

Going About the King's Work (Scriptures and Notes)

Daniel 8:1-27

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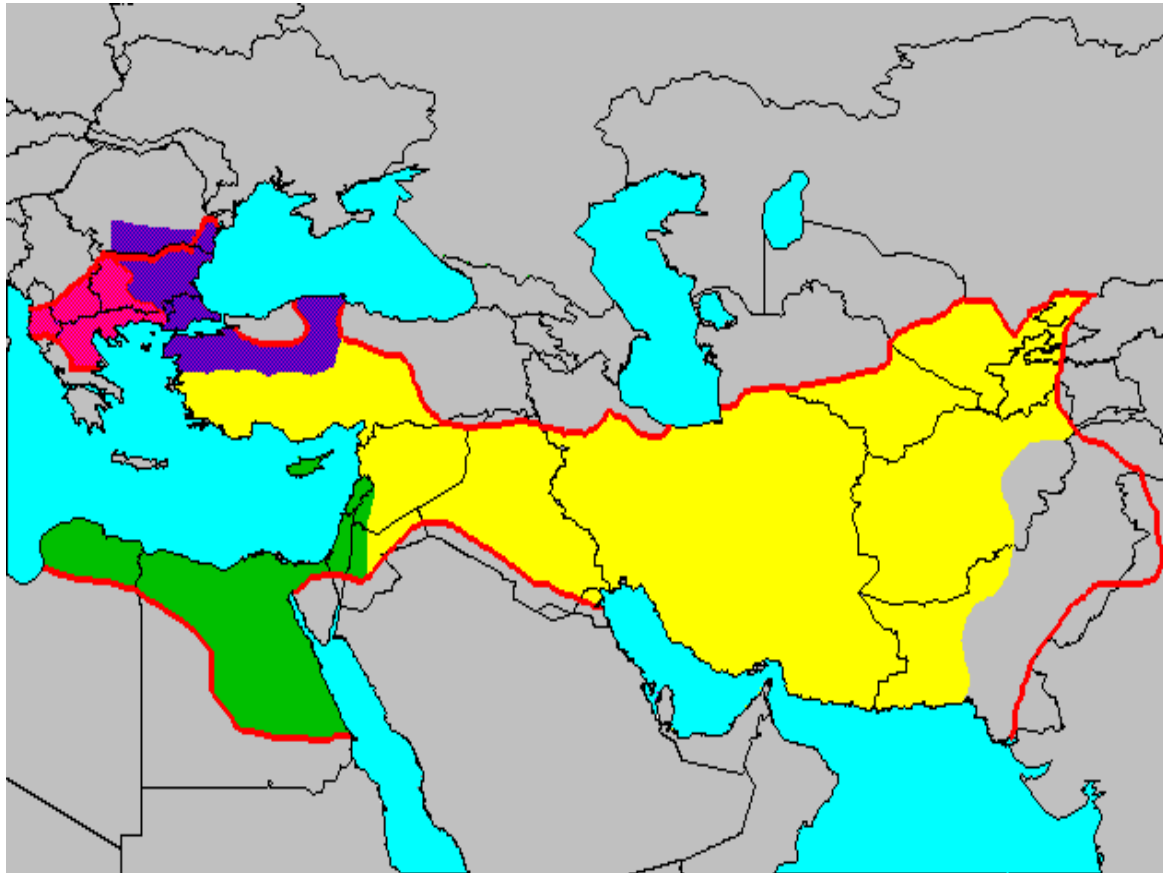
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Theme: In light of the surety of the logical conclusion of humanism, we should go about our work for the King.

REVIEW: Daniel 2/Daniel 7 comparison



THE CHRONOLOGY OF DANIEL'S FOUR GREAT PROPHETIC VISIONS		
CHAPTER	DANIEL'S DESCRIPTION	DATE
Dan. 7:1	first year of Belshazzar	553BC
Dan. 8:1	third year of the reign of Belshazzar	551BC
Dan. 9:1, 21,23	first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus	539BC
Dan. 10:1	third year of Cyrus king of Persia	536BC



**Grecian Empire:
Four Divisions**

Alexander died abruptly at age 32, the kingdom was eventually divided between 4 of his generals as follows:

- (1) South - **Ptolemy** (dark green portion **south** of Israel - Egypt)
- (2) East - **Seleucus** (yellow portion **north** of Israel - Syria, Babylonia, East toward India)
- (3) North - **Lysimachus** (purple - Thrace, Bithynia)
- (4) West - **Cassander** (pink - Macedonia)

Antiochus Epiphanes," which means Antiochus the Magnificent" or "Antiochus the Glorious." Coins from that era have been found bearing his likeness and the Greek phrase Theos Epiphanes—God Manifest. The Jews called him Antiochus Epimanes, a play on words meaning Antiochus the Madman.

THE LITTLE HORN versus THE RATHER SMALL HORN		
CHAPTER	Daniel 7	Daniel 8
KINGDOM OF ORIGIN	Fourth Kingdom DT Beast "Revived" Rome	Third Kingdom Greece Divided Stage
HORN "NUMBER"	From and After 10 Thus = "11th"	From One of the 4 Horns = "5th"
TIME OF PERSECUTION OF ISRAEL	Time, times, half a time 3.5 Years	2300 Mornings & Evenings 6+ Years
MESSIANIC KINGDOM FOLLOWS DESTRUCTION	Yes	No

4 Interpretation Views of Daniel 8

- Historical view-- all of Daniel 8 has been fulfilled
- Futuristic view--it is entirely future
- Dual fulfillment view--prophetic reference both to Antiochus Epiphanes, now fulfilled, and the final world ruler
- The passage is prophecy, historically fulfilled but intentionally typical of similar events and personages at the end of the age

Matthew 24:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),

Matthew 24:8 (NKJV)

⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains (sorrows).

Conclusion

1. The Antichrist will be logical conclusion of contemporary humanism.
2. These prophecies train us on what is most important.
3. We should have the heart of Daniel which breaks for his people and future people who endure persecution.
4. Those who know the Lord have nothing to fear.
5. We, like Daniel, should go about the King’s business.