



# Revelation 13

**The Dragon and Two Beasts:**

The Beast from the Sea

The Beast from the Earth

UNHOLY TRINITY

Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

# The Little Horn with the Big Mouth



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

<sup>7</sup> “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it, and it had ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> ***I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.***

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- Before seeing the “little horn,” Daniel focused on **10 horns of terrible beast**. Notice they do not represent a 5th kingdom.
- Grow out of head of the fourth beast, are the **final form of fourth beast**.
- Toes of first vision, (statue) are iron and clay. Iron (legs, 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom, strong and brutal) still there—toes are an extension.
- Clay (*whatever it represents*) is weakness in final kingdom, mixed with iron.
- All kinds of speculations regarding clay.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- Ten horns = 10 kings (know this from v. 24), the little horn is another king who will arise among the 10 and be coexistent with them (v. 24)
- Note - **simultaneously ruling**, not a succession of kings.



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- Revelation, chapter 17, more information:

***<sup>12</sup> “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”***

(Revelation 17:12-14)

**10 toes of statue =  
10 horns of 4<sup>th</sup> beast =  
10 kings**

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7



- Intention of kings to build alliance against the Lamb (*fruitless endeavor!*)
- This little horn will subdue three other kings (v. 24) and will persecute the saints (v. 25).

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- **Identification of 10 horns and little horn much debated.**
- 10 kingdoms represented by 10 horns **may be** one nation (or group of nations) that will grow out of old Roman Empire (or Islamic Empire, or other pre-existing world kingdom)

OR

- **May be** 10 future kings who will rule over some form of a revived fourth empire.

OR

- **May be** entire world divided up into 10 geographic regions each with one all-controlling leader.

OR?



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

We have heard talk for years now about the **coming one world government**. We know eventually that will be the condition of the world, after this eleventh horn makes his appearance.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- “Little horn” one of many titles for AC
- Hebrew implies this little horn came up “between” them – like eleventh horn.
- inconspicuous at first, but not like other 10 kings
- “Plucked up” implies *complete* – from the roots.
- In ancient conceptions of power, authority of an animal characterized by extent/size of its horns.
- Horns symbol of authority and power—what is inferred here. This little horn not only a power, but an individual.

**He is the final world ruler.**

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- *“...mouth speaking pompous words.”*  
correlates with Revelation 13:5 *“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, ...”*
- He pretty much blasphemes everything in sight, and not in sight (heaven).



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

**Daniel then sees the “Throne Room”  
and an apparent Court room setting...**

***9**“I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; <sup>10</sup> A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

***11 “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.***

- Revelation chapters 4 + 5 correspond to throne room scene in Daniel 7
- Daniel continues to watch amazing scene. Can apparently see both at once – awesome throne room, AND blasphemous little horn on earth.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- Continuing watchfulness sign of some time passing here (jumps from seeing beast at work [tribulation] to judgment of beast [Revelation 19+20] and final disposition in lake of fire).
- ***“...till the beast was slain...”*** Suddenly the beast (+ kingdom) is killed – and the little horn (king) goes with it!
- Daniel apparently skipped over Tribulation, *at least in these verses (not mentioning this time, but he will deal with it a little later)*, and went right to bottom line of fourth beast, **eventually killed**, and that is what’s important.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- Capsule version of man's history (human government). THEN God's history and God's kingdom begins. Beast represents kingdom in place at end, and here it is destroyed. Has been judged (*courtroom scene*) and now ended (*just like Belshazzar in Chapter 5*).
- **God's kingdom begins on earth** after this (*aligning with Revelation 20 and 21*).
- ***"...destroyed and given to the burning flame."***  
final world ruler ultimately thrown into the lake of fire (Revelation 19)

AAAAAAAAAGGGGHHHH!!!

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# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

Despite horrors of the beast, the evil of the little horn and the terror of this time of Tribulation, God has allowed Daniel to see the ultimate end of this beast, forever, and the beginning of something new (God's Kingdom and dominion) *(All aligns with passages in Revelation.)*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

