

Lesson IV  
Part II cv  
Daniel's 70th Week

Introduction:

1. We have looked at Matthew 24 and Luke 21 as an introduction to Daniel's 70th week.
2. We are now looking at Part 2 of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week
  - a. The "A" part of this lesson dealt with "The Purpose of Daniel's prayers."
  - b. The "B" Part of this shows us the dreams and visions of Daniel in chapter 7 and 8.

II. Daniel's prophecy concerning his 70th week.

C. Interpretations of these dreams and visions

**Note:** In chapter 7, Daniel had four visions in one night.

**Note:** We also saw in chapter 7 that the Saints (Israel) of the Most High shall possess the kingdom forever

**Note:** The four beast in chapter 7 refer to kingdoms in the past with the fourth beast being both past and future as we see all the kingdoms that opposed Daniel's people being composed in the final kingdom known as the revived Roman empire and the antichrist kingdom.

12. Now, let us take an in depth look at the Little Horn of Daniel which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> item in verses 23-27 of Daniel 7.
  - a. Daniel had three visions of the Little Horn
  - b. We were introduced to this "Little Horn" in chapter 7.
    - i. v8...

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

ii. v11...

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

iii. v20...Daniel wanted to know about the “Little Horn.”

And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

iv. v21...The little horn overcomes the saints (Israel)

21) I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

v. v25...The little horn has eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things

**Note** v25 in the AmpC.

25) And he shall speak words against the Most High [God] and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change the time [of sacred feasts and holy days] and the law; and the saints shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time [three and one-half years]. (Amplified)

vi. The references to the “Little Horn in Daniel 21-25 correspond to Revelations 13:7-9

i. Kjv...

7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9) If any man have an ear, let him hear.

ii. AmpC...

7) He was further permitted to wage war on God's holy people (the saints) and to overcome them. And power was given him to extend his authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation, 8) And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration *and* pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world. 9) If anyone is able to hear, let him listen

vii. The little horn will be destroyed in Daniel 7:11

11) I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

c. Look at the introduction to Daniel 8 in verses 1-2

i. Verses 1-2 tells the time and place Daniel received this vision

- 1) v1... We are told the time which is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Belshazzar's reign which took place before Daniel chapter 5.

In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

- 2) v2... Daniel was at Shushan in the province of Elam

And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

d. In Daniel 8:3-7, Daniel sees the destruction of Persia by Greece

- i. Persia is the Ram
- ii. Greece is the Goat
- iii. Notice what Daniel sees

- 1) v3... Medeo-Persian empire with the Persia being dominant

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

- 2) v4... The Ram attacks Greece

I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

- 3) v5... Greece attacks Persia

And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

- 4) v6-7... Greece moves with anger against Persia and defeats the Persian empire

6) And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. 7) And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

- 5) v8... Greece is divided when the emperor dies

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

6) Look at Gabriel's explanation of this vision in Daniel 8:20-22

20) The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. 21) And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22) Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

e. In Daniel 8:9-11, we see the rise of the Little Horn that Daniel saw in chapter 7

i. v9...Out of one of the four divisions of the Greek Empire, the Little Horn comes to power.

1) KJV...

And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

2) AmpC...

Out of littleness *and* small beginnings one of them came forth [Antiochus Epiphanes], a horn whose [impious presumption and pride] grew exceedingly great toward the south and toward the east and toward the ornament [the precious, blessed land of Israel].

3) Nlt...

Then from one of the prominent horns came a small horn whose power grew very great. It extended toward the south and the east and toward the glorious land of Israel.

ii. v10...The Little horn became great

1) KJV...

And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

2) AmpC...

And [in my vision this horn] grew great, even against the host of heaven [God's true people, the saints], and some of the host and of the stars [priests] it cast down to the ground and trampled on them,

3) Nlt...

Its power reached to the heavens, where it attacked the heavenly army, throwing some of the heavenly beings and some of the stars to the ground and trampling them.

iii. v11... This Little Horn magnified himself by challenging Christ

1) Kjv...

Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.

2) AmpC...

Yes, [this horn] magnified itself, even [matching itself] against the Prince of the host [of heaven]; and from Him the continual [burnt offering] was taken away and the place of [God's] sanctuary was cast down *and* profaned.

3) Nlt...

It even challenged the Commander of heaven's army by canceling the daily sacrifices offered to him and by destroying his Temple.

f. v12... God's army did not respond but let the Little Horn prosper

i. Kjv...

And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

ii. AmpC...

And the host [the chosen people] was given [to the wicked horn] together with the continual burnt offering because of the transgression [of God's people—their abounding irreverence, ungodliness, and lack of piety]. And righteousness *and* truth were cast down to the ground, and it [the wicked horn] accomplished this [by divine permission] and prospered.

iii. Nlt...

