

DANIEL 8 Part II

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Daniel 8:10

1. I Maccabees 1:14 "So they built a gymnasium in Jerusalem, according to Gentile custom."
Why is this a problem? *Greeks competed in the nude.*
2. I Maccabees 1:15: "and removed the marks of circumcision", i.e., he did not allow circumcision. Why is this a problem? *Disobeying the covenant of Abraham*

Daniel 8:11 "It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was brought low."

Daniel 8:12 "It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground."

Daniel 8:24-25 "He will cause outstanding devastation."

3. Pre-millennialists think this is the time of the anti-Christ at the end times.
PALMER's Rebuttal: The daily sacrifices of the Old Testament had been a useful type pointing to Christ. So when Christ died on the cross and the temple veil was torn in two, Christ by His actions declared that the daily sacrifice is no longer required because He was the perfect sacrifice. The book of Hebrews teaches us that the old way has been superceded by the new way. Therefore, reinstating the daily sacrifice is to deny Christ's work. Jesus Christ died once for all for our sins. To reestablish the daily sacrifice in the temple is to deny Christ on the cross. We need to look back on what Christ has done (crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension). Since Christ has done all that was required, reinstating the daily sacrifice is NOT required and denies the efficacy of Christ.
Also, since the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, there has been no daily sacrifice. So Israel must rebuild the temple and the daily sacrifices would have to be reinitiated. But what is the purpose of the new daily sacrifices since Christ already completed the sacrifices?
4. Antiochus Epiphanes
 - a. Epiphany = appearance of God
 - b. Epiphanes = god the illustrious or god is here
 - c. Coins: "Theos Antiochus, Theos Epiphanes." The god Antiochus, the god manifest"
 - d. Jews had a play on words and called him Epimanes - mad man
 - e. I Maccabees 1: ²¹He arrogantly entered the sanctuary and *took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils.* ²²He took also the *table for the bread of the Presence, the cups for drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the curtain, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple; he stripped it all off.* ²³He took the silver and the gold, and the costly vessels; he took also the hidden treasures that he found. . . ³¹He plundered the city, burned it with fire, and tore down its houses and its surrounding walls. ³²They took captive the women and children, and seized the livestock. . . ³⁹ Her **sanctuary** became **desolate** like a desert; her feasts were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into a reproach, her honor into contempt. ⁴⁰Her dishonor now grew as great as her glory; her exaltation was turned into mourning. ⁴¹Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people, ⁴²and that all should give up their particular customs. ⁴³All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king. Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they **sacrificed to idols** and **profaned the Sabbath**. ⁴⁴And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the towns of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land, ⁴⁵ to **forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary**, to **profane Sabbaths** and festivals, ⁴⁶ to defile the sanctuary and the priests, ⁴⁷ to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to **sacrifice**

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swine and other unclean animals, ⁴⁸ and to leave their *sons uncircumcised*. They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane, ⁴⁹ so that they would forget the law and change all the ordinances. ⁵⁰ He added, "And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die." ⁵¹ In such words he wrote to his whole kingdom. He appointed inspectors over all the people and commanded the towns of Judah to offer sacrifice, town by town. ⁵² Many of the people, everyone who forsook the law, joined them, and they did evil in the land; ⁵³ they drove Israel into hiding in every place of refuge they had. ⁵⁴ Now on the fifteenth day of Chislev, in the one hundred forty-fifth year, [16 Dec 167 BC] they erected a desolating sacrilege on the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding towns of Judah, ⁵⁵ and offered incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. ⁵⁶ The books of the law that they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire. ⁵⁷ Anyone found possessing the book of the covenant, or anyone who adhered to the law, was condemned to death by decree of the king. ⁵⁸ They kept using violence against Israel, against those who were found month after month in the towns. ⁵⁹ On the twenty-fifth day of the month they offered sacrifice on the altar that was on top of the altar of burnt offering. ⁶⁰ According to the decree, they put to death the women who had their children circumcised, ⁶¹ and their families and those who circumcised them; and they hung the infants from their mothers' necks.

5. Set up a statue of Jupiter in the temple

Daniel 8:13-14: How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled?

6. Daniel sees the desolation and requests comfort

Daniel 8:14 "2,300 evenings and mornings"

7. LITERAL DAYS

a. Antiochus Epiphanes:

1.) 2,300 days

- a.) Just like there was evening and morning the first day (Genesis 1:5)
- b.) 365 days/year = 6 years (2190 days) + 110 days (just shy of 3 months)
- c.) Antiochus Epiphanes removed the high priest in 171 BC - temple rededicated in 14 Dec 164 BC. (Exact date of high priest being removed is unknown.)
- d.) Calvin's view

2.) 2,300 sacrifices. Since two sacrifices are offered every day, once in the evening and once in the morning, then the 2,300 sacrifices are 1150 days. Three years = (365 days x 3) 1095 days + 55 days = 3 years 55 days

- a.) 167 BC (when Antiochus's officials told Jews to stop the worship) to 14 Dec 164 BC 3 years 55 days (<http://www.calvarycsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Antiochus-and-the-Antichrist-Daniel-8-9-28.pdf> accessed on 07 Dec 13)
- b.) Aalders, Gleason Archer, James Montgomery Boice

- b. Tribulation: <http://www.thefinalword.co.za/Prophecy/DanielsDays.htm> accessed 07 Dec 13
Daniel 8:13 ~ 250 days (250+1010=1260 days): The Building of the temple is 250 days. Daily sacrifice is instituted for 1010 days. Total period is 1260 days.
Daniel 8:13-14 ~ 2300 days: Transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot. Jesus Christ returns at the end of this period - hence the announcement of a blessing for those who survive. They will see Lord Jesus face to face!

