

# Book of Daniel

*Class for October 29, 2023*

*Daniel – Chapter 8*

*Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1*

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ Oct 8, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 5 – The writing on the wall
- ✓ Oct 15, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 6 – Daniel in the Lions Den
- ✓ Oct 22, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 7 – Overview of the Gentile Kings
- ✓ Oct 29, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 8 – Kingdoms 2 & 3
- Nov 5, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 9A – Prayer and 70 sevens
- Nov 12, 2023. - Daniel Chapter 9B

*Also, pray for a new teaching effort I will be beginning on Nov 7 at Manor Lake In Dawsonville for the residents. Pray for the successful discipleship for these precious souls and for me to provide it effectively*

# Comments before we start...

- Today I want to address the Israel situation again before we start Chapter 8 of Daniel
- The Ground offensive has not begun in Israel. My guess is they are allowing time for hostage negotiations. *The US has pressured Israel to delay*
- My fear is the longer it takes, the more difficult it will be for Israel to root out the terrorists and their weapons due to world opinion shifts.
- Missiles, mortars, and anti-tank rounds are continuing to arrive in Israel from Syria, and Lebanon. Most countries are getting personnel out of Lebanon for fear the Israeli's will attack stronger than just "hit back"
  - Hezbollah claims 2 IDF divisions are busy with them and not in Gaza
- Antisemitism in the West, including America is beginning to rise...mostly from Muslims and colleges, but will government be far behind? Protests are increasing, but also opposition and support of Israel is Increasing.
- Fake News is mounting. Iran is threatening Israel with "revenge".
- Unexpected benefits:
  - Jews worldwide are seeing Antisemitism and increasingly coming "home" to Israel
  - In many ways, the Antisemites are "outing" themselves very publicly
  - Unity in Israel of bickering factions

# A couple of observations...

- Iran seems to be planning a 4-pronged strategy
  1. Engage Hamas in Israel's south and force Israel to engage in Gaza
  2. When fully engaged in Ground war, attack from the North with Hezbollah and Proxy militias from Lebanon and Syria. Iran supplied weapons, training, and timing. World Opinion and rising Arab anger will fuel this attack
  3. When Israel is stretched thin with the Iron Dome and multiple fronts, attack from the West Bank internally within Israel, and attack US bases in Iraq and Syria testing US resolve. Israel is deploying the Iron Beam
  4. If the US responds to attacks, use this to draw Russia into the conflict.
- Israel will not hesitate to attack Iran directly with or without US support
  - Remember, Israel is a nuclear-capable country with bombs, missiles, and intelligence. This eventuality has been planned and war-gamed already

# Countries that support Hamas

- Russia
- Iran
- Turkey
- Libya
- Yemen
- North Korea
- China
- This might not be familiar to you. But in Genesis 10 we see a table of the 70 Nations from the sons of Noah
- Reference Ezekiel and the War of Gog/Magog



*The World of Genesis 10*

# Daniel Chapter 7 Review

- Chapter 7 was a panoramic overview of the Gentile Empires to come and replace Babylon...Medes/Persians/ Greek/ Roman Empires
- The visions in Chapter 7 came to Daniel BEFORE the Writing on the Wall Chapter 5, and Chapter 8 comes 2 years later...also before the events of the Medo/Persian Empire takeover. History in Advance
- We looked at the high-level overview of Medo/Persia, the Greek Empire under Alexander the Great, and the Roman Empire
- There was also an allusion to the Revived Roman Empire and the coming Kingdom of God as the Rock not cut by human hands
- Daniel needed help understanding these visions and their meaning, and wrote some of them down, but not all.
- He was greatly disturbed but went back to doing the King's business as he was accustomed to doing

# Daniel Chapter 8 Background

- Chapter 8 comes back and looks in more detail at the Kingdoms of the **Medo/Persians**, and the **Greeks**
- Much symbolism and prophetic future history are included and again are written long before these events take place.
- There is also more information on prophecy for the short-term (<300 years) and longer-term (end of days).
- Daniel does not understand these at all and needs help, this time from the **Angel Gabriel** to interpret.
- From our vantage point (3000 years later and lots of events, and scripture that have happened), we can understand how accurate these predictions were, and see the future events a little more clearly

