DANIEL’S SECOND VISION IS UNTO OUR DAYS

Daniel 8:1-27

8:1-2 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, after the one that appeared to me the first time. Daniel’s first vision was in the first year of king Belshazzar’s reign. Dan. 7:1 King Belshazzar is the son of king Evil-merodach, who is the son of king Nebuchadnezzar. I saw in the vision, as I was looking, I was in the palace at Shushan in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision that I was by the river Ulai.

8:3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, standing beside the river, a ram which had two high horns, but one horn was higher than the other, and the higher horn came up last. This was Media and Persia. Media was the older, more ancient kingdom, but Cyrus, king of Persia coming around later united the two kingdoms and was the higher horn. Darius was king of Media at this time and was son-in-law to Cyrus. The high horns meant that Media-Persian Empire was at its greatest.

8:4-5 Daniel saw the ram westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand. But he did according to his will and became great. And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the earth, without touching the ground and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

8:6 Then he came to the ram with two horns and ran at him with furious power. And I saw him confronting the ram as he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, and he cast him to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand. This male goat was Greece, and the one horn, was Alexander the great, this being, 334 BC.

8:7 Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. Within approximately twelve years, Alexander had risen to great power, conquered the Media-Persian Empire and died at the age of 33. Then his empire is divided into four divisions. These are the four horns that replace the great horn. Seleucus took Syria. Ptolemy took Egypt. Cassander took Greece. Lysimachus took Thrace, east of Macedonia.

8:8 And out of one of them came a little horn that grew exceedingly great toward the south, Egypt, Arabia, Africa; toward the east, Mesopotamia, Persia, and toward the Glorious Land, or Pleasant Land, Israel. Out of one of the four came a little horn and he was from Syria! Now Matthew Henry says that it was Antiochus, Epiphanes or the Illustrious as he called himself. Now in verse 4, it says about the ram; that he did according to his will and became great! In verse 8 the male goat grew very great! Now in verse 9 it says that this little horn grew exceedingly great! And I know for sure that Antiochus the Illustrious was in no way greater than Cyrus and Alexander. He did not do much to be great. And Adam Clarke says that it is Rome. But let us look ahead and find out about the time of all this. Timing is important!

8:13 Then I heard a saint speaking and another saint said to him, “How long will the vision be concerning the daily sacrifice, this is the continuing sacrifice which we have in Yeshua and the transgression of desolation, both of these mentioned takes us back to the time of the crucifixion of Yeshua, where He stopped the yearly sacrifices with the giving of His own body once and for all, for the complete price of mankind’s sins and providing complete salvation for all of mankind, and then the transgression of desolation by Israel’s rejection of Him and His Holy sacrifice, and their continuing to offer animal sacrifices, which they were the abomination of desolation standing in the temple. Then the giving of both the sanctuary and the host, Israel, to be trampled underfoot takes us to 70 AD where Titus and the Roman army performed this for three and one half years in destruction as Daniel 9:24-27 also shows us. Yeshua showed John this before it was done in Revelation 11:1-2.

8:14-17 Here is the time given for all this. For two thousand and three hundred days. Then it happened as I had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly one stood before me and said, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision. So, he came near and said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision refers to the time of the end.” So now we know that a day represents a year as Elohim said in Eze. 4:6. Now it is two thousand three hundred years and will be in the time of the end.

Going back to verse 5, here we see that Daniel is considering the vision up to now, then suddenly Alexander and his army comes riding across the earth. This was 334 AD when they crossed the Hellespont. So, the two thousand three hundred years starts here. And this time takes us into the last days. It would be around 1966.

8:19 The angel said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation, for at the appointed time the end shall be. Yahweh’s time is just right and perfect in all His great works! Again, he says that this vision refers to the latter times or last days. Hebrews 1:1-2 tells us the last days began when Yeshua came to earth the first time. The beginning of His Ecclesia was in the last days, Acts 2:17-21.

8:20 “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having a fierce countenance, and who understands sinister schemes, or dark sentences. The transgressors reaching their fullness is Yisra’el, Yahweh’s people rejecting Him as their Messiah, rejecting His “renewed covenant” with them, and crucifying Him. This king that arises with a fierce countenance, the little horn of verse 9, who is out of Syria, is Mohammed. The prophet Mohammed, but not the prophet of YHWH! He comes on the scene at the beginning of the 7th century. Well into the last days, which the last days started with Yeshua’s birth and His ecclesia Heb. 1:1-2 Acts 2:17 His sinister schemes, or dark sentences is his book of the Koran.

