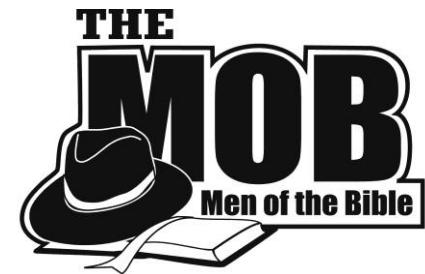




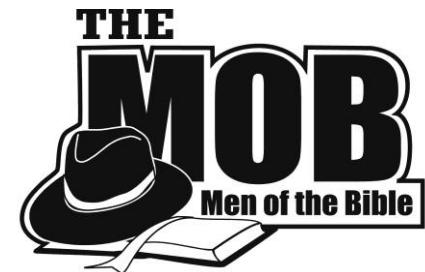
Announcements



- Welcome to MOB!
- Max McLean, Fellowship for Performing Arts, "C.S. Lewis Onstage: The Most Reluctant Convert," Apr 20 – May 8, 2016, Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th Street NW, Washington, DC
- Discovering Immanuel Class, May 8, 8:00 Rm 206
- Pray for MOB Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 planning
- Website: www.ibcmob.net



Memory Verse



Daniel 8:27 (ESV)

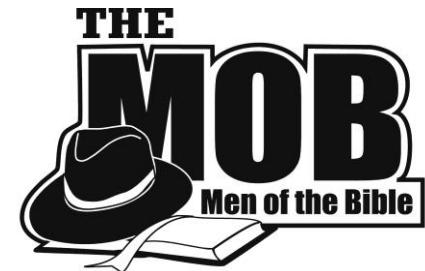
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business; but I was astounded at the vision,
and there was none to explain it.

Daniel 8:27 (ESV)

(Daniel's response to the dream about the ram and the male goat)



Last Week



Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts

[Daniel 7:1-8](#)

The Ancient of Days Reigns

[Daniel 7:9-12](#)

Son of Man Given Dominion

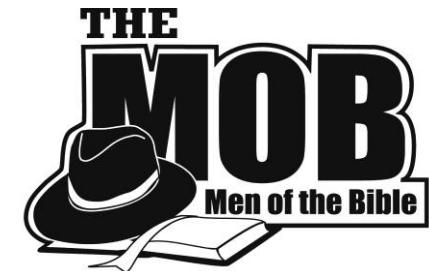
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Daniel's Vision Interpreted

[Daniel 7:15-28](#)



This Week



Daniel's Vision of the Ram and the Goat

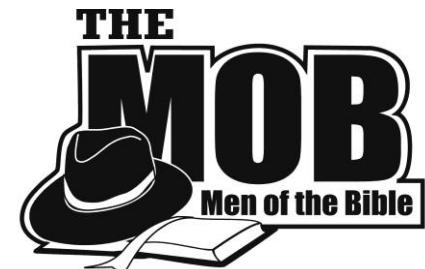
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The Interpretation of the Vision

[Daniel 8:15-27](#)



Daniel Outline



Focus	Daniel's History	Prophetic Plan for the Gentiles				Prophetic Plan of Israel		
Reference	1	2 - 4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - 12
Division	Personal Life of Daniel	Visions of Nebuchadnezzar	Visions of Belshazzar	Decree of Darius	Four Beasts	Vision of Ram and Male Goat	Vision of Seventy Weeks	Vision of Israel's Future
Topic	Daniel's Background	Daniel Interprets Others' Dreams				Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
	Hebrew	Aramaic				Hebrew		
Time	Written in Babylon or Persia around 605 – 536 BC							

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733-701 Micah

650-620 Nahum

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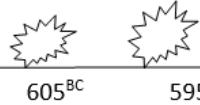
621-609 Habakkuk

