

Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel, is with us
"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet,
and shew my people their transgression,
and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1

Bible Prophecy

The 2300 Day Prophecy

INTRODUCTION

I will begin this article by quoting this Bible prophecy in full.

Daniel 8:

- 1: *"In the **third year of the reign of king Belshazzar** a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.*
- 2: *And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.*
- 3: *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a **ram which had two horns**: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.*
- 4: *I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.*
- 5: *And as I was considering, behold, an **he goat** came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a **notable horn** between his eyes.*
- 6: *And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had there seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.*
- 7: *And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.*
- 8: *Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up **four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven**.*
- 9: *And out of one of them came forth a **little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.*
- 10: *And it waxed 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**.*
- 11: *Yea, he magnified himself even to the **prince of the host**, and by him the **daily sacrifice was taken away**, and the **place of his sanctuary was cast down**.*
- 12: *And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.*
- 13: *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?*
- 14: *And he said unto me, **Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed**.*
- 15: *And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of **a man**.*
- 16: *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, **Gabriel**, make this*

man to understand the vision.

17: So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: **for at the time of the end shall be the vision.**

18: Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

19: And he said, Behold, I will make thee know **what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.**

20: The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of **Media and Persia.**

21: And the rough goat is the king of **Grecia:** and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22: Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23: And in the latter time of their kingdom, **when the transgressors are come to the full,** a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24: And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25: And through his policy also he shall **cause craft to prosper** in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the **Prince of princes;** but he shall be broken without hand.

26: And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; **for it shall be for many days.**

27: And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.”

This symbolic prophecy has intrigued believers ever since it was first penned by the prophet Daniel. To understand its message and how it concerns believers living in these last days we must endeavour to identify the following:

1. When was this prophecy given?
2. What does the ram with two horns symbolise?
3. What does the rough he-goat symbolise?
4. In Bible prophecy what do horns symbolize; and who is the great horn that was broken and who are the four horns that replace it?
5. Who/What is the Little Horn?
6. Where is the sanctuary that is polluted?
7. Who are the heavenly host that the Little Horn casts down to the earth?
8. Who is the Prince of princes?
9. What is the Daily Sacrifice?
10. How long is 2300 days?
11. When does this 2300 day period begin?
12. And finally, How does this prophecy concern us?

In this article I shall attempt to answer these questions and each of the following sections will bear the **same number** as the question it answers. For example: Question 1 will be answered in Section 1 and Question 2 in Section 2 and so on.

1. When was this Prophecy Given?

According to verse one it was given in the **third year of king Belshazzar.** Historians differ as to the exact year in question, but most agree that the third year of king Belshazzar was about the year **553 BC.** This date becomes important when we will consider the prophecy of Daniel 9, which was given **some 15 years later in 538 BC** in the first year of Darius the Mede.

2. What does the Ram Symbolize?

This question is answered by the archangel **Gabriel.** He tells us in verse 20: *The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of **Media and Persia.***

3. What does the He-Goat Symbolize?

Once again the archangel **Gabriel** supplies the answer. *The rough goat*, we are told in verse 21, **is the king of Grecia**. In other words these two beasts, the ram and the he-goat represent '**mighty monarchs**' who controlled the ancient empires of **Medo-Persia** and **Greece**; the two empires that came after the **Babylonian** empire which ended when king **Belshazzar** died.

4. What do the Horns Symbolize?

In Scripture a '**horn**' symbolises **power, anointing, salvation, victory** and **honour**. A horn was also used as a trumpet in times of war; as in the battle of Jericho (Joshua 6) and when Gideon smote the Midianites (Judges 6). The following texts are given as examples of horn symbolism.