# Daniel Chapter 8 – Symbols and Characters

- Animals –
  - The Ram represents the Medo-Persian Empire
  - The Shaggy He Goat represents the Greek Empire
- Horns – represent Power in each Kingdom. The size of the horns represents the relative power of the Kings
  - **Ram** – 2 horns represent the kings of Media and Persia with the longer horn representing the more powerful Persians. Perhaps Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian
  - **Shaggy Goat** – Single large Horn represents Alexander the Great
    - The Little Horn that comes up represents Antiochus Epiphanes from the Syrian Area of the replacement Kingdoms
- We are told this by the angel later in the chapter, but it helps if you know ahead of time to understand the prophecy



# Current Babylonian Empire – Refresher for Dan Ch 8



- Note the extent of the Empire.
- Susa – on the outskirts of the Empire
- This is the world of Daniel when he writes these chapters

# Future Medo/Persian Empire – Dan Ch 8



Map 4-1  
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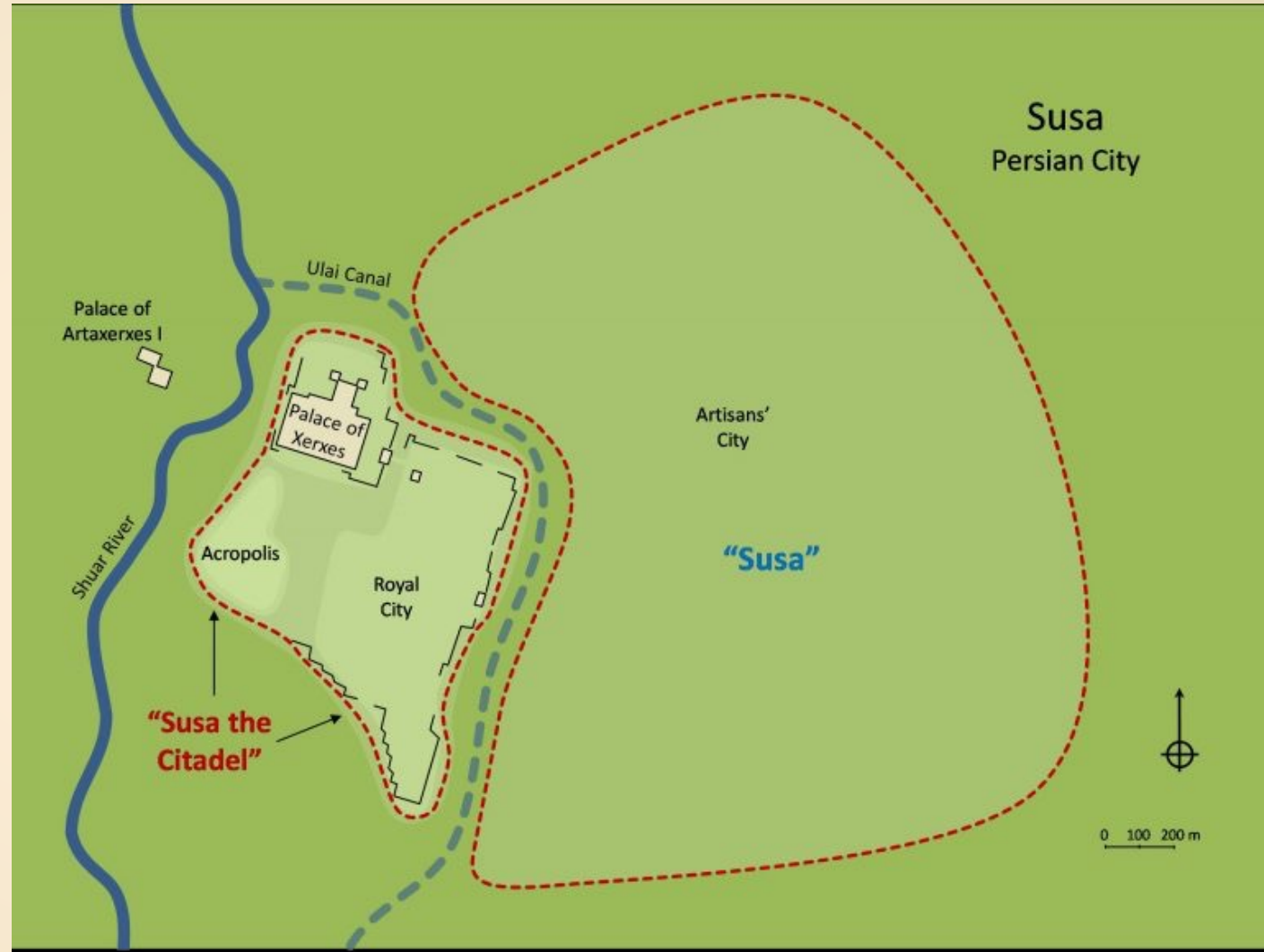
*Note the placement of Susa, about 150-200 miles East of Babylon*