Israel's SOVEREIGN GOD

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JEREMIAH

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DANIEL

Jewish Captivity

DESOLATION of JERUSALEM

Neo-Babylonian Empire



Nebuchadnezzar II

Nabonidus Belshazzar

Medo-Persian Empire

Cyrus II

Cambyses

Darius I

Artaxerxes

usurper

522 BC

539 BC

The LAST 5 KINGS of JUDAH

Josiah

640-609

Jehoiakim

609-597

Zedekiah

597-586



Jehoahaz

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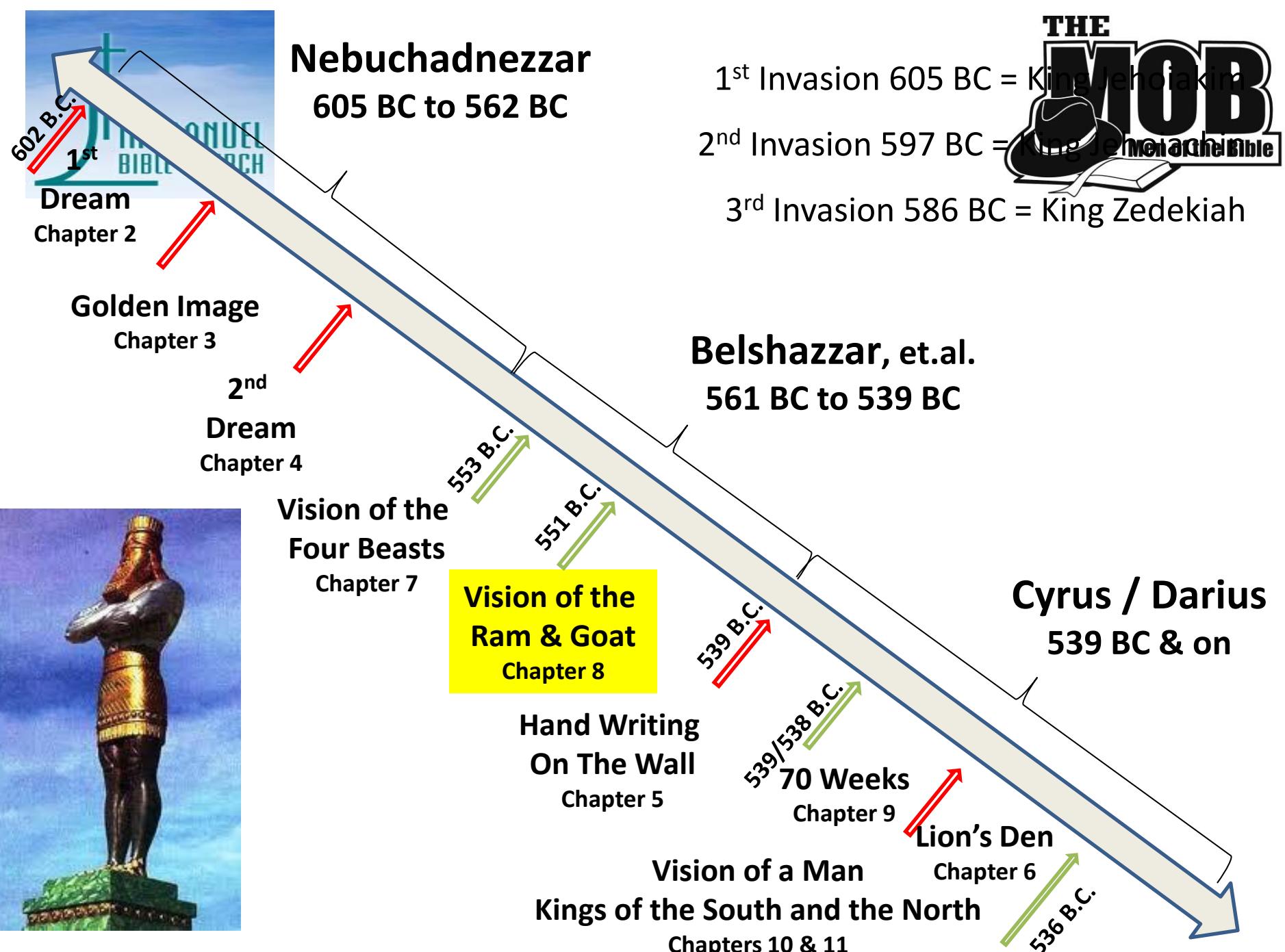
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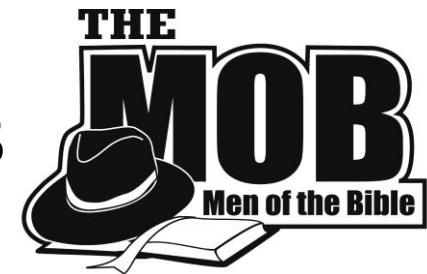


Apocalyptic Literature: Unveiling the secret purposes of God that were previously unknown. These purposes concern world events leading up to the Messianic Kingdom and the end of the world. These events are unveiled mainly by visions.