- **Luke Chapter 1:**
 - 67: *“And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,*
 - 68: *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,*
 - 69: *And hath raised up an **horn of salvation** for us in the house of his servant David;”*

- **1 Samuel Chapter 2:**
 - 1: *“And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine **horn is exalted** in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation...*
 - 10: *The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall **give strength** unto his king, and exalt the **horn of his anointed.**”*

- **1 Samuel Chapter 16:**
 - 1: *“And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine **horn with oil**, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons...*
 - 13: *Then Samuel took the **horn of oil, and anointed him** in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.”*

- **Psalms Chapter 18:**
 - 2: *“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my **deliverer**; my God, my **strength**, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the **horn of my salvation**, and my high tower.”*

- **Psalms Chapter 92:**
 - 8: *“But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.*
 - 9: *For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.*
 - 10: ***But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.**”*

The archangel Gabriel told Daniel that the great horn is the **first king**. (of Greece) The first earthly king of ancient Greece was **Alexander the Great**. His military might enabled him to overthrow the Medo-Persian empire symbolized in this prophecy by the **ram**. But the question arises: What '**horn**' (higher, motivating spiritual power) was behind Alexander the Great? There is little doubt that Alexander was one of history's greatest generals; but what spirit (**horn**) motivated and empowered him? In my humble opinion, Alexander the Great was merely the **earthly tool of a spirit being on high**, which empowered and used him to conquer the vast regions between Italy and India. This **evil spirit** was Alexander's '**horn**,' the inspiration, motivation and power behind his astonishing victories. It even convinced Alexander that he was the **Son of God!** But it brought about his death in Babylon in the year 323 BC when Alexander was only 33 years old! That spirit being was itself '**broken**' at the time of Alexander's death and its dominion taken over by four other '**horns**' who subsequently took over and controlled the remnants of the ancient Grecian empire: **Rome, Greece, Serbia, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Iraq** etc. These nations and the other remnants of the Grecian empire are scheduled to continue as earthly powers till the end of this age.

In short, we see in Daniel chapter 8 and several other symbolic prophecies, that **'horns'** represent **'spirit powers'** at work in world affairs. **Horns** fall into two categories:

- **EVIL ANGELS** who motivate, empower and direct earth's pagan conquerors to subdue and control the nations of the world!
- **YAHWEH, the Almighty God and horn of our salvation!** He is the over-all Ruler of the universe. He is the **Horn of Israel!** He it is who allows those **'evil horns'** (angels) their short period of time to accomplish His will.

5. Who/What is the Little Horn?

The **Little Horn** of Daniel 8 is known elsewhere in Scripture as the **Antichrist**, the Beast, the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition. For information about the identity of this being see our article **Who/What Is The Antichrist?**

6. Where is the Sanctuary?

The **sanctuary** mentioned in this prophecy is not an earthly sanctuary or temple in Jerusalem; but the **heavenly sanctuary**, which is the divine original Moses was shown in the mountain and of which he made an earthly copy.

Hebrews 8: 5: *“Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as **Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.**”*

Am I saying that the **heavenly sanctuary** is to be polluted and will later need cleansing? Yes I am. According to this prophecy the **Antichrist** (the Little Horn) is scheduled to desecrate the heavenly sanctuary by his very presence. He will enter the sanctuary in heaven and will blasphemously challenge the **Prince of the heavenly host!** I quote:

Daniel 8: 9: *“And out of one of them came forth a **little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.
10: And it waxed 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.**
11: Yea, he magnified himself even to the **prince of the host**, and by him the **daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.**”*

7. Who are the Heavenly Host?

The **heavenly host** cast down to the ground by the Little Horn are the **holy angels** who surround the throne of God. When the **Antichrist** manifests himself - **'stands up'** - he will enter the heavenly sanctuary and expel some of the holy angels who surround the throne of God! The events described here seem almost incredible; but that is what the prophecy is saying and it would be foolish to ignore the fact.

8. Who is the Prince of Princes?

The **Prince of princes is none other that Yeshua the Messiah** (Jesus Christ) who is currently officiating in the heavenly sanctuary. When the Antichrist enters the heavenly sanctuary he will dare to challenge **Yeshua** and stop him offering the **daily sacrifice**.

9. What is the Daily Sacrifice?

Ancient Israel was commanded by the Almighty to offer each day a sacrifice of two lambs; one lamb in the morning and the other in the evening. This sacrifice was called the **'daily sacrifice.'** It continued for hundreds of years till **Yeshua the Lamb of God** offered up his own life on Calvary and the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed.