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- c. Present Day <http://newvoices.org/2011/11/06/do-not-bring-god-into-the-holocaust-j-studs/> accessed on 07 Dec 13. Covenant signed on 01 Jan 2007. So the Lord will return on 18 Apr 13. Oops.
 - d. Nazi Germany: <http://www.bibleforetoldholocaust.com/Dan10details.htm> accessed on 07 Dec 13. Nazi Germany killed Jews for 2,300 days
8. ONE PROPHETIC DAY = ONE YEAR 2,300 prophetic days = 2,300 years
- a. Biblical basis
 - 1.) Numbers 14:34: "Each day for a year."
PALMER's Rebuttal: "Any text without a context is but a pretext." But this is in regards to 40 days of spying. The full verse is "For forty years-one year for each of the forty days you explored the you explored the wilderness-you will suffer for your sins." Thus, the Lord specifically says that this occurred this one time for their sins.
 - 2.) Ezekiel 4:6: "I have appointed a day for a year." In Ezekiel 4:5 Ezekiel is commanded to lie on his side for 390 days. "I have assigned the same number of days as years for their sin. After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned you forty days, a day for each year."
PALMER's Rebuttal: In both cases Moses and Ezekiel, are specifically told that a day equals a year for sin. You cannot take this interpretation and apply it to some parts of the Bible (like 2,300 days) and not to other events (Jesus was tempted for 40 days) must mean 40 years. Jonah was in the whale and Jesus was buried for three years?
 - b. 7th Day Adventists (16 million (?) members)
 - 1.) Since Cyrus allowed the Jews to return in 457 BC, 2300 years later, the Lord would return between 21 Mar 1843 and 21 March 1844. Oops. Then adjusted to 18 Apr 44. Oops. Then 22 Oct 1844. Oops. So the latest spin on it is:
 - 2.) Yahushua likewise stepped into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary beginning in 1844. There he does the work of Atonement.
PALMER's Rebuttal: Note present tense - "He does the work of Atonement." What happened at the crucifixion (30 AD)? How does Christ do the work of atonement since 1844?
When the Atonement for the sanctuary and the people is completed, he will come out of the Most Holy Place and the work will be done. A few days will pass and then he will return to earth to receive those whose sins have been blotted out by his Atoning intercession in the sanctuary. Their sins are not merely forgiven. They are blotted out. With rejoicing they enter into the celebration of the heavenly Feast of Tabernacles.
PALMER's Rebuttal: What is Christ doing in the sanctuary of heaven that is going to complete the work of the atonement? Since He already died on the cross, what is there to do?
7th Day Adventist website: <http://www.worldslastchance.com/end-time-prophecy/daniel-8-the-2300-days-prophecy-made-simple.html>
 - c. Scientific Revolution Was the scientific revolution predicted?
"The scientific revolution was probably the most significant event in man's history, since the resurrection of Jesus. Is it mentioned in the Bible? Yes, in Daniel's prophecies. He wrote about the heavens, God's sanctuary, being "set right" or "justified" in Daniel 8:14. The 2,300 "days" or "evening mornings," representing 2,300 years, begin when the angelic messenger spoke his words. About 2,300 years after Daniel saw his vision, the prophecy was fulfilled,

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when Isaac Newton's discoveries became known. That was in the mid eighteenth century. PALMER's *Rebuttal: Isaac Newton lived 1643-1727, but 2,300 years after 539 BC is 1761. Further, Galileo lived 1564-1642, Copernicus lived 1473-1543. So 1761 makes no sense. The heaven, or universe was "set right" by the scientific revolution. The old cosmology was abandoned, with its rigid firmament and planetary spheres, and a true understanding of the laws of the universe was possible.*

http://tcc.customer.sentex.ca/FAQ/FAQ_RBC.html accessed on 07 Dec 13

Daniel 8:23 "In the latter part of their reign"

9. The most ignored phrase of this chapter. In vs. 22 Daniel sees the four horns, the four successors to Alexander the Great. In this verse, "In the latter part of their reign" is ignored and some interpreters go wild with some future event. However, Daniel clearly ties the stern faced king to the remnants of the Alexandrian empire.
10. Who are the rebels?
 - a. Jews who became Hellenized; accepted the Greek influence
 - b. Pagans
 - c. Scripture is not clear

Daniel 8:25

11. Antiochus Epiphanes
 - a. Took his stand against the Prince of princes - against God because he prevented worship
 - b. Died of natural causes while he was still young.

Daniel 8:26 "distant future"

12. Pre-millennialists takes this to mean end times. But verse 23 "in the latter part of their reign" must be synchronized with "distant future."

Daniel 8:27

13. Daniel is perplexed. The Israelites will soon return from captivity under Cyrus (539 BC) and then the temple worship will recommence. But now Daniel sees a vision where instead of the temple worship occurring, the following evil will occur:
 - a. Vs. 10 - "threw down the starry host"
 - b. Vs. 11 - "as great as the Prince of Host"
 - c. Vs. 11 - "take away the daily sacrifice"
 - d. Vs. 12 - "truth will be thrown to the ground"
 - e. Vs. 13 - "rebellion that causes desolation"
 - f. Vs. 13 - "surrender of the sanctuary"
 - g. Vs. 13 - "host trampled underfoot"
 - h. Vs. 23 - "a master of intrigue will arise"
 - i. Vs. 24 - "will cause astounding devastations"
 - j. Vs. 24 - "will succeed in whatever he does"

Practical Application:

1. *God is. Only God could predict so accurately the future.*
2. *The scriptures are true. If they are true in historical events, are they not true in spiritual events? Remember what Christ did in healing the man. He said "Your sins are forgiven." Anyone can say your sins are forgiven. So He adds: So that you may know, stand up and walk."*
3. *God is sovereign.*
4. *The bad times last only so long.*