

The King of Kings, The Son of Man

As we move into Daniel 8 we move into a major division of the book giving us prophecies concerning the anti-Christ and the return of Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This division promises the preservation of the people of God and the establishment of the everlasting Kingdom.

I. Understanding the Outline of Eschatology

- A. The Revelation of John is prophecy built upon Daniel concerning the end times
- B. As the great tribulation unfolds the nations of the earth begin to dissolve in judgment, economic collapse, uncontrolled disease epidemics, etc. This runs unchecked for 3.5 years until the people of the world are desperate for someone who can deliver them from the trials. (There is nothing new in the great tribulation, it is the worldwide scope that makes it so terrible.)
- C. The anti-Christ rises to power as a mighty deliverer and assumes the place of God in the Holy City.
- D. He reigns for 3.5 years until the Son of Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, returns to destroy his works and his kingdom and establish His own reign which will know no end.

II. A Ram and a Goat

- A. The time of the vision (Dan 8:1-2)
- B. The ram appears, having two horns—Media and Persia—(Daniel 8:3-4; 20)
- C. The male goat comes with great speed and overtakes the ram—Greece—(Daniel 8:5-8; 21)
- D. The four horns that arise from the male goat—Rome—(Daniel 8:9-14; 21-22)
- E. The small horn grows into the ruling power & oppresses the people of Israel (Daniel 8:10ff)
- F. His rule will last 2,300 days (3.5 years) then Jesus will return (Daniel 8:14)
 - 1. A king will arise from the little horn—descendants of Rome—(Daniel 8:22-23)
 - 2. He will have mighty power, but not his own (satanic)—(Daniel 8:24a)
 - 3. He will destroy to an extraordinary degree—man of sin—(Daniel 8:24b-25)

III. The Coming King of Kings to Rule in Power

- A. Opposition to King Jesus (Daniel 8:11-14)
- B. Jesus will return and restore the holy place in Jerusalem (Daniel 8:14)
- C. The great king will oppose the Prince of princes (King Jesus) but he will be broken without human agency—(Daniel 8:25b-26)

CONC: Daniel is told to seal the vision (i.e.: preserve it, not keep it secret) for it pertains to the end of days (many days in the future—v.14: 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored) and v.19: (I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.)