Numbers 28: : *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2: Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.
3: And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; **two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering.**
4: The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even;”*

The **daily sacrifice** of two ordinary lambs was simply a 'symbolic counterpart,' a 'shadow,' a 'figure' or 'type' of **Yeshua** the true **Lamb of God** who died on Calvary and whose blood would thereafter cleanse the contrite and repentant sinner. When **Yeshua the Messiah** ascended to heaven he began to officiate in the **heavenly sanctuary** on behalf of sinful man. There he presents and pleads the merits of his own blood on behalf of those who seek forgiveness of sin. It is not necessary for Yeshua the Lamb of God to die over and over again; but it is necessary for him to intercede - **each day** - on behalf of sinners who daily confess their sins and request his mercy and forgiveness. **This daily procedure (the daily sacrifice) is what the Antichrist will stop!** I freely admit that this drama seems so blasphemous that it is difficult to even imagine. But again I must remind the reader that that is what the prophecy is saying. It is not forecasting the stopping of the daily sacrifice in an earthly sanctuary; a sacrifice which was stopped, started, stopped and started time and again before and after Daniel's day. **No, the daily sacrifice the Little Horn will stop for 2300 days is that which is made in the heavenly sanctuary!** After a fierce conflict in heaven itself, the Little Horn will expel some of the heavenly host from the sanctuary above, challenge **Yeshua the Prince of princes** and **stop the daily sacrifice!** Pause dear reader and try to imagine the enormity of such a blasphemous act on the Little Horn's part. You will need to read this article again and again to appreciate what is being presented here.

10. How Long is 2300 Days?

Many Christians have concluded that in Bible prophecy one day always represents one year and, therefore, this is a period of 2300 years. They base their conclusion on texts such as:

Numbers 14: 34: *“After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.”*

Ezekiel 4: 6: *“And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: **I have appointed thee each day for a year.**”*

But is it correct to say that in **every prophecy** involving time, one day represents one year? I don't think so. A prophetic day only represents a year if the prophetic language so implies, as in the case of Ezekiel 4:6 or Daniel 9:24. But if the prophetic language doesn't give this indication, as in the case of Daniel 8:14, Daniel 12:11-12 and Revelation 11:3, then a day equals a normal day of 24 hours and a year is a normal year. For example the Saviour prophesied in:

Matthew 12: 40: *“For as Jonas was **three days** and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be **three days** and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*

We all know that in this prophecy a day meant a literal day and not a year. In the book of Revelation we also see that a **year is a year** and no more.

Revelation 20: 4: *“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a **thousand years.**
5: But the rest of the dead lived not again until the **thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection.”*

In short, the 2300 days mentioned in Daniel chapter 8 is **2300 ordinary days**; which is about six and a half ordinary years. Believers who reckon that **2300 prophetic days means 2300 ordinary years** have been obliged to place the start of this prophecy in the distant past - over 2300 years ago. To find out if they are correct in

their computation we will consider the next question, which is:

11. When does the 2300 Day Period Start?

The answer to this question is given by the archangel **Gabriel** himself. Notice how he pinpoints **when** this period is to start:

- **“For at the time of the end shall be the vision.”** (Daniel 8: 17:)
- **“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.”** (Daniel 8: 19:)
- **“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full,”** (Verse 23:)
- **“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.”** (Verse 26:)

In short, the 2300 day desecration of the heavenly sanctuary will occur '**at the time of the end,**' ... '**in the last end of the indignation,**' ... when '**transgressors are come to the full.**' Gabriel went on to advise Daniel (verse 26) to *shut up the vision*; in other words to seal it up as it was not to occur for '**many days.**' All this means that this 2300 day period (about six and a half years) will occur just before the Saviour returns to earth. And that means it could start any time in the very near future!

Some Christian groups begin counting the 2300 day period way back in the past, (in 457 BC) which was not long after Belshazzar's reign when the prophecy was given. Why do they do this when Gabriel expressly advised Daniel to *shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days:* that it would occur '**at the time of the end,**' in the '**last days**' when '**transgressors are come to the full?**' The answer is because they believe that the 2300 day period of Daniel 8 and the 490 year period of Daniel 9 both start at the same time - in the year **457 BC**. To use a common starting date for these two prophecies is a serious error which must be corrected. These two prophecies (Daniel 8 and Daniel 9) though only a chapter apart in the Bible were, in fact, given some 15 years apart; and each prophecy is distinctly different from the next. For example:

The 2300 Day Prophecy

1. Was given in 3rd year of king Belshazzar (about 553 BC)
2. The heavenly sanctuary (Temple) was to be desecrated
3. The daily sacrifice stopped
4. The starting date of this prophecy is in the '**last days,**' at the '**time of the end,**' at a time when '**transgressors are come to the full;**' that is - **at their worst!**
5. Was '**many days**' into Daniel's future.
6. Would usher in the **false** messiah, the Antichrist!

