**Daniel 7-9** - September 9th

Daniel’s Dream of Four Beasts

**7**In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

**2**Daniel said: “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. **3Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. *(AntiChrist is the Beast of the Sea we see in Revelation 13)***

**4**“The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it. *(****BABYLON and we saw this fulfilled in Daniel 4) But this foreshadows the Whore of Babylon – the evil Catholic Church in Revelation 17 and 18.***

**5**“And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, ‘Get up and eat your fill of flesh!’ ***(MEDES PERSIA) – We see more about this in Revelation 11. It was the Persian Kings that allowed the Jews to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple after the 70 years of Captivity.***

**6**“After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule. ***(GREECE) and the 4 heads are the 4 Generals that divided Alexander the Great’s empire when he died in 323 AD suddenly of malaria in Babylon at age 33. His 4 Generals were – 1) Ptolemy – who took Egypt – King of the North, 2) Seleucus – who took Syria – King of the South, 3) Antigonus, 4) Cassander.***

**7**“After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast - terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. **It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns**. ***(ROME and the AntiChrist – ROME REVIVED)***

**8**“While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, ***a little one, which came up among them***; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. **This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.**

**9**“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. **10**A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated,  and the books were opened.

**11**“Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. **12**(The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

**13**“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **14**He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Interpretation of the Dream

**15**“I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. **16**I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. “So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: **17**‘The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. **18**But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever - yes, for ever and ever.’

**19“Then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws - the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.** **20**I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell - the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. **21As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, 22until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.**

**23**“He gave me this explanation: ‘**The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it.** **24**The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. **25**He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people **and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.**

**26**“‘But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. **27**Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.’

**28**“This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

Daniel’s Vision of a Ram and a Goat

**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. **3**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. **4**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. ***(MEDES PERSIA)***

**5**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. **6**It came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at it in great rage. **7**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. **8**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. ***(GREECE)***

**9**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 ***(ISRAEL)***. **10**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. **11**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. **12**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. ***(ROME)***

**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.” ***(This is from 270 BC when Rome took power – conquered all of Itay by 270 BC until 2030 when Jesus comes back and conquers the AntiChrist). The Papacy owned Italy until they traded it to Mussolini in 1929 when the Pope got to keep Vatican City – the littlest country and the Pope became a King – the little horn. This started the Roman Empire revived.***

The Interpretation of the Vision

**15**While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. **16**And I heard a man’s voice from the Ulai calling, “Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision.”

**17**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.”

**18**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.

**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.

26“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.”

**27**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.

Daniel’s Prayer

**9**In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom - **2**in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. **3**So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

**4**I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **5**we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. **6**We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

**7**“Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame - the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. **8**We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you. **9**The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; **10**we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. **11**All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. **12**You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. **13**Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. **14**The Lord did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the Lord our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

**15**“Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. **16**Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

**17**“Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. **18**Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. **19**Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

The Seventy “Sevens”

**20**While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill -  **21**while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. **22**He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. **23**As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

24“Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people *(ISRAEL)* and your holy city *(JERUSALEM)* to -1) finish transgression, 2) to put an end to sin, 3) to atone for wickedness, 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, 5) to seal up vision and prophecy and 6) to anoint the Most Holy Place.

25“Know and understand this:

From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ *(49 years)* and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ *(434 years)* It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

26After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One *(Jesus)* will be put to death and will have nothing. *(30AD when he was crucified)*

The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. *(Rome did this in 70 AD)*

The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.  *(This happens from 70 AD to 2030 when Jesus comes back at the Second Coming)*

27He *(The AntiChrist – King of the Roman Empire Revived)* will confirm a covenant *(agreement)* with many *(many world and religious leaders to be ONE and make HIS religion not God’s – this happened in September 2023)*  for one ‘seven.’*(This is where we get the 7 YEAR TRIBULATION. It started on 10.7.23 and goes to Feast of Trumpets – 9.28.30 when Jesus comes back as the conquering King at the Second Coming.*

In the middle of the ‘seven’*(midpoint of the Tribulation which is 3.28.27 – Easter)*  he *(AntiChrist = Pope Francis)* will put an end to sacrifice and offering.

And at the temple *(the Jewish Temple will be rebuilt between 6.25 and 3.27)*  he *(AntiChrist – Pope Francis)* will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” (*He will do this on Easter because Easter is his pagan holiday)*