

## **Daniel 8: The Sanctuary Dishonored**

Dan 8:1-14 Daniel saw a ram in control, followed by a goat with a great horn. The great horn was broken. Four arose in its place. From one of these another horn grew which trampled the sanctuary to the ground.

Dan 8:15,16 God commissioned Gabriel to explain.

Dan 8:17-19 This prophecy reaches into the "Time of the End."

Dan 8:20 The ram was Medo-Persia. (538-331 B.C.) The higher horn, rising last, was Persia.

Dan 8:21 The goat represents Grecia. (331-168 B.c.) The great horn was Alexander the Great.

Dan 8:22 After Alexander's death, the empire was divided between his four leading generals.

In A History of European Peoples by Perkins, p. 118, we read that Alexander's Empire was divided into four kingdoms: 1. Macedonia and Greece under Cassander; 2. Most of the former Persian Empire in Asia under Seleucus; 3. Egypt under Ptolemy; 4. Thrace and Western Asia under Lysimachus.

Dan 8:23-25 The little horn that grew out of one of the horns is Rome. Theodore Mommsen in his History of Rome, bk. 3, ch. 10, tells us that the whole empire of Alexander was conquered by Romans.

In the vision of Dan. 7, the little horn was shown to be a continuation, in another form, of the fourth beast which represented Rome. (Dan 7:7, 8, 11)

It is evident that the little horn of Dan. 8, which follows the four divisions of Grecia and continues to the end, represents Rome in both its pagan and papal forms. (Dan 8:9-12)

Dan 8:11-13 Rome would trample the heavenly sanctuary to the ground, also Christ, the Prince of the host, His truth and His people.

Ex 29:38,39,42; 30:1,8 All the services of the sanctuary were to be done continuously, day by day.

1 Tim 2:5; Heb 7:25; 9:23-26; 10:10-12 These all typified the work of Christ, the only mediator, in His continual intercession for us, having offered Himself as a sacrifice ONCE FOR ALL.

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Satan has counterfeited this priesthood of Christ through Catholicism, which sets up an earthly tabernacle and priesthood to do the work of the heavenly.

"The real presence of our divine Lord in the blessed Eucharist makes every Catholic church a tabernacle of the Most High." -- The True Voice, Omaha, Nebraska, April 18, 1913.

"The sacrifice of the mass is one and the same as that of the cross, as the victim is the same, namely Christ our Lord. . . The priest changes the substance of the bread and wine into the true substance of His body and blood." -- Catechism of the Council of Trent , p. 226.

"Seek where you will, through heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell, that extraordinary being is the priest, the (Roman) Catholic priest. Who can forgive sins except God? ... I answer there is a man on earth that can forgive sins, and that man is the (Roman) Catholic priest. .. So great is the power of the priest that the judgments of heaven itself are subject to his decision."  
Michael Muller, The Catholic Priest, pp. 78, 79. (*Auricular Confession* was enacted at the Fourth Council of Lateran, 1215 A.D.)

"Jesus Christ left His priests after Him to hold on earth His place of Mediator between God and man. Let the priest approach the altar as another Christ." Dignities and Duties of the Priest, p. 34. Thus Christ's work is trampled to the ground, God has forewarned us.