Persian & Greek Empires



Alexander the Great

- 356 – 323 BC (died age 33)
- Succeeded Philip II of Macedon
- Tutored by Aristotle until 16

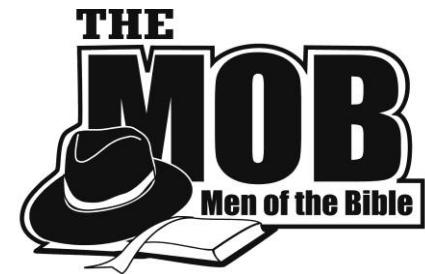


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Daniel 8:1-14 (ESV)

Vision of Ram and Goat

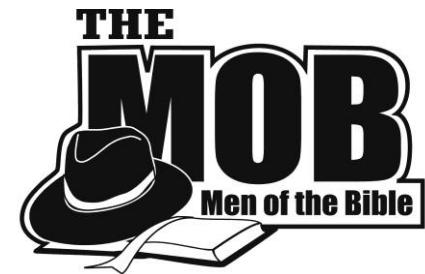


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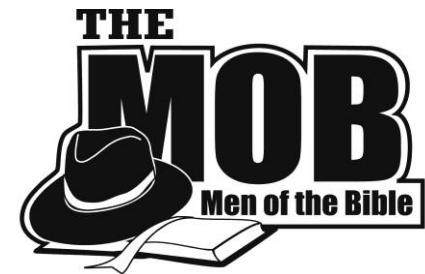


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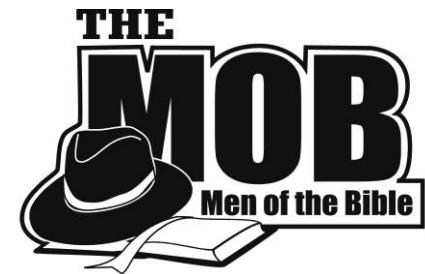
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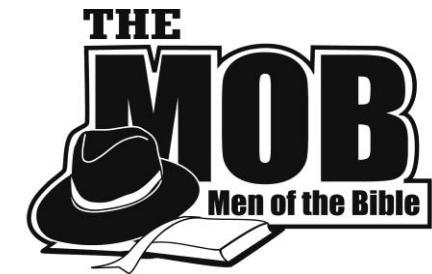


¹⁵ When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." ¹⁷ So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."



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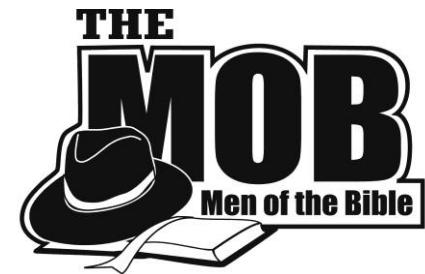
Interpretation of the Vision



¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. ¹⁹ He said, “Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²² As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. ²³ And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise.



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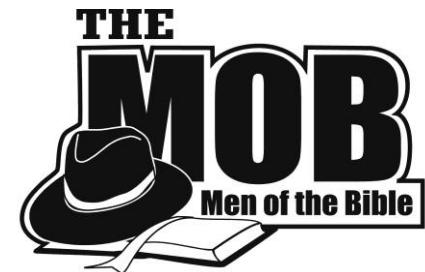


²⁴ His power shall be great - but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵ By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken - but by no human hand. ²⁶ The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

