

A MAN AND A BOOK CALLED

DANIEL

PART 26:

ANOTHER LITTLE HORN AND A CURIOUS NUMBER

Reading: Daniel 8: 8 - 14

Introduction

- Jerusalem is the historic capitol of Israel.
- The city and the land were deeded to Israel by God.
- God warned Israel however that if they were unfaithful to Him, He would allow '**Gentiles**' to rule over them.
- This would be the '**times of the Gentiles**' mentioned by Jesus in [Luke 21:24].
- The '**times of the Gentiles**' began in 604BC.
- The book of Daniel is about those 'Gentile' powers that trampled Jerusalem underfoot during this era.
- The times of the Gentiles ended in the historic year of 1917.
- The '**little horn**' of [Daniel 8] is the final '**Gentile power**' ruling over Jerusalem.
- The little horn of [Daniel 7] is not the same as the one recorded in [Daniel 8].

1 The Little Horn Of Islam

This particular '**little horn**' emerged from the S.E. geographical location of the Grecian empire, that included Israel and Jerusalem.

- The region of origin was Saudi Arabia.
- [Vs 11] this 'little horn' would exalt itself over the Prince of the host. (Jesus).
- [Vs 12] tells us it would have an army and would cast truth down.

2 The Origin Of Islam

- Muhammad born in Mecca in 570AD.
- At 40 years of age he claimed to have received messages via Gabriel said to be the '*Quran*'.
- Alleged that there was no gods except Allah.
- Attacked by other tribes and fled to Medina in 622AD. (this marks the start of the Muslim calendar).
- His army warred with Jewish/Christian communities.
- Between 634 and 644AD they destroyed over 4000 churches.
- Conquered Jerusalem in 638AD and built Al-Aqsa mosque on site of Jewish temple.
- Also built the '*Dome of the Rock*' shrine nearby preventing access to site and sacrificing.

3 Islam And Jesus

- [Vs 11] says that this '*little horn*' would exalt itself as high as the Prince.
- Islam refuses to accept deity of Jesus and relegates Him to lower than Muhammad.
- [Vs 12] says it would '*cast truth down to the ground*'.

4 The Number 2300

- Up until 1917 Jerusalem was under the authority of the Muslim Ottoman empire.
- Delivered by general Edmund Allenby.
- Jews began to return and in 1948 modern state of Israel was established.
- In [vs 13] the question is asked '*how long*' would this be the case.
- The answer given was 2300 days.
- In Bible prophecy one prophetic day = one literal year.
- Therefore 2300 days = 2300 literal years.
- The Grecian empire began in 334AD
- Now add 2300 years allowing one year for change in calendar from BC to AD.
- You arrive at 1967.
- When the Jews captured Jerusalem and had access for the first time to the temple mount.
- Once again - Bible prophecy fulfilled.

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