

DANIEL 8:9-12: SYMBOLIC PREDICTION

9. **Out of one of them** [*the four winds of heaven, the four directions of the compass*] **came forth a little horn** [*Rome*] **which grew exceedingly great toward the south** [*Africa*], **toward the east** [*Greece, Asia Minor, and Syria*], **and toward the glorious land** [*Palestine*].
10. **And it grew great, even to the host of heaven** [*the people of God, Jewish and Christian*]; **and some of the host of the stars** [*God's people*] **it cast down to the ground.**
11. **and trampled upon them** [*persecuted them*]. **It magnified itself, even up to the Prince of the host** [*Jesus Christ, whom pagan Rome crucified and Christian Rome often misinterpreted*], **and the continual burnt offering** [*the tamid, the continual ministry of Christ in heaven and the symbol of it in the Old Testament ritual*] **was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown** [*partially at the destruction of Herod's temple by pagan Rome and much more fully through the misrepresentations of Christian Rome*].
12. **And the host** [*the people of God*] **was given over to it** [*Rome, the little horn*] **together with the continual burnt offering** [*the tamid*] **through transgression** [*God permitting the forces of evil to reveal themselves so that error could be seen in its sinfulness and people would be persuaded to turn away from it*]; **and truth** [*about the Ten Commandments, Christ's heavenly ministry, and righteousness by faith*] **was cast down to the ground, and the horn** [*Rome*] **acted and prospered.**

DANIEL 8:23-25: GABRIEL'S INTERPRETATIVE PREDICTION

23. **And at the latter end of their rule** [*at the end of the Hellenistic kingdoms symbolized by the four horns, around 65 B.C.*], **when the transgressors have reached their full measure** [*when human wickedness is at a peak*], **a king of bold countenance** [*Rome*], **one who understands riddles** [*"skilled in intrigue," N.A.S.B.; "A master of stratagem" N.E.B., referring to pagan and Christian Rome as masters of international and religious diplomacy*], **shall arise.**
24. **His power shall be great, and he shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men** [*political enemies*] **and the people of the saints** [*the persecuted people of God*].
25. **By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand** [*persuading millions to follow pagan and medieval traditions*], **and in his own mind he shall magnify himself** [*the emperor as a divine being, the medieval pope as "another God on earth"*]. **Without warning he shall destroy many** [*for example, in the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre*]; **and he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes** [*Jesus Christ, on the cross and as our royal priest in heaven*]; **but, by no human hand** [*that is, by the providence of God in human affairs, by clearer perception of truth, by the Day of Judgment in heaven, and finally by the second coming of Christ*], **he shall be broken.**