon, Daniel understood that Babylon was going to fall to the Medes and Persians and likewise, that kingdom would fall to the Greeks, for this was explained in **Daniel 7** and in **Daniel 8**.

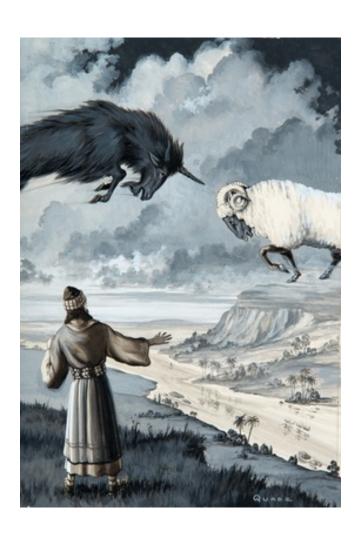


#### The Vision

- Daniel also understood that there would be a religious power that would arise out of the dreadful and terrible beast, referred to as the little horn. This little horn would be an apostate Christian power that would exalt itself above Christ, persecute the saints and place itself in the place of Christ, set up a false priesthood etc.
- i.e., ANTI-CHRIST (In Place of Christ)
- See: Daniel 8:22-24; Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:2-3; Revelation 17:5-6
- See: Daniel 8:25; Daniel 11:36; Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:6-7; Revelation 17:5-6



- If the 2300 days were literal days, this would equate to just over 6 literal years.
- This would mean that the period of the reign of the Medo-Persians, the Greeks, The Romans and Papal Rome, should all transpire over the course of 6 years.
- This we know makes no sense because these kingdoms ruled for more than 2 thousand years.
- Additionally, if this were true, it would also strike at the very foundation of our faith, because the Seventh Day Adventist foundation, was built upon the 2300 days and the Cleansing of the Sanctuary.



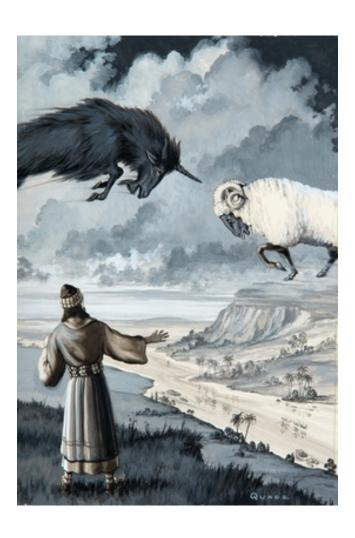
- "According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection." Numbers 14:34
- "And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. <u>I have laid on you a day for each year</u>." Ezekiel 4:6
- In Scripture, depending on the context, it is very common for <u>days</u> to be used to represent years. We see this concept across other areas of Scripture. For eg. 1,260 days, Laban & Jacob, the 70 Weeks of **Daniel 9**, etc.



- As we can see then, the 2300 days are in fact prophetic days which are indeed, literal years.
- Therefore, the vision which Daniel saw from verse 1-12, concerning the Ram, the Goat, the little horn and its greatness, would cover a period of 2,300 literal years.
- At the end of the 2,300 literal years, then the Sanctuary would be cleansed, or as the Book of Leviticus calls it, <u>"The Day of Atonement"</u> would begin.
- Leviticus 16:15-16, 18-19, 30, 33
- Both the Sanctuary & God's People were cleansed during this period.



- "As a people, we should be earnest students of prophecy; we should not rest until we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary, which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John.....Christ (at the end of the 2300 days) then entered into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and is there performing the closing work of His priestly office, in fulfilment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, 'Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.'
- Christ in His Sanctuary pg. 26



#### Literal Sanctuary or Heavenly?

- We must ask ourselves "what Sanctuary was still then standing 2300 years after Daniel's time?"
- The answer is, there was none. The Temple and the sacrificial system in Jerusalem ceased to exist in the year **70AD**, when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans under General Titus.
- The Cleansing of the Sanctuary therefore must be referring to the Heavenly Sanctuary, of which the literal was a mere type. In addition, as the people were also cleansed on the day of Atonement in the OT, so must the people of God, The Israel of God, be also cleansed from all record of sin during this cleansing.
- Hebrews 8:1-5; Hebrews 9:11; Galatians 3:29; Ephesians 2: 11-13; Ephesians 5:27



#### Literal Sanctuary or Heavenly?

- The question, What is the sanctuary? is clearly answered in the Scriptures. The term "sanctuary," as used in the Bible, refers, first, to the tabernacle built by Moses, as a pattern of heavenly things; and, secondly, to the "true tabernacle" in heaven, to which the earthly sanctuary pointed.
- **At the death of Christ, the typical service ended**. The "true tabernacle" in heaven is **the sanctuary of the new covenant**. And as the prophecy of **Daniel 8:14** is fulfilled in this dispensation, the sanctuary to which it refers must be the sanctuary of the new covenant. At the termination of the 2300 days...there had been no sanctuary on earth for many centuries. Thus, the prophecy, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed," unquestionably points to the sanctuary in heaven.
- Great Controversy pg.417



