

# Treasure Hunt

- What were the four kingdoms that emerged from the empire of Alexander the Great?
- Which of these kingdoms gave rise to the first “abomination of desolation” in Daniel, and what did this person do?
- How do we know that Dan 9:27 refers to someone else?
- Where do Antiochus and the person in Dan 9:27 fit into Daniel’s visions of four world empires?
- Compare and contrast the two “little horns” in Dan 7:8 and 8:9.
- What comfort do Daniel’s prophecies give to believers facing one of the “little horns”?

# Overview of the Olivet Discourse

Period	Mt 24,25	Mk 13	Lk 21	Description
1. Beginning of Sorrows (Mt 24:8)	3-13	5-13	8-19	The NT period, before the fall of Jerusalem. Corresponds to the first four seals of Rev 6.
2. Days of Vengeance (Lk 21:22)	(Lacking)		20-24a	Desolation of Jerusalem under Titus, AD 70.
3. Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24)	14	10	24b	Jerusalem is subdued by the Gentiles (Luke) and the gospel goes forth throughout all the world (Matthew).
4. Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21)	15-28	14-23	(Lacking)	“The abomination of desolation” (Dan 9:27), at the middle of Daniel’s seventieth week.
5. Coming of Son of Man (Mt 24:30)	29-31	24-27	25-28	Cosmic signs, return of Christ in glory, gathering of his saints
(6. Interlude)	24:32-25:30	28-37	29-36	Parables about, and exhortations to, watchfulness
7. Separation	25:31-46	(Lacking)		Final Judgment

# The Abomination of Desolation in Daniel

8:13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the **transgression of desolation**, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place **the abomination that maketh desolate**.

9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and **for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate** [LXX: And upon the temple shall there be **an abomination of desolations**], even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

12:11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and **the abomination that maketh desolate** set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

# Four Successors to Alexander



Dan 8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, **the great horn was broken**; and for it came up **four notable ones** toward the four winds of heaven.

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# The (Abomination of) Desolation in Daniel: Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Dan 8:9 And out of one of them came forth **a little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*. 10 And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. 11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. ... 13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the **transgression of desolation**, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? 14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

1 Macc 1:54 Now the fifteenth day of the month Casleu, in the hundred forty and fifth year, **they set up the abomination of desolation upon the altar**, and builded idol altars throughout the cities of Juda on every side;

Dan 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place **the abomination that maketh desolate**.

# The 70 Weeks of Daniel 9 & the Final Antichrist

25a from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be **seven weeks**, and **threescore and two weeks**:

25b the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

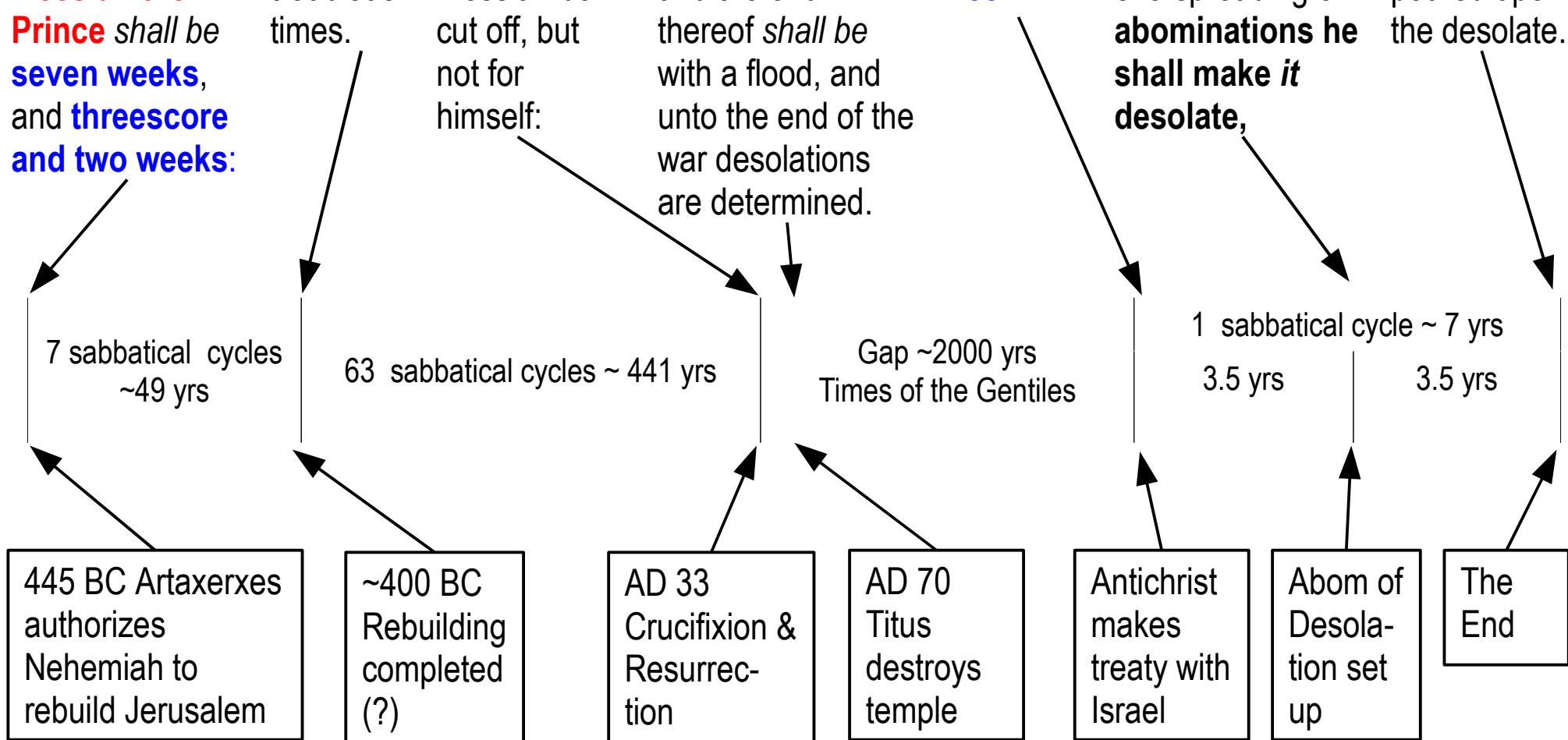
26a And after [the] **threescore and two weeks** shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:

26b and the people of **the prince that shall come** shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

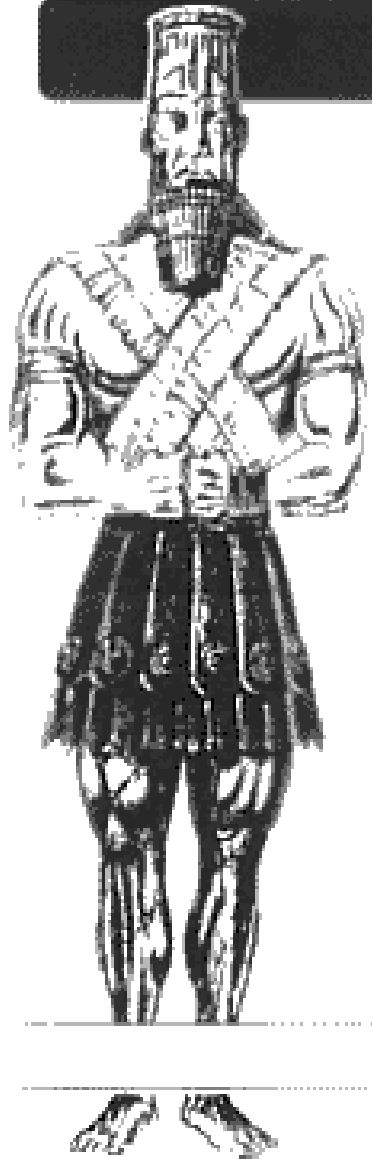
27a And **he** shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**:

27b and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of **abominations he shall make it desolate,**

27c even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.



# The Gentile Empires in Daniel



**Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)**

**Daniel's Dream (Daniel 7)**

**Daniel's 2<sup>nd</sup> Dream (Daniel 8)**

**The Empires Prophesied**

**Gold**  
(Head)

**Lion**

**Babylonian**

<538 BC>

**Silver**  
(Breast & Arms)

**Bear**

**Ram**

**Medo-Persian**

<333 BC>

**Brass**  
(Belly & Thighs)

**Leopard**  
4 Heads

**He-Goat**  
4 Horns

**Greek**

8:9 Little  
(Greek) horn  
= Antiochus

<63 BC>

**Iron**  
(Legs)

**Beast with Iron Teeth**

**Roman**

**P R O P H E T I C**

**G A P**

**Iron & Clay**  
(Feet)

**Ten Horns**

**Antichrist**

7:8 Little  
(Roman) horn  
= Antichrist

**Stone**

**Son of Man**

**Jesus Christ**

# Four Kingdoms and Two Horns

	Daniel 7	Daniel 8
Babylon	4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings:	
Medo-Persia (8:20)	5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and <i>it had three ribs</i> in the mouth of it between the teeth of it:...	3 ...behold, there stood before the river a ram ... 4 I saw the ram pushing <b>westward, and northward, and southward</b>
Greece (8:21)	6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also <b>four heads</b> ;	8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up <b>four notable ones</b> toward the four winds of heaven. 9 And out of one of them came forth <b>a little horn</b> , ... 11 Yea, he magnified <i>himself</i> even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily <i>sacrifice</i> was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.
Rome	7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: ... and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another <b>little horn</b> , ... 25 And he shall speak <i>great</i> words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High,	