***DANIEL 7:12 As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.”***

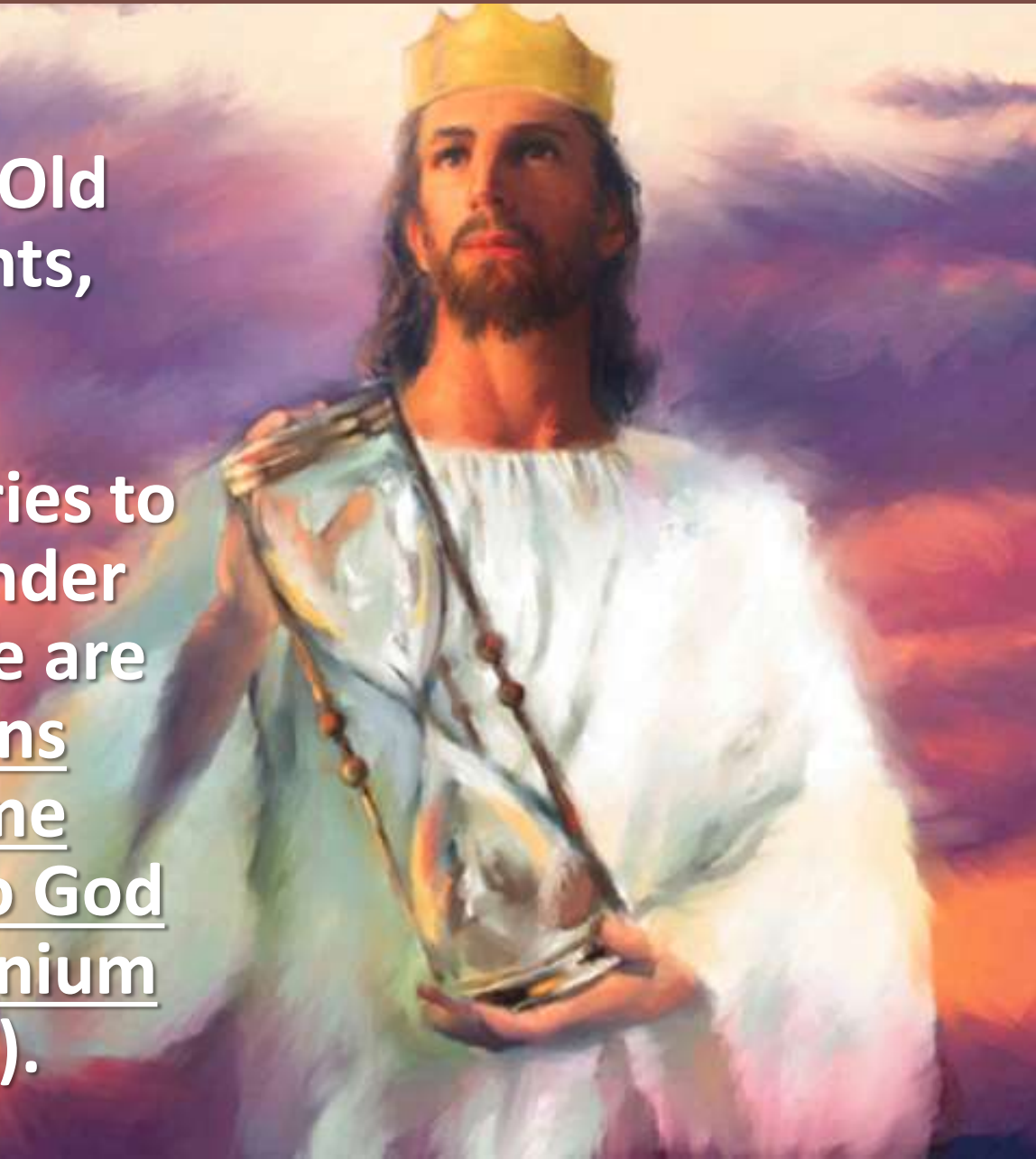
- Debate about this verse and meaning.
- Apparently, judgment of 4<sup>th</sup> beast (*both world power and the man, Antichrist*) is such that he (and it) is totally destroyed. **No second chances here.**
- First 3 beasts represent all other world powers in God's eyes, all forms of human government, nations, etc. Man will never rule again, will never again have dominion over the earth.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- Their “lives,” however, are *spared* (unlike the beasts – the false prophet's and the Antichrist's) to enter into Millennium under God's rule.
- Know from Revelation 20 there is a revolt at end of 1000 year reign of Jesus (*indicating continued evil of unredeemed humankind, even without the presence of Satan*), but is quickly put down prior to moving to “eternal state.” **All evil is destroyed forever, and consigned to the lake of fire.**

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

Apparently, from Isaiah, and other Old Testament accounts, God will allow territories and "puppet" dignitaries to exist for a time under Jesus' reign, as we are told that all nations and kings will come and pay tribute to God during the Millennium (see Zechariah 14).