#### Literal Sanctuary or Heavenly?

- All the aspects of the Sanctuary pointed to a greater spiritual truth. Whether it be the feasts days, the sanctuary itself, the sacrifices and offerings, all these things had their fulfilment in Christ, and all pointed to a greater work which Christ is doing.
- Christ ministers in a "greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands."
- This Cleansing of the Sanctuary or Heavenly Day of Atonement, therefore, represents the final work of the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ the Righteous. This is the blotting out of all the sins of His people and of the record of their sins from the Books, that they may have the right to enter into the Kingdom.
- Christ's righteousness will become our righteousness.



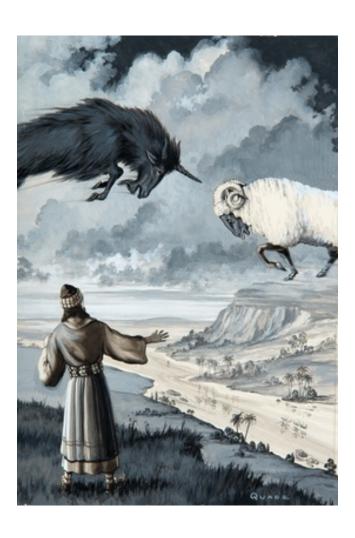
- As the people of Israel needed to bring their offering, and sacrifice it at the earthy sanctuary, by the shedding of blood were their sins forgiven and covered. "For without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins", Hebrews 9:22.
- Likewise, when we come to the Throne of Grace, by FAITH, pleading the Blood of Jesus, the Only Sacrifice, who takes away the sins of the world John 1:29, pleading for forgiveness, our sins are covered by Christ's Blood but the Heavenly Sanctuary, just like the earthly sanctuary, becomes defiled with the record of our sins in the Books of Heaven. Therefore, The Great High Priest must cleanse the sanctuary during this time of Judgement. A special work must be done by the High Priest that all the record of our sins may be blotted out.
- Psalm 32:1-2,5
- Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; 1 Peter 4:17; Leviticus 16:21







"The repentant sinner brought his offering to the door of the tabernacle, and, placing his hand upon the victim's head, confessed his sins, thus in figure transferring them from himself to the innocent sacrifice, Leviticus 1:3-5. By his own hand the animal was then slain, and the blood was carried by the priest into the holy place and sprinkled before the veil, behind which was the ark containing the law that the sinner had transgressed. By this ceremony the sin was, through the blood, transferred in figure to the sanctuary."



- "Such was the work that went on day by day throughout the year. The sins of Israel being thus transferred to the sanctuary, the holy places were defiled, and a special work became necessary for the removal of the sins. God commanded that an atonement be made for each of the sacred apartments, as for the altar, to "cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel." Leviticus 16:19."
- "Once a year, on the great Day of Atonement, the priest entered the most holy place for the cleansing of the sanctuary. The work there performed completed the yearly round of ministration."
- Patriarchs & Prophets pg. 355.2



- "God, seated on His throne to judge the world, at the same time Judge, Pleader, Expert, and Witness, openeth the Book of Records; it is read, every man's signature being found therein. The great trumpet is sounded; a still, small voice is heard; the angels shudder, saying, this is the day of judgment.... As a shepherd mustereth his flock, causing them to pass under his rod, so doth God cause every living soul to pass before Him to fix the limit of every creature's life and to foreordain its destiny.... on the Day of Atonement it is sealed who shall live and who are to die"
- JewishEncyclopedia.com/articles/dayofatonement



- As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God.

  Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." Exodus 32:33.
- Great Controversy pg.483



- All who have <u>truly repented of sin</u>, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had <u>pardon entered</u> <u>against their names in the books of heaven</u>; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, <u>their sins will be blotted out</u>, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life. The Lord declares, by the prophet Isaiah: "I, even I, am He that <u>blotteth out thy transgressions</u> for Mine own sake, and <u>will not remember thy sins</u>." Isaiah 43:25. Said Jesus: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." Revelation 3:5
- Great Controversy pg.483



#### In Closing

- Now we know what is the significance of the cleansing of the sanctuary and what it means. In our next study in Daniel 9, we will look at when the 2300 years began, when it ended and what does it mean for us today as professed believers of the Remnant Church living during this final period of Christ's High Priestly ministry.
- Following that, we will begin our look into the major prophecies of the Revelation.
- I hope to see you there!

## THANK YOU!