8:21 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. That is, his power was to be substantial, but it is significant that it was not to be in his own personal power. He shall destroy marvelously, which means in a singular manner but not necessarily by force, which again is most significant. And shall prosper and thrive. He was to destroy the mighty and holy people, which was apostate Christianity, (by Rome) and apostate Judaism. By the time Mohammed arose, nor only was Judaism completely apostate, but so-called eastern Christianity had 600 years of growth and was by reason of great worldliness and corruption and had passed well into that stage of its history better known as APOSTATE, Catholicism.

8:25 Through his intelligence, or policy, he shall cause craft, or deceit to prosper in his hand, or rule, and he shall exalt, or magnify himself in his heart. That is, to think himself to be the prophet of Yahweh. And by peace he shall destroy many, by means that as the people are joined to, or converted to Mohammedanism, their eternal lives are destroyed. He even rose against the Prince of princes, Yeshua, he acknowledged that Moses and Yeshua were Prophets, but he placed himself above them. But he shall be broken without hand, meaning, the open one, (indicating power, means, direction, etc.), the closed one. (Not man’s) Could this mean, by the power of Creator’s hand, the Holy Ghost/ Holy Spirit in His ecclesia, moving His people to take the swords and knives from the enemy and kill them by the hundreds as David and his mighty men did in, 2 Sam. 23:8-39, 1 Chron. 11:10-47. I know there are those that would not believe that this would ever happen. But going by Elohim’s word I would not be surprised in any way of this happening soon. Yeshua told Peter in Matt. 26:52-54 all who take up the sword, weapon, would die, or perish with or by the sword, weapon. (By whom?) Yeshua told Peter to put his sword away, so that His word would be fulfilled. And that He had twelve legions of angels that could prevent this. Again in Rev. 13:10 His word says, “he who kills with the sword, must be killed with the sword.” That is a gun or any weapon! I know only one born-again man who said that if some evil person was breaking into his house that he would not fight him or kill him. Every one of us warriors would kill those evil ones breaking into our own houses, our godly rights. But if anyone does not provide, look out for, protect for his own, especially for those of his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel or unbeliever. 1 Tim. 5:8 Most all us warriors, men, and women, who have served Yahweh Elohim and country, by serving in the armed forces, as I am a Marine and did one tour in Viet Nam. And I believed Yahweh to use me in this very way if He wants. What I am talking about here would be Yahweh in control, AS HE IS!! And proving it to the enemy! AMEN! I am saying this to happen all around the world, as the two witnesses, the saints, are doing in Rev. 11:2-5 before we go home, before the last trumpet. 11-15. Elijah did this in 2 Kings 1:1-18, Jer. 5:14

8:26 And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true. Therefore, seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future, two thousand three hundred years of evenings and mornings. These things cannot possibly apply to Antiochus Epiphanes, Pagan Rome, or the Papacy. But these very much describe Mohammed, the Koran, and Mohammedanism. It was his intentions to create a new religion that would unite the various aspects of Judaism and Christianity and bring in the middle east paganism. He came against apostate Judaism and apostate Christianity and trampled upon them. He magnified himself against the Son of Yahweh with his saying, “There is no God but God, and Mohammed is his prophet.” The truth, as it is in Yeshua Messiah was cast down to the ground and remains so in the Muslim world today. To establish and maintain such a religion, Bible truth had to be, and was replaced by the “dark sentences” of the Koran.

8:9-11 This little horn who came out of Syria, and grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land, Israel, this Mohammed, went up to the host of heaven, and he cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. The host of heaven here would have to be the true ecclesia of Yeshua. His true ecclesia has always been, even though in places it was underground and in secret at these times. Mohammed slew some of the ecclesia of Yeshua here. And the stars were some of the pastors. Rev. 1:20 tells us that the stars are the pastors of His ecclesia. Here again we see that Mohammed exalted himself against Yeshua and His ecclesia, the Prince of His host, His ecclesia. And by him the daily sacrifice was taken away. Daily means perpetual, continual, constantly; or the one sacrifice for sins forever, Yeshua. He was to take from Him all that His birth, life, Gethsemane, and Calvary stood for, and exalt himself in His stead. And in all Muslim countries it was mostly this way for years. But for many years now this has been changing. That is why they are killing and trying to kill all that have become true Christians and followers of Yeshua. And the place of His, sanctuary, was cast down. They even have their temple, the Mosque of Omar, where Yahweh’s used to be. This is how the site of His temple, or sanctuary is cast down, by being defiled in the observance of the rites of a false religion. But praise Yah, that is just about to change! His time is right here! Our Elohim and Savior has it all in control! Amen!!