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

Daniel's vision in chapter 7 continues:

*<sup>15</sup> "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. <sup>16</sup> I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: <sup>17</sup> 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

*<sup>19</sup> “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; <sup>20</sup> and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

<sup>21</sup> “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,  
<sup>22</sup> **until** the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

- Just as we read in Revelation, “little horn” is allowed to “make war” against the “saints,” to even *prevail* against them, but only for a limited time.
- Ancient of Days rules in favor of the “saints of the Most High,” and **WE possess the kingdom.** God is Sovereign Judge!

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

Now a heavenly being explains to Daniel what he saw, aligning perfectly with Revelation accounts:

*<sup>23</sup> The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. <sup>24</sup> The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup> He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,...*



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

***“And shall intend to change times and law.”***

- Lots of speculation. People suggest all kinds of things, including somehow changing the Law of God, or the calendar (appointed times, Hebrew calendar etc.), values, or whatever.
- Do not know exactly what this means, but AC will attempt to change things that have been basic to us since the beginning of time.
- **Those who witness these things and live through these times (“Tribulation Saints”)** will know exactly what this means, when it happens.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

*Then the saints shall be given into his hand  
For a time and times and half a time.*

- Little horn's reign relatively short (*will not seem that way*).
- Time of terrible persecution, prevailing against saints, same time period in Revelation, refers to 3½ years, or 1260 days, or 42 months. (*God's prophetic years, 360 days each*).
- *Elohim is making certain we understand this is a literal time period, and limited. It is NOT allegorical or symbolic.*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

- In Daniel's day, and in the Hebrew method time reference
  - “Time” = 1 year
  - “Times” = 2 years
  - “half a time” (“dividing of time” in KJV) = 1/2 year, totaling 3½ years.
- This period equals the **“Great Tribulation,”** the last half of the 7-year Tribulation period.

3 ½

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 7

*26 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.*

*27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

*28 "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."*



# Daniel 8

## *The Ram & Goat*

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# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

## Vision of a Ram and a Goat, and more horns

- While discussing the “Little horn” must also take a glimpse of Daniel chapter 8.
- Speaks mainly of 2 kingdoms (Persia and Greece) and king who will appear late in Greek empire. He is also referenced as a “little horn.”
- We know him as **Antiochus Epiphanes**. He is a TYPE for the Antichrist. Worth time to read this chapter, gleaning anything else in our understanding of AC – especially as he might be seen in “near” fulfillment in Antiochus Epiphanes.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

*<sup>8</sup> In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time. <sup>2</sup> I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai. <sup>3</sup> Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. <sup>4</sup> I saw the ram pushing 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.*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

*<sup>5</sup> And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power. <sup>7</sup> And I saw him confronting the ram; 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, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.*



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. <sup>10</sup> And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. <sup>11</sup> He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. <sup>12</sup> Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

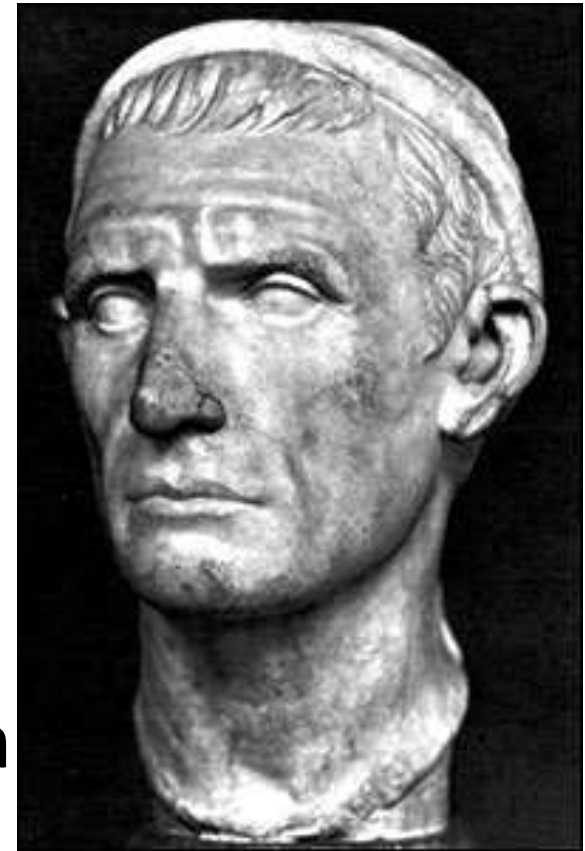
- “Little horn” of Daniel 8 is NOT the same as described in previous chapter (Daniel 7)
- **– or is he?** In chapter 7 little horn arises out of 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom; here the little horn comes out of the 3<sup>rd</sup> kingdom (*identified as Greece*).
- This little horn is historical (*for us now, it was future in Daniel’s time*), while the little horn of chapter 7 still future, during final world power.
- Little horn present here came out of Syria from the Seleucid dynasty (one of Alexander’s 4 generals, among whom his empire was divided).

