



*Life More Abundant Bible Study*  
**Bible Prophecy: Daniel Chapter 9B**  
**The Greatest Time Prophecy Revealed**

From our study of Daniel Chapter 8, we realize that God provided to Daniel the prophet a marvelous revelation of world history, commencing with the Media-Persia empire and concluding with an awesome, appalling, and egregious world power that would rain *desolations* upon God and His faithful people (the true church). Through the Little Horn power, the bible predicts that an act of blasphemous defiance and transgression manifested through the illicit union of church and state, would occur for a period of time, given by the statement “a time, times and the dividing of time” (Daniel 7:25).

Based on our study of the earthly sanctuary and the symbolism and typology used specifically on the Day of Atonement, we understood the Day of Atonement to be a day of judgment for the Nation of Israel. Applying the symbolic typology to the literal anti-type, we understand the cleansing of the sanctuary spoken of in Daniel 8 to signify the commencement of an *Investigative Judgment in the heavenly sanctuary* at the close of the 2,300 day period. Yet, the 2,300-day prophecy is said to include <sup>1</sup>*the vision*, <sup>2</sup>*the daily*, and <sup>3</sup>*the transgression of desolation*. Understanding the series of events to occur, as well as the duration of those events, the last question that remains to be answered at the close of Daniel Chapter 8 is *when will the 2,300-day time period commence*. The answer, as we will see shortly, is provided in our third and final study of Daniel Chapter 9, specifically focusing on verses 23-27.

Continuing in the Spirit of **Repeat & Enlarge**, we can see consistency in thematic revelation across the previous chapters in the book of Daniel:

Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8
Babylon	Babylon	-----
Media-Persia	Media-Persia	Media-Persia
Greece	Greece	Greece
Pagan Rome (Legs of Iron)	Pagan Rome (4th beast w/ 10 horns)	The Daily (Paganism)
Papal Rome (feet of iron/clay)	Papal Rome (the Little Horn)	Little Horn (Papalism)
-----	<b>Judgment in heaven</b>	<b>Cleansing of the Sanctuary</b>
Jesus “sets-up” an Everlasting Kingdom	Jesus “is given” dominion, glory, and a kingdom <sup>1</sup>	-----
Destruction of Kingdoms (10 Toes)	Judgment & Destruction of the Little Horn	King of Fierce Countenance Broken without hands

Christ's Eternal Kingdom shall fill the Earth (Second Coming+) <sup>2</sup>	Christ's Everlasting Kingdom given to the Saints (Second Coming+) <sup>3</sup>	-----
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<sup>1</sup>Lk 19:12-27; John 14:1-3; 17:14; 18:36; <sup>2</sup>Mat 5:5; Rev 21:1-7; <sup>3</sup>Lk 12:32; 22:28-30; Mat 25:34; Rom 8:17 Rev 20:4

### **Background to the 2,300-day Prophecy: 2,300 literal days or prophetic days?**

The question must be asked “whether the 2,300 days of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 refer to a literal 2,300 day time period or whether the day-year principle used before in interpreting bible prophecy should be applied [see study **Daniel Chapter 7F**]?” We must first acknowledge that the prophetic revelations of Daniel Chapters 2, 7 and 8 have employed imagery and symbolism extensively. Therefore, applying the same interpretation of the 2,300-days as also symbolic would be both consistent and reasonable. Further, considering that the vision of Daniel 8:1 begins with the Media-Persia Empire, and spans two other world empires, in addition to the reign of the Little Horn, all of which are incorporated in the 2,300-days; 6 literal years and 4.5months (2,300 literal days) would hardly suffice in covering the stated events. Therefore, the day-year principle as previously described must be applied to the 2,300-day prophecy, signifying 2,300 literal years:

### **Doing the Math:**

A prophetic day: 1 literal year (Ezekiel 4:4-6, Numbers 14:34)

A prophetic week: 7 literal years

A prophetic month: 30 prophetic days = 30 literal years (Rev 13:5)

A prophetic year (*a time*): 360 prophetic days = 360 literal years (12 x A prophetic month)

Times = 2x *a time* = 2x360 prophetic days = 720 literal years

Dividing of Time = ½ x a time: ½ x 360 prophetic days = 180 literal years

Interpreting the term: “a time and times and the dividing of time” (Daniel 7:25)

$$\text{A time} + 2x \text{ A time} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ A time} = 3 \frac{1}{2} \text{ time} = 3 \frac{1}{2} x 360 \text{ literal years}$$

$$360 \text{ literal years} + 720 \text{ literal years} + 180 \text{ literal years} = 1,260 \text{ literal years}$$

Gabriel, the Cherub of God is sent to give Daniel skill in understanding the compound vision of Daniel Chapter 8 [*Chazown* and *Mar'eh*], the commencement of whose time frame remains to be revealed. As discussed in our reading of Daniel 8, God foretells the rise and fall of world empires spanning a time period of 2,300 literal years (*Chazown* vision– Daniel 8:13). Yet, within the description of the conclusion of the time prophecy, namely at the end of 2,300 years, a second prophecy of Christ in the Most Holy Place as High Priest in Judgment is revealed (“the vision” (*Mar'eh*) – Daniel 9:23). The bible chronicles the reign of the Little Horn power to last a total of 1,260 literal years. Understanding that the reign of the Little Horn is included within the spans of the larger 2,300 year prophecy, as well as the vision of the reign of three other world empires (Media-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome) we again affirm the prophecy to be literally 2,300 years in duration.

In or conclusive study of Daniel 9 we will see that Gabriel brings revelation of the 2,300-day prophecy's starting point while describing a concurrent and parallel time prophecy specifically for the *Nation of Israel*, namely the **probationary** 70-week time prophecy.

*For a better understanding of prophetic imagery, terms and symbols used in this bible study, refer to the study, [Interpreting Bible Prophecy](#), also located on the Life More Abundant Bible Study website.*