

DANIEL 8 AND 9

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Prophecy takes up about 25-33% of the Bible. Prophecy has a very important part to play.

Luke 21:29-31 (NKJV) ... Jesus discourse on the Mount of Olives

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31 So you also, **when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.** (when you see what Jesus has been referring to)

If we pay no attention to prophecy ... then how will we recognise the signs?

Luke 21:34-36 (NKJV)

34 "But **take heed to yourselves, (be warned!!) lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.**

35 For it will come as a snare (sudden trap) on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 **Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."** (Be alert! Be on guard! Be ready!)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. (Suddenly! Out of the blue! ... but not on you)

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, (but not us!) as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. (Watch how we spend our time. Am I properly aligned to God's will?)

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

We should be knowledgeable about the signs of the times. Jesus expects us to pay some regard to the scriptures about prophecy.

When looking at prophecy ... here are three things to consider:

1. We should know the text ... the narrative
2. How have we interpreted the passages traditionally?
3. Is there a plausible or more plausible alternative ... such as Islam?

Daniel 2:36-40 (NKJV)

36 "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold. (The Kingdom of Babylon ... Iraq)

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; (Silver: Medo-Persia) then another, a third kingdom of bronze, (Greece ... Or Turkey) which shall rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

Traditionally ... The Iron Kingdom ... Rome. The two legs are the two parts of the Roman Empire ... what a great fit!! Rome the capital of the West and Istanbul the capital of the East. This is traditionally where we have come from ... but....!!!

We believed the ten toes were 10 nations in Europe. But today there are 28 ... with others waiting to join the European Empire. Traditionally ... we are still trying to get the 10 toes to be the ten nations.

Are the two legs significant? Rome and Istanbul? Probably not. This is a statue of a man ... of course he has two legs!! He is a man. He has two arms, two legs, ten toes. If the legs relate to Rome ... we have the following strange situation ...

In AD 476 Rome ... the so-called leg in the west came to an end.

In AD 1453 ... the Islamic Empire captured Istanbul ...so the so-called eastern leg came to an end? So was the statue standing on one leg for 1,000 years!!

Could Rome have been this fourth empire that was noted for shattering and pulverising? No! Rome generally added to countries that it captured. It left their religions etc ... as long as they paid their taxes to Rome.

The Fourth Empire is an empire that crushes, pulverises and breaks in pieces. And ... Islam fits the bill. The Islamic Empire was an absolutely massive and destructive empire. It's philosophy from day 1 was Jihad. It has twice invaded Europe on a massive scale.

The first massive invasion was halted in AD732 at the Battle of Tours; the Muslims were stopped by Charles The Hammer. The second big invasion was halted in 1683 ... at the gates of Vienna ... September 11, 1683.

Some think that we are now seeing the third invasion of the Muslims starting with the Muslim refugees coming into Europe with a strategy of changing religion and culture ... over time. There are about 1 million Muslim refugees (the unofficial figure is 5 million) that came into Europe in 2015.

Jihad has continued almost unbroken since AD600. Islam has an ambition of world-domination.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations ... CAIR ... their chairman said, "Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith but to become dominant. The Quran should be the highest authority in America and Islam the only accepted religion on the earth".

Revelation 20:4 (NKJV)

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.** And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **(Here are "Christians" beheaded for Jesus. Who is the most likely candidate for doing this? Pretty Obvious)**

Beheading is the heritage of Islam ... they cut off the head of their enemies. Right from the get go ... Mohammed's preferred method of killing was by beheading. His original armies and ... the pattern has been established ... death ... by beheading. Beheading is an integral part of their culture.

And what about Antichrist?

1 John 2:22 (NKJV)

22 **Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**

Does this better fit Roman Catholic Europe ... or Islam? Officially and in practice ... the Roman Catholics (and other groups like the Church of England) quote the Apostles Creed every day. They believe in God The Father and Jesus Christ. What about Islam? 100% perfect fit. Spot on!! They categorically deny that God is a Father and that Jesus was His son and that Jesus died. To call God a Father is blasphemous in Islam.

Daniel 8:17 (NKJV)

17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "**Understand, son of man,**

that the vision refers to the time of the end." (whatever is in Daniel 8 is for our time today)

Daniel 8:19 (NKJV)

19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be. (This prophecy is for TODAY)

Daniel 8:26 (NKJV)

26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For it refers to many days in the future."

Daniel 8:20 (NKJV)

20 The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia. (Iran ... A Muslim country ... Shia Version of Islam)

Daniel 8:21-22 (NKJV)

21 And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. (Javan = Modern day Turkey) The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.
22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

Daniel 8:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became

great. (Iran is going to go to war. South is Saudi Arabia. Iran wants to impose their version of Islam on all)

Daniel 8:5-8 (NKJV)

5 And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

(Turkey charging towards Iran)

6 Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

7 And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram (Iran), and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram (Iran) to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram (Iran) from his hand.

8 Therefore the male goat (Turkey) grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn (notable leader) was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. (Turkey has another form of Islam ... Sunni)

The Turkish Ottoman Empire was one of the most powerful and longest lasting empires of history. It ran from about AD1300 right up to 1922. It covered Turkey, Egypt, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Macedonia, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria ... parts of Arabia and much of North Africa. This was a big empire!!

Turkey is now moving rapidly back to being an Islamic empire. Their president ... President Erdogan wants to re-create the Islamic Ottoman Empire. Watch Turkey!

Daniel 9:1-5 (NKJV)

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

Daniel 9:17-23 (NKJV)

17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out,
and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved;
therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

Daniel 9:24-27 (NKJV)

24 "Seventy weeks are determined (Shabua ... Means 7 ... 70 x7 =
490 years)

For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 "Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince, (Nagid ... Prince ... Ruler ... Commander
... Leader)

There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; (69 weeks ...
shabua ... = 69 x 7 = 483 years. The view point is that the 483
years runs up to about AD26-27 ... when Christ publicly appeared
on the scene)

The street shall be built again, and the wall,
Even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, (Jesus being crucified) but not for
Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come (not Jesus ... as He is
now cut off)
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he (the Islamic antichrist?) shall confirm a covenant (a treaty) with many for one week; (Shabua which in context is one 7 year period left)

But in the middle of the week (after three and a half years)

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate.”