



LIFE IN THE LION'S DEN

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The Coming World Ruler Daniel 8

I. CHRONOLOGY

- Biblical history describes several periods of 490 years in God's dealings with Israel – from the Exodus to the Monarchy, from the Monarchy to the Servitude, and the period between the 1st and 2nd Temples.
- Biblical history also describes two periods of 70 years: Israel's Servitude to Babylon for their neglect of the Sabbath years, and 70 years of Desolations for their refusal to submit to Babylon as directed by the Lord.
- Daniel received this vision at age 71.

II. CONTENT

- Daniel is given a vision of a 2 horned ram representing Media-Persia, and of a goat representing Greece with a single horn = Alexander the Great, 4 horns = his 4 generals, and a little horn = Antiochus Epiphanes.
- The latter terrible ruler who killed the Jews and desecrated their temple is a foreshadowing of a terrible world ruler who is to appear in the end times.

III. CONTROVERSY

- There are many unbelieving critics who claim that Daniel could not have been given these prophecies.
- There are some who see the little horn as purely historical; some that see him as entirely futuristic; but dispensational Bible believers know that the historical Epiphanes is a picture of a terrible end times ruler.

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Application

- ✦ Know that God is in control
- ✦ Know that Biblical history and prophecies can be trusted as absolutely reliable
- ✦ Know the Characteristics of a terrible future world ruler in order to discern the times in which we live

Characteristics of this terrible 'End Times' world ruler

1. He appears in the latter times of Israel's history (vs.23)
2. Is extremely arrogant and devious (vs.23)
3. Is characterised by Satanic control (vs.24)
4. He achieves worldwide influence (vs 24)
5. Is a Great Adversary against Israel (the holy people) (vs 24)
6. Is a narcissist and exalts himself (vs.25)
7. He destroys many by promising a false peace (vs.25)
8. He opposes the Prince of princes - Christ (vs.24,25)
9. The direct judgment from God will terminate his rule (vs.25)