8:12 Because of the transgressions of Yisra’el by not accepting their Messiah, and His “renewed covenant,” after that He had proved to them that He was the Savior of the whole world in His resurrection from the grave, then an army of unbelievers were given to the little horn, Mohammed, and they opposed the continued, once and for all, sacrifice of Yeshua. And that is exactly what all that refuse and reject His great salvation today do, they call Him a liar and cast truth to the ground. Let me say again, when people keep refusing the great salvation of Yeshua Messiah, they are casting truth to the ground, and calling Him a liar. And these all are getting by with this now. But by prayer and hope that all that are doing this will realize what they are doing and repent and turn to Yeshua before it is too late!! Amen! For all prophecy and preaching of His word is just about to be fulfilled, come to pass!

The time of this vision of 2,300 years, reaching to 1966 and then the sanctuary is to be cleansed, look at this! When Israel captured Yerushalayim and the Temple Mount on June 7, 1967; Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of the Israeli Defense Forces, handed General Uzi Narkis a bundle of dynamite, and urged the General to blow up the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. Goren told Uzi, that the time of Yisra’el’s redemption had arrived. But General Uzi warned the Rabbi to be quiet, or he would have to put him in jail. Goren walked away sadly.

A few hours later, Yisra’el’s secular government invited the Muslim Waqf to return to the Temple Mount as caretakers of the Muslim shrines there. As a result, Hebrews have been forbidden to pray and worship there since then. But the time was right! Elohim’s time! Less than one year of the time that was given in Daniel 8. And I will say that Elohim’s times are all right on time. If they had blown these buildings up, it would have been right on time with Daniel’s vision. But all these things are going by Yahweh’s Holy Word, remember His word in Daniel’s vision said that none of these evil works of Mohammed would be completely done away by the hand of mankind, but by Elohim. Dan. 8:25 I believe that it will be done before His ecclesia is caught out in Rev. 11:11-15 at the last or seventh trumpet, in the great earthquake in which seven thousand people die, and a tenth of the city falls. Then in around three and a half years, at the beginning of the one thousand years of peace the mountain of the house of Yahweh will be there. As Isa. 2:1-4, and Micah 4:1-3 tells us of the mountain of Yahweh’s house that will be in this great time, the Millennium. He will not let them build the temple set up for animal sacrifices again, to be the temple of abomination again. Many think that there must be this kind of temple there because John spoke of this temple in Rev. 11:1-2 This was the temple in Jerusalem when John was writing this before 66 AD. I say in 62-65 AD. For John was writing to these seven locations in Asia. And the city of Laodicea was destroyed by an earthquake in 66 AD. So, John had to write to His ecclesia in these seven locations before then! John was to measure the temple but leave out the outside court for it is given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for three and a half years. And Titus and the Roman army did, up to 70 AD. I know that they have all the furniture and things made for this temple of animal sacrifices, but these things mean nothing to Creator Elohim anymore. He just used them for their time. The presence of Yeshua is in His assembly, His body, which has become the ark of his covenant and not in the ark of the covenant, and not in the ark of his first covenant that pointed to his ecclesia. Read, Jer. 3:16, these are those days when they will no longer say, “The ark of the covenant,” and would not remember it. His ecclesia is His ark of covenant when we get home! Rev. 11:19 We carry the greater of what was in the first ark , which we are covered with the blood of Yeshua which is greater than the gold, we carry the Holy Ghost of Yahshua who is the True Bread from heaven, John 6:32-33, we carry the greater miracles than the rod of Aharon that budded, John 14:12,and we carry his complete words of his commandments, statutes, testimonies, laws, precepts, and instructions of his renewed covenant. Psalms 119:1-176, Heb. 8:13 – 9:1-5, and we have his angels overshadowing us continually. Heb. 1:14 Well so much more can be said here, but I will put it in other teachings. His words are sure and right-on time, and forever settled in heaven! All glory to Yeshua, the Author and Finisher of it all! Amen!

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