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Mapping Chapters 2, 7 and 8

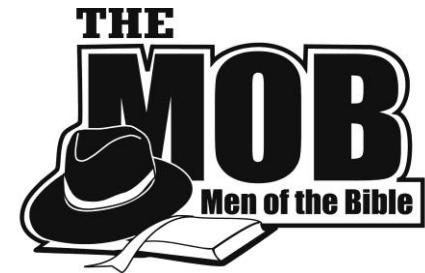


Empire / Ruler	Chapter 2	Chapter 7	Chapter 8
<u>Neo-Babylonian</u> / <u>Nebuchadnezzar II</u>	Head of Gold	Lion with eagles wings	
<u>Medo-Persian</u> / <u>Cyrus II</u> & <u>Cambyses II</u>	Chest and Arms of Silver	Bear with 3 ribs in its mouth	Ram with 2 horns v3 Shattered v7
<u>Greek</u> / <u>1st King of Greece</u> <u>Alexander the Great</u>	Belly and Thighs of Brass	Swift Leopard with 4 heads	Angry Goat from the west v5 magnified exceedingly v8
<u>Antiochus IV</u> <u>Epiphanes</u>		1 of the 4 heads: <u>Seleucid Empire</u>	Small horn from the south v9
<u>Roman</u>	Legs of Iron	Dreadful Beast	
Antichrist			King - insolent and skilled in intrigue v23



Daniel 8

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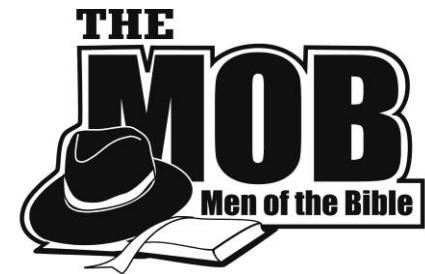


- Daniel the Prophet ([Daniel 8:1-2, 15-19, 26-27](#))
 - Receiving the vision
 - Requesting the meaning of the vision
- Cyrus II, The Great, King of Persia ([Daniel 8:3-4, 20](#))
 - Righteous Man ([Isaiah 44:28](#))
 - The Lord's anointed ([Isaiah 45:1](#))
- Alexander III of Macedon, The Great ([8:5-8, 21-22](#))
 - He-goat from the west over the surface of the whole earth
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes ([Daniel 8:9-14](#))
 - A king emerges of unusual significance
- The Antichrist ([Daniel 8:23-27](#))



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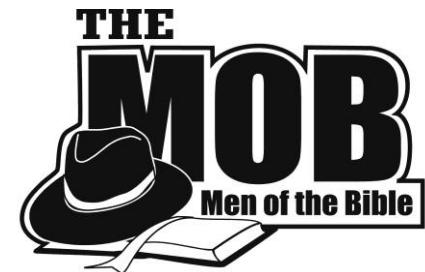


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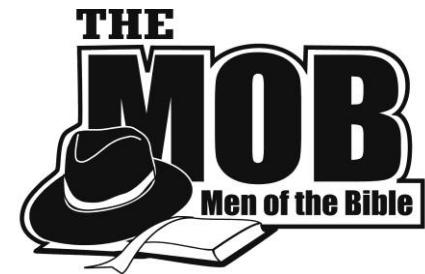
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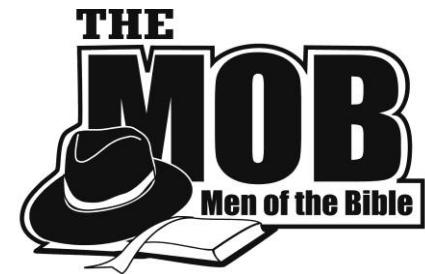


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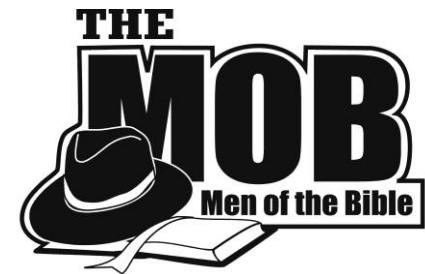


- Known as one of the cruelest tyrants in history
- Gave himself the name Epiphanes; Illustrious, manifest god
- Dec 14, 168 BC – Alter used to sacrifice a pig
 - The abomination that makes desolate
- Dec 14, 165 BC – Temple purified, burnt offering restored
 - Judas Maccabeus defeated the Seleucids
 - Festival of Lights and Feast of Dedication: Hanukkah
- Timing:
 - 2300 “evenings and mornings”
 - 6 year advocates: High Priest Deposed -> Temple re-consecrated
 - 3 year advocates: Pagan alter -> Temple re-consecrated
- What did Antiochus IV foreshadow?



