

## **The Most Wonderful Prophecy in the Bible – WP**

**1WP – Daniel 8 3-14.** In Daniel 8 is recorded the vision wherein the prophet was shown the future under four graphic scenes. In the first, he saw a ram with two horns. In the second, a goat with a great horn between his eyes came from the west and completely overpowered the ram. After this Daniel saw this great horn broken and four other came up in its place on the head of this goat. In the third scene he saw a little horn which came forth from one of these four horns, and in the end became a greater power than either the ram or the goat. In the fourth scene he was told that unto 2300 days, then the sanctuary would be cleaned.

**2WP – Daniel 8:16.** The angel Gabriel was commanded to explain the meaning of these things.

**3WP – Daniel 8:20.** The ram was a representation of the kingdom of Medo-Persia which ruled the ancient world from 538 to 331 BC.

**4WP – Daniel 8:21.** The goat was Grecia, which conquered Persia in 331 BC, and the great horn on the goat was the first king of the Grecian world empire, Alexander the Great.

**5WP – Daniel 8:22.** The four horns which came up when the great horn was broken, were the four parts into which the Grecian Empire was divided after Alexander's death.

**6WP – Daniel 8:23.** The little horn that became greater than either the ram or the goat was the Roman power, which became greater than Persia or Grecia had ever been.

**7WP – Daniel 8:26,27.** Gabriel did not explain the 2300 days at this time because Daniel fainted when the angel reached that point in the vision.

**8WP – Daniel 9:20-22.** Shortly after this, Gabriel returned to Daniel to explain the 2300 days.

**9WP – Daniel 9:24.** Seventy weeks of the 2300 days were allotted to the Jews as their day of special opportunity. In Bible prophecy, according to the Bible rule of prophetic interpretation, we are to count each day for a year, Eze.4:6; Num. 14:34. So 70 weeks would be (7X70) 490 years, and 2300 days would be 2300 years. These 70 weeks would be the first 490 years of the 2300 years of Daniel 8:14.

**10WP – Daniel 9:25, first part.** This time period was to be reckoned from the time when the decree would go forth to restore and to build Jerusalem, which at the time of Daniel's vision was in ruins.

**11WP – Ezra 6:14; 7:6-8.** This decree, providing for the restoration of the Jewish state at Jerusalem, went forth in the autumn of 457 BC in the seventh year of Artaxerxes.

**12WP – Daniel 9:25.** The Messiah was to appear to men 69 weeks, or 483 years, from the time when that decree for the restoration of Jerusalem would go forth. 483 years from the autumn of 457 BC brings us to the autumn of AD 27, and at that very time Jesus was baptized and became the Anointed (Messiah, and Christ, both mean “anointed”, see John 1:41, margin in KJV) Matt. 3:16,17, Acts 10:38. Thus Daniel foretold 565 years beforehand the exact time when Christ, the Messiah, would appear to Israel.

**13WP – Mark 1:14,15.** Christ recognized that He appeared and began His work at the time that had been set or determined beforehand by the Lord through Daniel.

**14WP – Daniel 9:26,27.** In the middle of this 70<sup>th</sup> week, which began with the baptism of Jesus, the Messiah would cause the sacrifice of lambs as a sin-offering to cease by the offering of Himself as the sin-offering for man’s sins. The middle of this 70<sup>th</sup> week would be 3 ½ years from the autumn of AD 27, when the 69 weeks ended. That would bring us to the spring of AD 31. And at that very time, just as Daniel predicted, the Messiah was cut off, or crucified for our sins. The remaining 3 ½ years of this 70<sup>th</sup> week would bring us to the autumn of AD 34, when the time of Israel’s opportunity expired, and then the gospel was to go to the Gentiles. When you deduct the 70 weeks, or 490 years, from the 2300 years, you have 1810 years left. This 1810 added to 34, brings us down to the autumn of 1844, to the end of the 2300 days, or years, and to the time set for the cleansing of the sanctuary.