The 70 Weeks of Years Prophecy

1. Was given in 1st year of Darius, (about 538 BC) which was some **15 years later** than Belshazzar's third year.
2. **The city of Jerusalem and the Temple were to be rebuilt, not desecrated.**
3. The daily sacrifice restarted, **not stopped.**
4. The starting date of this prophecy was soon after the 70 year captivity ended, **not at the 'time of the end.'**
5. The fulfilment would **begin** in Daniel's lifetime, not at the '**last days**' in his distant future.
6. And it would usher in the **true** Messiah. (Jesus Christ)

These comparisons make it perfectly obvious that the prophecies of Daniel 8 and Daniel 9 do not start at the same time.

The Appointed Time

Most students of Bible prophecy are well aware that the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel works to a **strict Timetable** in which every major event occurs at **His appointed time**. This fact is made clear in texts such as:

Luke 9:

51: **“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set**

his face to go to Jerusalem.”

John 7: 6: *“Then Jesus said unto them, **My time is not yet come.**”*

Galatians 4: 4: *“But when the **fulness of the time was come**, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.”*

Acts 17: 31: *“Because he hath **appointed a day**, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”*

It is exactly the same with this period of 2300 days. These days will start at the Almighty's **appointed time** some six and a half years before the Saviour returns to earth. Of course no one knows the exact day of the Saviour's return; (Matthew 24: 36) so we cannot determine the start-year of the 2300 days. But, judging from the natural and social conditions on earth, we know that the Saviour's return is near. How much nearer do you suppose is the start of this awesome 2300 day period?

The Feast Days of the God of Israel

In the Almighty's Timetable (Diary) there are certain **appointed days** of extreme importance. He calls them His **Feast Days** (Leviticus 23). These are the sacred appointments the Almighty commands His followers to remember and observe. To ignore them is extremely dangerous. Why? Because there is a direct link between **Yahweh's Feast Days** and the **Time Prophecies** of (Daniel and Revelation). Failure to observe an **appointed Feast** could well result in a believer missing the divine signal and warning of which the prophecy tells. For the fact is, this 2300 day prophecy is directly linked with a **Feast of Pentecost** in one year and the **Feast of Trumpets** some seven years later. Examples of this amazing prophetic count are given at **Appendix C** of our booklet entitled **The Sacred Calendar of the God of Israel**.

Bird Migration

Most of us have read about or witnessed the miracle of **bird migration**. Every year billions of earth's creatures, birds, animals, insects and reptiles migrate from place to place, often thousands of miles, to escape the rigours of extreme weather conditions: freezing winters or scorching summers. Did the Almighty create such breath-taking annual demonstrations for nothing? Or did He have in them lessons for mankind? According to His Word, the LORD God of Israel staged the miracle of **'bird migration'** as a practical lesson for all mankind to **prepare for Judgment**.

Jeremiah 8: 7: *“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her **appointed times**; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the **judgment of the LORD.**”*

This warning to **prepare for Judgment** is repeated again and again in Scripture and people should not delude themselves into thinking that they can **continue in sin and escape punishment**.

