

***Question:** How has the Roman Catholic Church magnified themselves above God and cast the sanctuary and Truth to the ground?

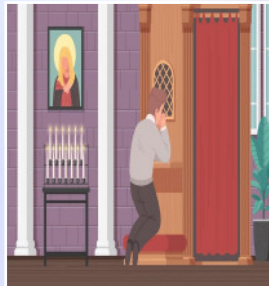
***Answer 1:** The Pope claims to be God .

***Catholic Quote:** "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh." -Catholic National, July 1895. "The Pope is of so great dignity, and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God. and the vicar of God." -Ferraris Ecclesiastical dictionary.



***Answer 2:** The Pope and Catholic priests claim to have power to forgive sins.

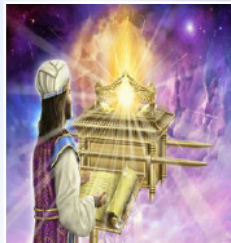
***Catholic Quotes:** "Don't go to God for forgiveness of sins, come to me." -Pope John Paul II, LA Times, 12-12-1984. "And God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priest and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse to give absolution, provided the penitent is capable of it." -Liguori, «Duties and Dignities of the Priest», p.27



9) Who does the Bible say is our only Mediator and High Priest that can give us forgiveness of sins? -1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrew 9:11, 12.

1 - "There is o_e M_diator betw_en God and men, the M_n Chr_st J_sus."

2 - Jesus Christ is our "Hi_h Pr_est of good th_ngs to come", not the Pope or Catholic Priest.



***Answer 3:** The Pope and Catholic Church symbolically cast down Jesus' sanctuary Truth by replacing Jesus with the Catholic priesthood as the mediator between God and man.

10) How long did the saint say that God would allow the sanctuary and Truth to be trodden under foot? -Daniel 8:13, 14.

1 - God promised that "unto t_o tho_sand and thr_e hundred d_ys, then shall the s_nctuary be cl_anse'd" from this corruption.

***Note:** God allowed the Catholic church to corrupt the Truth and trod down the sanctuary as a means to test God's people, but after 2300 prophetic days, the sanctuary would be finally cleansed from all this corruption and the Present Truth gospel message would be proclaimed all over the world! This will prepare the world for the coming of Jesus! The next lesson will thoroughly explain the 2300 day prophecy.

Appeal: Will you put your trust in Jesus to give you forgiveness of sins and salvation instead of man's corrupt counterfeit systems? ____.

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Build on the Rock Doctrinal Lesson Series 2023

Lesson 18:

"Treading Down the Sanctuary"



The Bible says that God's way is in the sanctuary. In Lesson 6, you learned about this important system that God set up for the purpose of teaching Israel the principles of the gospel. Unbeknownst to many, this earthly system was just a copy of the heavenly sanctuary, where Jesus is working as our high priest. Unfortunately, this sanctuary message has NOT only been overlooked by many, it has even been trodden down by a specific power! Who has trodden down the sanctuary and how have they done this? How long does the Bible say it will be trodden down? Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and find out!

1) While the children of Israel were in captivity to Babylonian rule, what did God show to Daniel? -Daniel 8:1-4.

1 - God showed Daniel a vision of a "r_m with two h_rns."

2 - Daniel saw the ram pushing "w__stward, and no__thward and so__thward so that no b__ast might st_nd bef__re him."



In 586 B.C., Jerusalem was besieged and the Israelites were taken captive.



***Note:** While in Babylonian captivity, Daniel received another vision of different beasts, similar to the vision of Daniel 7. Remember that a beast represents a political kingdom according to Daniel 7:17, 23. The first beast Daniel saw in this vision was a ram that dominated all the other kingdoms.

2) Who did the angel Gabriel say the ram represents? -Daniel 8:20.

1 - The Ram having two horns represents the kingdoms of "M__dia and P__rsia."

***Note:** God was revealing to Daniel that the next power to reign after Babylon would be Medo-Persia. Just as the prophecy predicted, Babylon was overthrown by Medo-Persia and reigned from 539 BC to 331 BC. The ram has two horns, representing the two kings - one of Medes, the other of Persia. One horn is higher, as the Persians were stronger than the Medes, yet arose to power after them.

3) As Daniel was considering, what did Daniel see arise from the west? What did it have between it's eyes? -Daniel 8:5

1 - Daniel saw a "he go_t" come "from the w_st on the face of the wh_le earth."