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Daniel chapter 8 describes Antiochus IV, or Epiphanes, the son of Antiochus the Great. He is sometimes called Epimanes, “the madman”—a play on his name, as he was another demented ruler.
- **Very important to keep in mind what we know about “double fulfillment” of prophecy.**
- Lots of speculation/discussion about this “little horn.” This little horn obviously a person who has already risen in history, there are many similarities to little horn of chapter 7.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Alike in many ways, but also different. Many believe this “little horn,” and entire passage (Daniel 8), has double fulfillment like many other prophecies.
- **Definitely relates to Antiochus Epiphanes**, but most likely also to another (*still future*) little horn – the one of chapter 7.
- Antiochus Epiphanes one of many Bible **“types”** – something or someone who represents something else.

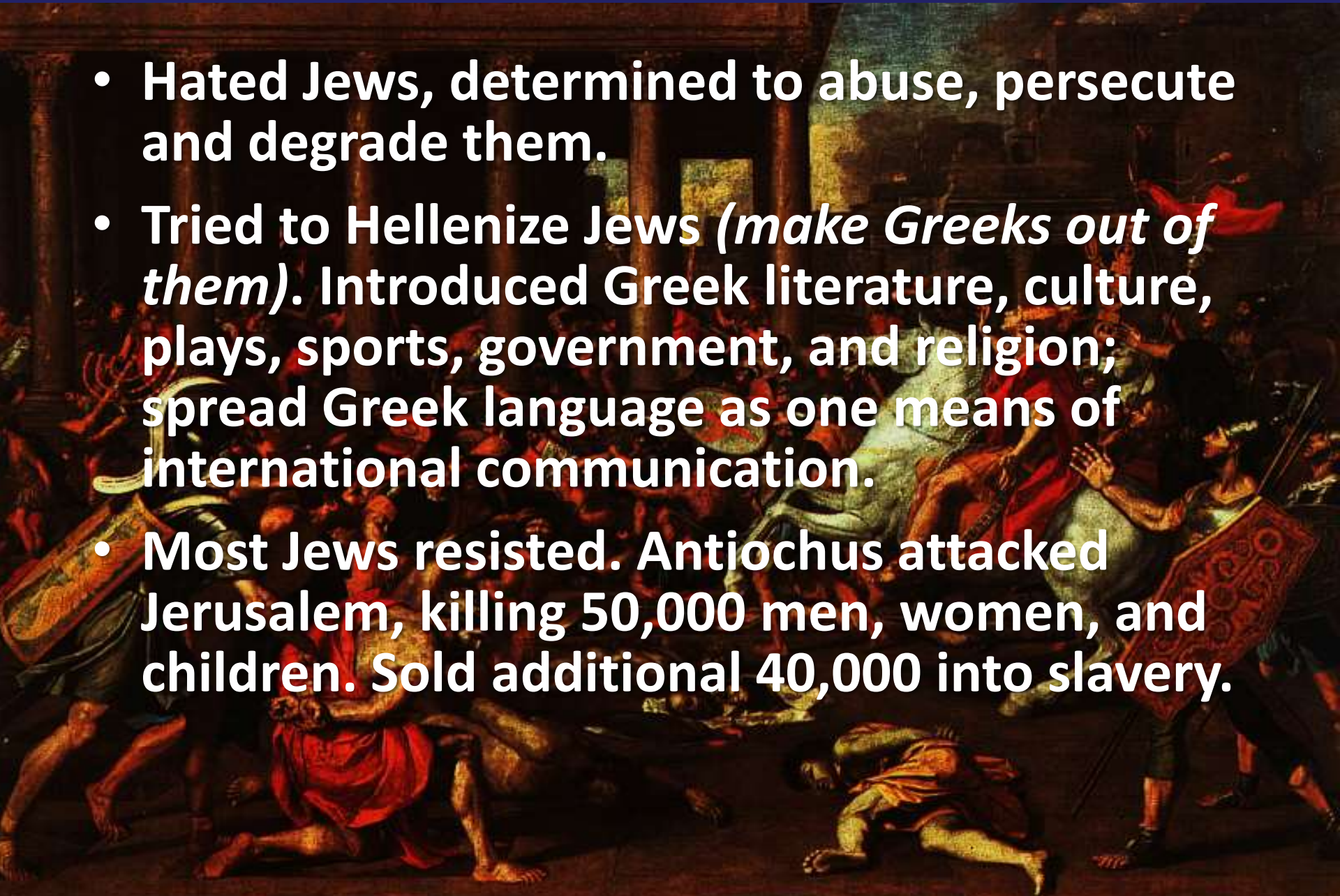


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- Often God uses people and events that fulfill prophecy in “**local**” or “**near**” time, but also represent fulfillments at **end of time**.
- Antiochus Epiphanes is **first** “little horn” who gave us a taste of the final “little horn” – the one seen in chapter 7.
- Antiochus came to the throne in 175 BC through all sorts of political maneuvers and tricks. Was not rightful heir, seized power through cunning, bribery and deception.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Hated Jews, determined to abuse, persecute and degrade them.
- Tried to Hellenize Jews (*make Greeks out of them*). Introduced Greek literature, culture, plays, sports, government, and religion; spread Greek language as one means of international communication.
- Most Jews resisted. Antiochus attacked Jerusalem, killing 50,000 men, women, and children. Sold additional 40,000 into slavery.



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Temple desecrated, dedicated to Jupiter Olympus; on bronze altar sow was offered, juices liberally spread throughout the temple.
- Used harlots in temple to celebrate Saturnalia and forbade observance of Sabbath, reading of Scripture, and circumcision.
- Verses 10–12 refer to all of this. Antiochus's atrocities are accurately predicted in this chapter.
- These activities elsewhere referenced as first **“abomination of desolation.”**  
But won't be the last.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Jews had finally had enough, banded together under leadership of **Maccabees**. After 3 years of fighting, Jews able to restore temple worship late 164 BC
- Commemorated now in 8-day Jewish holiday known as **Hanukkah**, referenced in scripture as the Feast of Dedication (rededication and cleansing of the Temple). Jesus went to this feast, mentioned in John 10.



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

*“And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. ...”*

- Difficult to interpret.
- Reasonable interpretation, Antiochus challenged God, was permitted to capture Jerusalem and Temple.