The Antichrist

The King of Fierce Countenance



An angel awakened Daniel from his deep sleep and told him there was yet more prophetic truth for him to hear, and it related to latter “the final period of the indignation for it pertains to the appointed time of the end” ([v19](#)) - NASB

“In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run *their course*,
A king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue”

- When sinful actions have reached a boiling point ([Gen 15:16](#); [Matt 23:32](#); [1 Thess 2:16](#))

“His power will be mighty, but not by his *own* power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree”

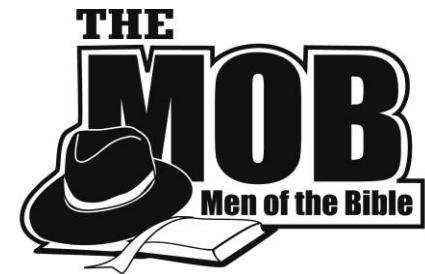
- Literally: *he will destroy wonderfully*

“He will even oppose the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without human agency”

- Antiochus = Prince of Hosts ([v11, ESV](#)); this more like King of Kings, Lord of Lords



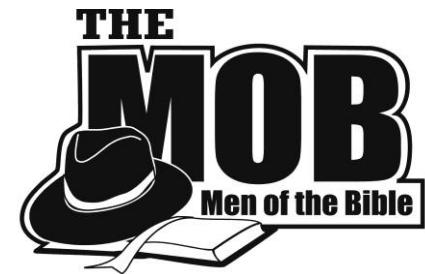
Similarities of Little Horn and Antichrist



- Both begin modestly, but increase in power and influence.
- Both blaspheme God with mouths that speak great things.
- Both persecute the Jewish people.
- Both claim to be god and put image in the temple.
- Both impose their own religion on the people.
- Both are opposed by a believing remnant that knows God.
- Both are energized by the devil and are great deceivers.
- Both appear to succeed marvelously and seem to be invincible.
- Both are finally defeated by the coming of a redeemer ([Judas Maccabeus](#) and Jesus Christ).



How They Fit In



Zadok
Priesthood

Babylon

Media Persia

Greece

Rome

Last Empire

Kingdom of God

Alexander the Great

4 Rival Generals

Diadochi

Egypt

Ptolemy

Syria

Seleucid

Antiochus Epiphanes

164 BC
Hasmonians
(Maccabees)

63 BC
Romans

~~Sadducees~~
• Written Torah
AD 70

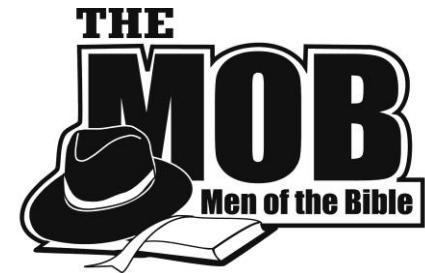
~~Pharisees~~
• Written Torah
• Oral Commandments
Hasidim
(pious)
Rabbinic Judaism