*Note the size and scope of the Medo-Persian Map  
Further East to India  
Further West to Greece, They butt heads with Greece in several Wars*

# Daniel Ch 8:1-2 – A new Vision

*8 In the **third year** of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, **after the one that had already appeared to me.***

***2 In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision, I was beside the Ulai Canal.***

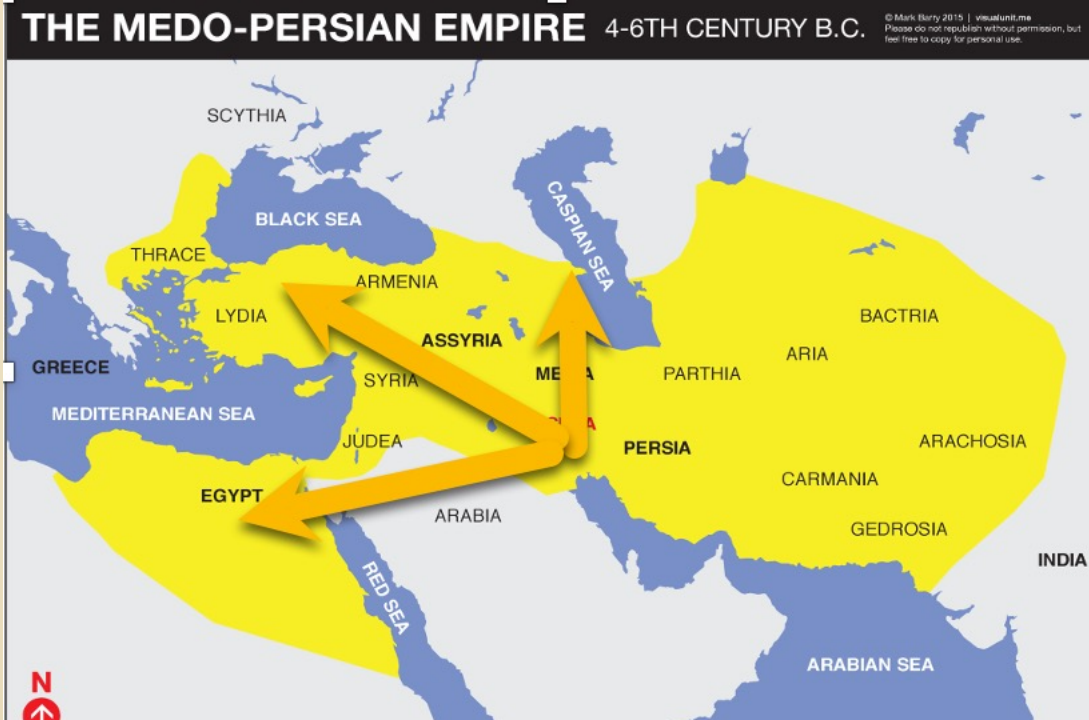


# Chapter 8:3-4 – Ram with two Horns, One Larger



<sup>3</sup> I looked up, and there before me was **a ram with two horns**, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but **grew up later.**

<sup>4</sup> I watched the ram as it charged toward the **west** and the **north** and the **south**. **No animal could stand against it, and none could rescue from its power. It did as it pleased and became great.**



# Daniel Ch 8:5-6 – Another appears...

<sup>5</sup> As I was thinking about this,  
*suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between its eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.*

<sup>6</sup> *It came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at it in great rage*



# Daniel Ch 8:7-8

# The Battle Begins...

*<sup>7</sup> I saw it attack the ram **furiously**, striking the ram and shattering its two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against it; the goat knocked it to the ground and trampled on it, and none could rescue the ram from its power.*



*<sup>8</sup> The goat became very great, but at the **height of its power the large horn was broken off**, and in its place, **four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.***



# Daniel Ch 8:9-12 A tyrant has risen...

***<sup>9</sup> Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land.***

***<sup>10</sup> It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.***

***<sup>11</sup> It set itself up to be as great as the commander of the army of the Lord; it took away the daily sacrifice from the Lord, and his sanctuary was thrown down.***

***<sup>12</sup> Because of rebellion, the Lord's people and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.***

This Horn represents the reign of **Antiochus Epiphanes** (175 BC until 164 BC) from the Syrian remnant of the **Greek Seleucid Empire**. It took almost 20 years for this to occur

Throughout history, there have been leaders that have arisen that have been what we might call **prototypes of the Antichrist**. In every generation, Satan has a person prepared to become him, but since he does not know the timing, we have seen them come and go.

