

Outline #9 From Contamination to Purification

Blessed be the name of God (Daniel 2:20-23)

1. The Ram and the Goat

- a) Daniel 8:1-8 Why is the kingdom of Babylon omitted from this vision? (548/547 BC)
- b) What new information is given in this vision about the future world powers of Medo-Persia and Greece?

2. The rise of the Little Horn

- a) Daniel 8:9 Instead of legs of iron (Daniel 2) or a fierce beast with iron teeth (Daniel 7), how is Rome represented in this vision?
- b) How can we be certain this little horn not only represents pagan Rome but also the sequel Little Horn power described in Daniel 7? Daniel 8:10-12
- c) Some Bible commentators identify this Little Horn power as a pagan Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes. Why is this interpretation not consistent with the testimony of the prophet Daniel?

3. The Little Horn's attack on the ministry of Jesus

- a) How did this Little Horn power cast truth to the ground? Daniel 8:12?
- b) In what ways did this Little horn power exalt itself "as high as the Prince of the host"?
- c) Share a time when you were challenged to base your faith on the clear teachings of the Bible rather than the teachings and traditions of human institutions.

4. The cleansing of the Sanctuary

- a) Daniel 8:13-14 Why it is important to recognize the connection between the cleansing of the sanctuary and the judgment scene described in Daniel 7:9-14?
- b) Hebrews 8:1-2 – this sanctuary is in heaven
- c) Hebrews 9:23-28 – Christ's ministry is described

5. The prophetic timetable

- a) Some commentators interpret these 2300 evenings and mornings as 1150 literal days, or a little over 3 years. How is this interpretation flawed?
 - i) Daniel 8:17
 - ii) Daniel 8:26
- b) Applying the year-day principle for interpreting Bible prophecy (Ezekiel 4:6), this prophecy extends for 2300 years. How does this knowledge help us to understand the reaction of the prophet Daniel, recorded in Daniel 8:27?
- c) Daniel 8 does not provide the information regarding when this 2300-day prophecy will begin. The prophet will have to wait until the angel Gabriel visits him again. Daniel 9:20-23 What important lesson can we learn from Daniel's experience?
- d) What encouraging promise and important counsel does the apostle John give to those who study the apocalyptic prophecies of the Bible? Revelation 1:3

