

EXILE

The Gentiles in Prophecy

	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)	Daniel's Dream (Daniel 7)	The Kingdoms Prophesied
	Gold <small>(Head)</small>	Lion	Babylonian
	Silver <small>(Breast & Arms)</small>	Bear	Medo-Persian
	Brass <small>(Belly & Thighs)</small>	Leopard	Greek
	Iron <small>(Legs)</small>	Beast with Iron Teeth	Roman
	Iron & Clay <small>(Feet)</small>	Ten Horns	Antichrist
Stone	Son of Man	Jesus Christ	

PROPHETIC GAP



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¹⁰ *It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.*

This has caused problems for many people and a variety of interpretations. When studying the Bible please remember the PRINCIPLE “let the Bible interpret itself.”

The host of heaven and the stars to fall to the earth.

To what does this refer?

The INTERPRETING ANGEL tells us to what this refers in 8:24

He will destroy mighty men and the holy people

which again refers to **spiritual leaders** and **believing Jews**.

¹¹ */t [Antiochus Epiphane IV] even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host;* taking the name Epiphanes- **'God Manifest'** Who is the commander of the host? We know from verse 10 that the host is a reference to the ARMY OF ISRAEL at this time, and so **who is the commander?**

Reading ahead in this very verse answers this question.

His sanctuary- temple. and

it removed the regular sacrifice from

Him, and the place of His sanctuary

was thrown down.

The commander of the host is the SON of GOD,
HIMSELF – pre-Incarnate

Removed the regular sacrifice from Him

refers to the removal of the regular sacrifices and feast of the Jews.

In **169 bc Antiochus** entered the temple in Jerusalem and removed the golden altar and lampstand.

Then in **167 bc** he sent decrees to Jerusalem profaning the Sabbath and feast; defiling the sanctuary; and the priests and setting up shrines to idols and to sacrifice unclean swine and other unclean animals in the temple. Furthermore he removed The Mosaic Law and changed all the ordinances.

Then on the 25th day of that December they offered sacrifice on the altar of the burnt offering.”

and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

The sanctuary was not completely torn down but since it was so polluted and desecrated that when the Syrian army was driven by **Judas Maccabeus**, they completely rebuilt the sanctuary and the altar of burnt offering.

¹² *And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.*

What is this verse talking about?

Remember the section of the Hebrew Bible where Daniel is placed

..... **WISDOM**

All through their history and all through the Church Age, **Israel** has learned about the **Sovereignty** and the **Holiness** of God. They have learned first-hand about disobedience to God; not trusting God. They were in Babylon for 70 years for failure of observing the Sabbatical year.

Remember in each 7th year they were to spend that 7th year worshipping God. A one year seminary for the whole nation. Then they were graciously brought back to Israel by the Lord. But still did not worship God as they should. They continued in their **idolatry** and **transgressions** and that is to what the phrase

on account of transgression refers.

and on account of transgression the host

God's chosen people

will be given over to the horn

the viciousness of Antiochus IV,

along with the regular sacrifice

Antiochus IV took away their sacrifices and feast, and

it [the little horn –Antiochus IV,]

will fling truth to the ground

truth that Israel was supposed to be spreading and

perform its will

do unto the Jews whatever it wished,

and prosper

he will become great in this area of the Great Sea.

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and
another holy one

(this is most probably one angel speaking to another angel.)

said to that particular one who was speaking,

“How long will the vision *about* the regular

sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?”

Daniel heard two angels discussing the length of time of this desecration of the temple and all that was happening to God’s people.

We have studied how when you hear yourself saying why or how long you know you are in the warfare.

Here we have one of the angels ask: *how long?*

Look at Habakkuk 1:2 and 3.

²How long, O LORD, will I call for help,
And You will not hear?
I cry out to You, “Violence!”
Yet You do not save.

³Why do You make me see iniquity,
And cause *me* to look on wickedness?
Yes, destruction and violence are before me;
Strife exists and contention arises.

Daniel 8:13 *How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place [Jerusalem] and the host [people of Israel] to be trampled by the little horn.*

We just saw in the dream some 2 years earlier that the Great Tribulation under the final little horn would last 3 ½ years.

Daniel 7:27

¹⁴ *He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."*

This is **2, 300 days** or just under 7 years.

Since the temple was restored on December 25, 165 bc by Judas Maccabius, then **2,300 days earlier** would be in September of 171 bc just some 4 years after Antiochus became king of the Seleucid empire and the exact year Antiochus IV began attacking Jerusalem.

Since this little horn, **ANTIOCHUS IV**, is a foreshadowing of the little horn of the Tribulation, It is not a surprise that the number of years of desecration in Jerusalem by Antiochus IV is just under 7 years; for the time of the tribulation is 7 years; cut short by JESUS CHRIST.

MACCABEAN REVOLT AGAINST ANTIOCHUS IV

IN THE **2ND** CENTURY BC, JUDEA LAY BETWEEN
THE PTOLEMAIC KINGDOM OF EGYPT, AND THE SELEUCID EMPIRE OF SYRIA

JUDEA HAD BEEN UNDER PTOLEMAIC RULE,
BUT FELL TO THE SELEUCID AROUND **200** BC

209	ANTIOCHUS III RULER OF PERSIA
215	BIRTH OF ANTIOCHUS IV DEATH 164 BC (175 - 164 KING OF THE SELEUCID EMPIRE)
203	JUDEA SUBMITS TO ANTIOCHUS III, THE GREAT
198	ANTIOCHUS III OF SYRIA TAKES PALESTINE FROM EGYPT WITH THE HELP OF THE JEWS
171	INVADES JERUSALEM AND PERSECUTES THE JEWS AND PLUNDERS THE TEMPLE
168	ANTIOCHUS WAS 'RETREATING' FROM EGYPT AFTER THE ORIGINAL 'LINE IN THE SAND' TOOK PLACE, AND WHILE RETREATING HE TOOK HIS ANGER OUT OF JERUSALEM PERSECUTING JEWS AND DESECRATING THE TEMPLE AND SUPPRESSING THE LAW, AND FORBIDDING THE OWNERSHIP OF THE TORAH MATTATHIAS –THE HASMONEAN AND THE PRIEST, REFUSES TO OFFER SACRIFICES TO THE GREEK GODS AND INSTEAD KILLED THE SYRIAN WHO ORDERED HIM TO DO SO AND THEN MADE HIS WAY TO THE WILDERNESS, STARTING THE REBELLION AGAINST ANTIOCHUS
166	ANTIOCHUS LEFT LYSAIS IN CHARGE OF DESTROYING JERUSALEM BUT EVENTUALLY LOSSES TO JUDAS MACCABEUS THE FOLLOWING YEAR
165	JUDAS MACCABEUS, SON OF MATTATHIAS LEADS REBELLION; DEFEATS THE SYRIANS, PURIFIES THE TEMPLE AND 25 DECEMBER REDEDICATION OF TEMPLE