~~Essenes~~
(Sons of Light)
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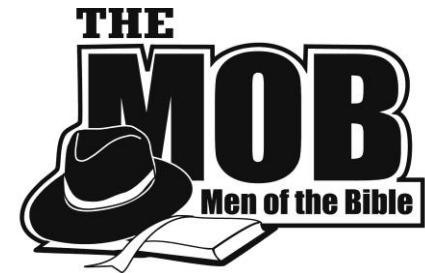
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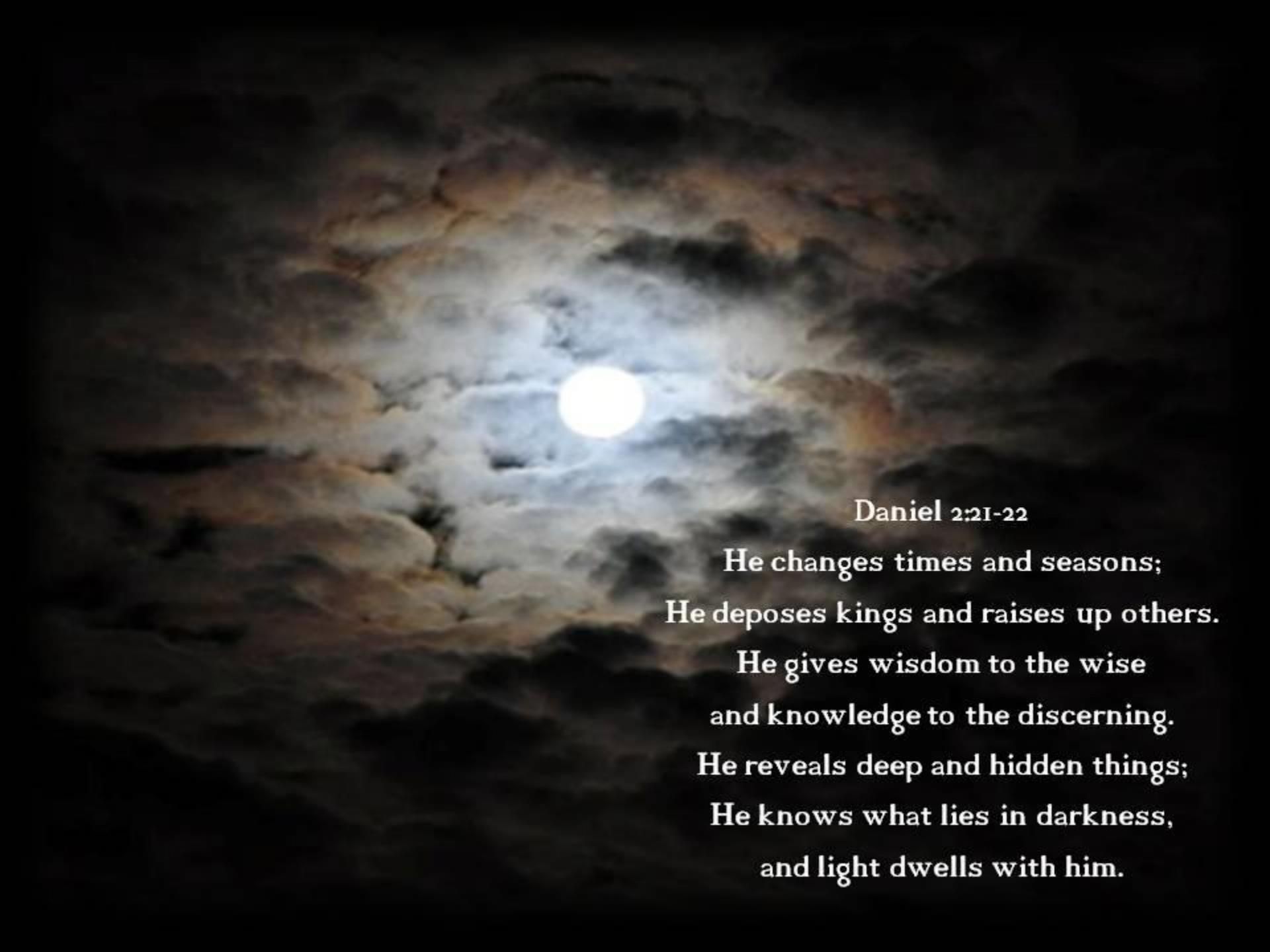
1. Daniel seems more troubled by the visions of 19 – 25. Why would he be troubled more by these? (Wiersbe #9)
2. Compare verses 23 – 27 with 9 – 14. In what ways do the characteristics of Antiochus IV parallel those of the Antichrist?
3. In what ways are Daniel's actions as a prophet a good model for us as students of Scripture? What can we learn from his methods that can help us mature as believers and be better prepared to answer questions posed by non-believers? (Wiersbe #10)
4. What questions or fears do you have about the end times? In what ways are Daniel's visions encouraging to you? Confusing? Inspiring? How do you think we are meant to live in light of them? (Wiersbe #11)
5. What are some of the ways God chooses to speak to you? What sort of burden do we carry for all both believers and non-believers today? (Wiersbe #12)



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer

The background of the image is a dramatic night sky. A full moon is positioned in the upper center, surrounded by a bright, glowing halo. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, some of which are illuminated from behind by a warm, orange and yellow light, creating a dramatic and somewhat apocalyptic atmosphere.

Daniel 2:21-22

**He changes times and seasons;
He deposes kings and raises up others.**

**He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the discerning.**

**He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with him.**