Zephaniah 2: 1: *“Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;*

*2: **Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.***

*3: **Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.**”*

“But,” you may well ask **“Why was this prophecy given and of what danger is the LORD warning us?”**

12. Why was the 2300 Day Prophecy Given?

When the Little Horn enters the **heavenly sanctuary** and stops the **daily sacrifice** the most terrifying period of earth's history will begin. We know this because there will be, for that period of time, **no daily sacrifice** in the heavenly sanctuary and therefore **no mediator between God and sinful man!** The **daily sacrifice** embodies all the merits of the Saviour's blood, which alone secures pardon, cleansing and protection to those who trust and obey. When the **daily sacrifice** is stopped, an unrestrained Satanic reign of terror will begin throughout the universe. On earth a **Time of Trouble** will engulf mankind; trouble the likes of which has never been seen before, nor will ever be seen again. Scripture tells us that during this time the **Man of Sin**, the **Little Horn**, the **Antichrist** will sit on the throne of God and proclaim himself **God Almighty!**

2 Thessalonians 2: 3: *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that **man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition;
4: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he **as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**”*

Is this almost unbelievably blasphemous act actually going to happen? It is; for that is what the prophecy is saying. It would be foolish to ignore it. We see a preview of such a blasphemous act in the behaviour of **Absalom** who revolted against his father king David and attempted to take over the throne of Israel. In order to prove to the inhabitants of Jerusalem that he was their new king, Absalom pitched a tent on the palace roof and there he raped his father's concubines.

2 Samuel 16: 22: *“So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house;
and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.”*

Satan and the Antichrist will do the same on a universal scale at the start of the 2300 days. Their goal has always been to dethrone **Yahweh** and His son **Yeshua** and to secure the worship of heaven's host. They will make their devilish take-over bid at the start of the 2300 days and to prove to the inhabitants of the universe just how depraved the Antichrist and Satan are, the Almighty will allow this to happen!

What will the people of God be doing during that critical time?

Believe it or not the vast majority of mankind and a major section of the church will suffer under the Little Horn's rule. They will be *'given over to believe the lie, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.'* The Antichrist will harass the people of God during this time. We read about this in Daniel chapter 7 where the Little Horn's attack on the saints is briefly described.

Daniel 7: 21: *“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.”*

Daniel 7: 25: *“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall **wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to change times and laws: and **they shall be given into his hand** until a time and times and the dividing of time.”*

Will all Yahweh's people be deceived into believing the Lie and handed over to the Antichrist?

Thankfully the answer is - No they will not. There will be some who will not be deceived and they will be protected from the Little Horn in a place called the **'wilderness of the people.'** For information on where this wilderness is, see our article **The Coming Exodus**.

Summary

That brings us to the end of this article. In it you have read of some amazing, hardly imaginable events that are scheduled to occur on earth during the **seven year period prior to the return of Jesus Christ**. The facts we have covered are summarized as follows:

- The 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8 was given in the **third year of king Belshazzar**, which was some 15 years before the prophecy of Daniel 9.
- The **ram** represents the Medo-Persian empire.
- The **rough he-goat** represents the Grecian empire.
- In Bible prophecy **horns symbolise spirit powers**. The horns of beasts represent **evil spirits** who motivate and empower pagan emperors. Whereas the people of Israel have **Yahweh** as their **'horn of salvation, power and glory.'**
- The **Little Horn is the Antichrist**, the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, the Beast of Revelation 13.
- The **sanctuary** mentioned in Daniel 8 is the **heavenly sanctuary**. It is to be desecrated by the Antichrist.
- The **Heavenly Host** the Antichrist casts down to the ground are the **holy angels** who surround the throne of God. After entering the heavenly sanctuary the Antichrist will sit on the Almighty's throne and proclaim himself God! This is the ultimate blasphemy, an abomination of unparalleled proportions!
- The **Prince of princes** is Jesus Christ.
- The **Daily Sacrifice** is the Saviour's work of mediation in the heavenly sanctuary; where he presents the merits of his own blood - **day by day** - on behalf of repentant sinners. The Daily Sacrifice will be stopped by the Little Horn. This means that the daily provision of mercy will be suspended and mankind will be exposed

to the merciless Judgement of Almighty GOD!

- 2300 days is 2300 ordinary days, not 2300 years.
- The 2300 day period will begin at ***the time of the end ... in the last end of the indignation...in the latter time... when the transgressors are come to the full...*** a time which was to be '***many days***' after the prophecy was given.
- This prophecy should concern all true believers who want to escape the terrors of the Antichrist, into who's hand many of the saints will be given. That is, all except those who will be miraculously protected in the '***wilderness of the people.***'

Will all this happen? You can be sure that, like all Bible prophecy, it will come to pass at the **appointed time**.

Habakkuk 2: 3: ***“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”***

AMEN!

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