

## THE HORN IN DAN CH 8: ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES OR THE ANTICHRIST?

	Vision	Interpretation	Antiochus Epiphanes	The Antichrist
1		v 17, 19 – Pertains to the time of the end and will occur at the final period of the indignation	× Does not appear to fit “the time of the end” in any sense.	✓ Previous prophecy in Daniel clearly places him at the Great Tribulation which occurs at the end of the age of the Gentiles, just prior to the second coming of Christ
2	v 9 – Comes out of one of the four kingdoms of the Greek Empire	v 22, 23 – Arises in the latter period out of the four Greek kingdoms “when the transgressors have run their course”	✓ Fifth king of the Seleucids × Even if “their rule” refers to the Greek Empire, this does not fit Antiochus Epiphanes, as he ruled right in the middle of the span of this empire.	✓ If “their rule” refers to the Gentiles in general, then the king could come from one of the four Greek geographic divisions. They were all incorporated into the Roman Empire and still exist today. Or could just be normal time compression seen frequently in prophecy – the phrase in v 23 is meant to cover all ensuing kingdoms  ? Why not refer to a beast that represents the Roman/Imperialist Empire? Is this trying to tell us he is Greek in origin or comes from this subset of the Roman/Imperialist Empire?
3	v 9 – Grows toward the south, east and Palestine		✓ Military focus was on Egypt in the South, on the Eastern part of his kingdom (where he died) and on Palestine.	✓ Certainly could be a prophecy of the territory taken by the Antichrist
4		v 23 – Insolent and skilled in intrigue	✓ Yes	✓ Per Ch 7, is only horn with mouth boasting great boasts
5		v 24 – Mighty, but not by his own power	× Doesn’t make sense. He fought for every bit of his power and territory. Some take this to mean he had to make alliances to gain power. This did occur from time to time, but the alliances were neither lasting nor unusual in nature.	✓ Per 2 Thess 2:9, his power and his ability to do signs and wonders comes from Satan
6		v 24 – Will destroy to an extraordinary degree	✓ Yes	✓ In Ch 9 is referred to as “the one that makes desolate”
7		v 24 – Will destroy mighty men and holy people v 25 – Will destroy many while they are at ease	✓ Yes, especially the wholesale slaughter of the Jews, invasion of Egypt and assassination of his own brother	✓ Per Ch 7, uproots three of the kings before him ✓ Per Ch 7, will overcome and wear down the saints for a period of time
8	v 10 – Grows up to the host of heaven and causes some of them to sin and lose their place in heaven v 11 – Magnifies itself to be equal to the Commander of the host	v 25 – Will magnify himself and oppose the Prince of princes	× Makes no sense in this context if you stick to the Scriptural usage of “the host of heaven” ✓ Presented himself as god in name and in coinage	✓ Per Ch 7:25, speaks out against God ✓ Per 2 Thess 2:3-4, he sets himself forth as God ✓ Per Ch 11:37, he will not respect God because he will magnify himself above all
9	v 12 – Because of their sin, the host will be given over to him and he will be able to do as he pleases and fling truth to the ground	v 24, 25 – Will prosper and do his will and cause deceit to succeed	× Makes no sense in this context if you stick to the Scriptural usage of “the host of heaven” × Not able to do as he pleased. Many revolts in his kingdom. Jews fought and won their independence under his rule.	✓ Per 2 Thess 2:8-12, his coming is with “all power and signs and lying wonders”, “with all deceit” so that those who do not love the truth will believe a lie

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10	v 11 – Throws down the sanctuary of God		✓ Defiled the temple by building an altar to Zeus over the altar of God and by sacrificing a pig on it	✓ Per Ch 9:26, his people will destroy both Jerusalem and the sanctuary
11		v 25 – Will be broken without human agency	✓ Died of an illness	✓ Per Ch 2, is destroyed by Jesus ("stone not cut by human hand")
14	v 14 – The holy place and the host will be trampled for 2300 evenings and mornings		× Maccabees is very clear that the desecration of the Temple lasted exactly 3 years to the day (1080 days). Even if you count the evenings and mornings individually and thus divide the 2300 by 2, you get 1150 days.	✓ Certainly could be a prophecy of the period pertaining to the Antichrist. We should keep this in mind as we study Revelation.