Hitler, Antiochus, Mao plus others today like the Mullahs and Ayatollahs, represent this type of evil.

The common thread is opposition and intent to do away with the things and people of God.

## Daniel Ch 8:13-14 A Holy One Speaks

***13** Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, “How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the Lord’s people?”*

***14** He said to me, “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.”*



# Daniel Ch 8:15-18 ArchAngel Gabriel appears

*<sup>15</sup> While I, (even I) Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, **there before me stood one who looked like a man.***

*<sup>16</sup> And I heard **a man's voice from the Ulai** calling, "**Gabriel, tell this [man] the meaning of the vision.**"*

*<sup>17</sup> As he came near the place where I was standing, **I was terrified and fell prostrate.** "**Son of man,**" he said to me, "**understand that the vision concerns the time of the end.**"*

*<sup>18</sup> While he was speaking to me, I was in a deep sleep, with my face to the ground. **Then he touched me and raised me to my feet.***

# Daniel Ch 8:19-25      Gabriel interprets...

***19** He said: “I am going to tell you what will happen later **in the time of wrath**, because the vision concerns the **appointed time of the end**.*

*20 The two-horned ram that you saw represents the **kings of Media and Persia**.*

*21 The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the **large horn between its eyes is the first king**.*

*22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent **four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power**.*

*23 “In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a **fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise**.*

*24 He will become very strong, **but not by his own power**. He will cause **astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does**. He will **destroy those who are mighty, the holy people**.*

***25 He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.***

## Daniel Ch 8:26-27 Only part is written

*<sup>26</sup> “The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, **but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future.**”*

*<sup>27</sup> I, Daniel, was worn out. I lay exhausted for several days. **Then I got up and went about the king’s business. I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding.***

***Q: Do you ever feel like you are living in a land that is not compatible with your beliefs and life? Are you exhausted by it? Remember Jeremiah 29:7, which we read a few sessions ago about living in a foreign land.***

*<sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”*

# Relevant History for Israel and Daniel

## **Punishment for Israel**

- 930 BC: Israel is divided into two kingdoms, the Kingdom of Israel, and the Kingdom of Judah.
- 800 BC: The rise of the prophets, God's messengers.
- 722 BC: Kingdom of Israel is conquered by Assyrians. Syriac or Aramaic language is common in the area
  - ⇒ 605 BC: Kingdom of Judah is conquered by the Babylonians. Exile begins
  - ⇒ 586 BC: Solomon's Temple is destroyed by the Babylonians.
  - ⇒ 539 BC: Persians conquered the Babylonians and took control of what was Israel. Captives exiled for 70 years
- 535 BC: Jews begin to return to Israel from exile.
- 520 BC: The Temple is rebuilt.
- 450 BC: Reforms made by Ezra and Nehemiah.
- 433 BC: Malachi is the end of the prophetic age. Silence from God to Israel for 400 years
- 432 BC: The last group of Jews returned from exile.
- But God was busy setting the stage for the Holy Land in the time of the Messiah. **Intertestamental Period**

## **Intertestamental Period and Roman Actions**

- 333 BC: The Greeks conquered the Persian empire. The 4 generals after 20 years consolidate power. Israel controlled by the Ptolemy Empire of Egypt
- 323 BC: Syrian empires take over Israel. Antiochus Epiphanes conquers the Ptolemy's of Egypt
- 167 BC: Jewish Hasmonians recapture Israel, and the Jews are ruled independently. Book of **Maccabees** in Apocrypha. Hannukah celebrates
- 70 BC: Romans conquered Israel and ruled the land (**4<sup>th</sup> Beast**)
- 20 BC: King Herod built the "third" temple.
- 4-6 BC: Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem. Roman Control with Koiné Greek and Aramaic being the common languages
- 32 AD – Christ is crucified, and the Holy Spirit comes. **Church begins**
- 70 AD: Jews rebel against Rome and the Romans destroy the temple and scatter the Jews (Diaspora) & rename Israel "Palestine" after the Philistines, Israel's bitter enemy.

# Next Week

- *Read Daniel **Chapter 9**, the next Apocalyptic chapter in Daniel*
  - *This chapter will give us more insight into the timing that Daniel was given for the time of the end.*
- *Pray for Israel, our country, and all the leaders*
- *Pray for our state, counties, and leaders*
- *Pray for our church, the Pastors, and the leaders, and that the congregation will be faithful to the mission of the church*
- *Continue to pray for each other and the weekly prayer requests that Martha faithfully sends out.*