- Warfare most likely included spiritual realm (angels and demons involved). Some feats attributed to Antiochus are astounding; true, demonic power was exhibited.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Should note term “*the host of heaven*” used various places, most often meaning angels, **but also used to depict people of God – in this case, the Jews.**
- Don’t really know what this passage means, but safe in understanding there were spiritual elements to these abominations by Antiochus Epiphanes – **and there will be the same with the next little horn** –Antichrist.



# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- **Interesting clue** : Matthew 24: 15-22, Jesus talking with disciples about end of time:  
*“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. “Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. “And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! “And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”*

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION:** Term used in Daniel chapters 9, 11 and 12, and by Jesus in Matthew 24.
- Abomination often related to idols. Ultimate abomination to put idol in most sacred place on earth – in Holy of Holies, exactly what Antiochus did.
- Time of this abomination by Antiochus still several hundred years in future when Daniel had his vision. However, when Jesus referred to it, event was almost 200 years old. It was history, not something in the future.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

- Yet Jesus said, as a warning, that when we SEE the abomination of desolation spoken of by *Daniel*, the end would be upon us. He was, therefore, speaking about some event still future. Classic example of double fulfillment.
- Antiochus a **follower of Jupiter**. Actually thought of himself as incarnation of this god – a god himself.
- Chose for himself title EPIPHANES, meaning **“God manifest” or god in the flesh**. This in itself is an abomination to the One True God, and *will be repeated by the AC*.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

*“He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host...”*

- May be reference to Jewish High Priest. “Host” may be reference to Jews. Antiochus made himself higher authority than High Priest. *(May also reference the power behind Antiochus, see Isaiah 14, Revelation 13)*

*“...and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down...”*

- Temple worship ceased. Temple desecrated, becomes the “abomination that CAUSES desolation.” Jews would not go near Temple.

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

*“Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices;...”*

- Differing speculation, especially *“because of transgression.”* Seems to imply God allows “horn” to trample Jerusalem and Jews because of their sins. God is always in control. He may have been disciplining Hellenized Jews, who had abandoned the Law (*there were many*).

*“...and he cast truth down to the ground...”*

- Wanted to abolish Jews/Judaism. Outlawed “the truth.”
- Antichrist will have same agenda, will pursue it just as (if not more) aggressively

# Revelation 13 + Daniel 8

*For remainder of  
this lesson, see  
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