The army of heaven was restrained from responding to this rebellion. So the daily sacrifice was halted, and truth was overthrown. The horn succeeded in everything it did.

g. Look at Gabriel's explanation of verses 9-12 in Daniel 8:23-25

23) And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24) And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and

shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. 25) And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

g. Who or what is this “little Horn”

i. This little horn arises out of one of the four divisions of the Grecian Kingdom

1) The Little Horn is called the “Assyrian”

a) In Isaiah 10:5-6...

5) O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. 6) I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

b) In Isaiah 14:24-25..

24) The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: 25) That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

c) In Isaiah 30:27-33

27) Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: 28) And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err. 29) Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the mighty One of Israel. 30) And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. 31) For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod. 32) And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the Lord shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it. 33) For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

2) The title Assyrian which is given to the antichrist shows us from which of the four divisions of Alexander’s kingdom that the Little Horn will arise

3) This kingdom is the Seleucid kingdom which covered Asia Minor and reached to what is today Afghanistan taking in these well known countries of today which are

- a) Syria
- b) Iraq
- c) Iran
- d) Part of today's Turkey which is Anatolia
- e) Lebanon

4) Assyria with Nineveh as its capital is in the area around Mosul of Iraq which means that the antichrist will or could come from that area, or have roots from that area.

ii. Many scholars want to identify him as Antiochus Epiphanes

1) In 166 B.C., Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the Temple Altar at Jerusalem by erecting an "idol altar" upon it and offering swine flesh as a sacrifice.

2) It is possible that Antiochus Epiphanes could be a type or forerunner, but the Biblical Description of the "Little Horn" does not apply to this Seleucid leader.

3) Consider

- a) He does not cast down any of the "Host of Heaven."
- b) He does not magnified himself against the "Prince of the Host."
- c) He does not stand up against the "Princes of Princes (Christ)" (8:25)
- d) He was not "broken without hand, (8:25)" for he died a natural death at Tabae in B.C. 165.
- e) Notice that the angel Gabriel in Daniel 8:17 said that the "Vision" belonged to the "Time of the End."

**Note** Daniel 8:17

So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

- f) According to Larkin, this “time of the end” is referring to the end of the “times of the Gentiles” which is future.
- g) Also notice Daniel 8:19, where Gabriel tells Daniel that the events of this vision will come to pass in the “last end of the indignation” which is the Great Tribulation.”

**Note** Daniel 8:19...

And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

**Note:** Let us understand that the Little Horn of Daniel 8:9-12 and 23-25 synchronizes as to “time” (the time of the end) with the Little Horn of the fourth wild beast in Daniel 7:7-8, and both of these references refer to the same person which is the Antichrist.

### 13. Paul’s foreview of the “Little Horn.”

#### a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:1-12

##### i. KJV...

1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5) Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6) And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

##### ii. NLT...

1) Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. 2) Don’t be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don’t believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from

us. 3) Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. 4) He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. 5) Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? 6) And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7) For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 8) Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming. 9) This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. 10) He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. 11) So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. 12) Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.

### iii. AmpC...

1) But relative to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and our gathering together to [meet] Him, we beg you, brethren, 2) Not to allow your minds to be quickly unsettled *or* disturbed or kept excited *or* alarmed, whether it be by some [pretended] revelation of [the] Spirit or by word or by letter [alleged to be] from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has [already] arrived *and* is here. 3) Let no one deceive *or* beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition), 4) Who opposes and exalts himself so proudly *and* insolently against *and* over all that is called God or that is worshiped, [even to his actually] taking his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God. 5) Do you not recollect that when I was still with you, I told you these things? 6) And now you know what is restraining him [from being revealed at this time]; it is so that he may be manifested (revealed) in his own [appointed] time. 7) For the mystery of lawlessness (that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority) is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way. 8) And then the lawless one (the antichrist) will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming. 9) The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity *and* working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs *and* delusive marvels—[all of them] lying wonders— 10) And by unlimited seduction to evil *and* with all wicked deception for those who are perishing (going to perdition) because they did not welcome the Truth *but* refused to love it that they might be saved. 11) Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error *and* a strong delusion to make them believe what is false, 12) In order that all may be judged *and* condemned who did not believe in [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely on] the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in unrighteousness.

### b. Explanations of Paul's comments

i. v1-2...Do not get upset at some of the messages you may hear, for certain things must happen prior to the coming of the Lord.

ii. v3...Let no man deceive you by any means

1) There must be a great falling away before that day

a) The Nlt calls that day “a great rebellion against God”

b) The AmpC puts it like this...

..Except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come],

2) The man of sin must be revealed who is the “son of perdition.”