2 - The "go_t had a notable h_rn between his e_es."



4) What did Daniel see would take place between the Ram and He-goat? Who would be the victor? -Daniel 8:6, 7

1 - The He-goat "smote the r_m, and brake his t_o h_rns: and there was no power in the r_m to stand before him."

5) Who did the angel Gabriel say the He-goat represented? What did the horn between his eyes represent? -Daniel 8:21

1 - "The rough go_t is the king of Gr_cia."

2 - "The gr_at ho_n that is b_tween his eyes is the first k_ng."



Ancient Empire of Greece

*Note: As predicted in the Bible, Greece attacked the Medo-Persian Empire from the west and took control of the world, ruling from 331 BC to 168 BC. In the time when Daniel had the vision of the he-goat, Greece was a very weak and insignificant power, still recovering from the poverty of the Greek Dark Ages (1050 BC to 800 BC). Amazingly, Greece dominated the then-known world in a matter of only 8 years under the leadership of Alexander the Great, who is represented by the "great horn". With only 30,000 troops, Alexander the Great defeated 100,000 Persian soldiers in the battle of Guagamela in 331 BC.



6) What happened to the great horn of the He-goat? Who would take charge of Greece after that? -Daniel 8:8

1 - When the great horn "was strong, the great h_rn was br_ken; and for it came up f_ur notable ones toward the fo_r w_nds of heaven."

*Note: After Alexander the Great took over most of the world, he attended a dinner with a close friend. He engaged in heavy drinking during the long day event and became sick with fever. After ten days of sickness and fever, he died in early June of 323 B.C. The exact cause of Alexander's death is unknown. Historians have debated the issue for centuries, attributing it to poison, malaria, typhoid fever or other maladies. In fulfillment of Daniel 8, Alexander's four war generals took control of the kingdom after he died: Ptolemy, Seleucus, Cassander and Lysimachus. These four generals are a fulfillment of the "four notable ones" in Daniel 8:8.

7) What did Daniel predict would arise and grow to be "exceeding great"? What would it do to some of the hosts and stars? -Daniel 8:9, 10

1 - Daniel saw a "l_ttle ho_n" that would wax [grow] "exc_eding gr_at."

2 - The little horn would "c_st do_n some of the host and of the st_rs to the gr_und, and sta_ped upon them."



*Note: A little horn rises "out of one of them." The Hebrew pronoun "them" is masculine, while the Hebrew noun "horns" (Dan. 8:8) is feminine. Therefore, the "them" must NOT be referring to the horns, but rather, instead, one of the "four winds" (north, south, east or west), since the Hebrew noun "winds" can be masculine or feminine. In other words, this horn did NOT rise out of one of the 4 territories of Greece, but instead arose out of either the north, south, east or west of the earth. This little horn that grows to be exceeding great represents the rise of the Roman Empire in 168 B.C. Rome grew to be exceeding great as it dominated Egypt toward the "south", Syria and Palestine "toward the east, and toward the Pleasant Land." The "hosts and stars" being cast down to the ground represent the persecution of Christians by the Roman Empire during 1st and 2nd centuries of the early church. "Stars" represents God's people. "And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;"-Gen. 26:4

8) As the Little Horn power grew, who would this power magnify himself against? What would the little horn do to the sanctuary? What would it do to the Truth? -Daniel 8:11, 12

1 - The Little Horn would "magn_fy hims_lf even to the Pr_nce of H_st [Jesus]."

2 - The place of Jesus' "sanct_ary was c_st d_wn."

3 - He "cast the Tr_th to the gro_nd" and "pr_cticed and pr_spered."



*Note: After Rome fell in 476 A.D., it later changed it's form into a religious power, known as the Roman Catholic church. The hierarchal structure and many of the pagan customs were adopted by the Catholic Church under the leadership of Roman Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century. The little horn, initially, represents the pagan Roman Empire, but also represents the reign of the Roman Catholic Church during the Dark Ages. The previous kingdoms had magnified themselves against the other earthly kings of the world, but the little horn would "magnify himself even to the Prince of Host", who is Jesus Christ. The word "magnify" in this text means to boast, to exceed or to make larger than. The little horn would seek to place themselves above God and His Word, treading the Truth to the ground and corrupting the salvation message in the sanctuary.