**Note:** What does it mean “son of perdition.”

i. Two men were referred to as the son of perdition, and they were Judas Iscariot and the Antichrist.

ii. The Nlt calls the “son of perdition” “the man of lawlessness,” the one who brings destruction.

iii. The AmpC puts says it this way...The man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition),

iv. Perdition is a place and Judas and Antichrist are the “sons of perdition for they are both the sons of the author of perdition, sat an.

iii. Notice that Paul calls the Antichrist

1) v3...That man of sin...He will be the embodiment of sin

2) v3...Son of Perdition

3) v8...That Wicked

c. Consider these thoughts

i. Look at Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

ii. God said to the serpent...I will put enmity between thy seed and her Seed

- iii. Jesus is the “Seed” of the woman.
- iv. Antichrist must be the “serpent’s seed.”
- v. Both Jesus and the Antichrist are born of a woman
  - 1) Remember that Jesus’ birth was a virgin birth
  - 2) Jesus was not born with enmity against God cause God was His Father
  - 3) The antichrist will be born of man and woman so he will have be born with the nature of man that evolves in a spirit of “antichrist” which causes him to be at enmity with Christ so that the seed of the serpent and the Seed of the woman clash.

**Note:** The antichrist will be a child of satan, but do you think this means literally?

- i. Look what Jesus said to the religious leaders of Israel in John 8:41

Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

- ii. John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- iii. John 6:70...

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

- iv. John 13:2...

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

- v. I conclude that those who reject Christ have satan as their father, and the antichrist, the son of perdition becomes possessed by the spirit of satan of evil which causes him to rail against Christ the King of kings.

- d. Let us look at this “man of sin” mentioned in v3

- i. v4...He will oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped.

- ii. v4...He will sit as God in the temple of God shewing himself as God

iii. v5...I told you these things when I was with you

iv. v6...And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

1) The AmpC says that something is “restraining” him from being revealed until it is his time to be revealed.

2) Now look at the Nlt...

And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes.

v. v7...Understand that the mystery of iniquity is already at work

1) Mystery of iniquity is also called “lawlessness.

2) Notice this in v7...

He who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

3) Again notice v7 in the Nlt...

Lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way

4) Now look at v7 in the AmpC...

For the mystery of lawlessness (that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority) is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way.

a) Lawlessness that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority

b) Lawlessness is restrained until the one that restrains lawlessness is taken out of the way.

vi. v8...And then shall that Wicked be revealed

1) v8...Whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2) Look at the Nlt...

Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.

3) Now look at the AmpC...

And then the lawless one (the antichrist) will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming.

vii. In verses 9-10, we see what the antichrist is like

**Note:** When Jesus was in the wilderness, satan offered Him the kingdoms of the world, but Jesus refused. Here, we see the antichrist working after the workings of satan, so we assume that satan offers this man the kingdoms of the world, and he accepts. Therefore, this man, the antichrist will be infused with the power of satan to dominate and destroy which will be directed toward God's people the Jews.

1) KJV...

a) v9

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan all power and signs and lying wonders,

b) v10a...

With all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish

2) AmpC...

a) v9...

The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity *and* working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs *and* delusive marvels—[all of them] lying wonders—

b) v10a...

And by unlimited seduction to evil *and* with all wicked deception for those who are perishing (going to perdition)

3) Nlt...

a) v9...

This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.

b) v10a...

He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction,

viii. v10b-12...Notice that v10b begins with “Because”

1) KJV...

a) v10b...People are deceived...

“because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved”

b) v11-12...Because they reject the truth that would give them salvation

... God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2) AmpC...

a) v10b...People are deceived...

Because they did not welcome the Truth *but* refused to love it that they might be saved.

b) v11-12...Because they reject Truth, we have v11-12.

Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error *and* a strong delusion to make them believe what is false, In order that all may be judged *and* condemned who did not believe in [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely on] the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in unrighteousness.

3) Nlt...

a) v10b...People are deceived...

Because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them.

b) v11-12...Because they reject Truth...

So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.

**Note:** What are some of the lies people are accepting today as a result of rejecting truth?

**Note:** Paul call in the above Scriptures called the antichrist the “man of sin.” Why?

i. All “sin” will head up in him.

ii. The “antichrist” is the embodiment of “apostasy” by action and name.

- iii. The “apostasy” is more than corruption of Christianity, but a renunciation of Christianity which is renouncing Christ.
- iv. The “apostasy,” antichrist will be a denial of the Father and the Son.
- v. This “antichrist” will be the embodiment of all “lawlessness.”
- vi. The “mystery of iniquity” was at work in Paul’s day and has always been at work, but will be embodied in the antichrist.
- vii. The antichrist will be the “cause” and the “fruit” of all lawlessness.
- viii. The antichrist will arise out of seething pot of “lawlessness” which we see so pronounced and on the rise in our world today.
- ix. The antichrist will be the consummation of all “lawlessness.”