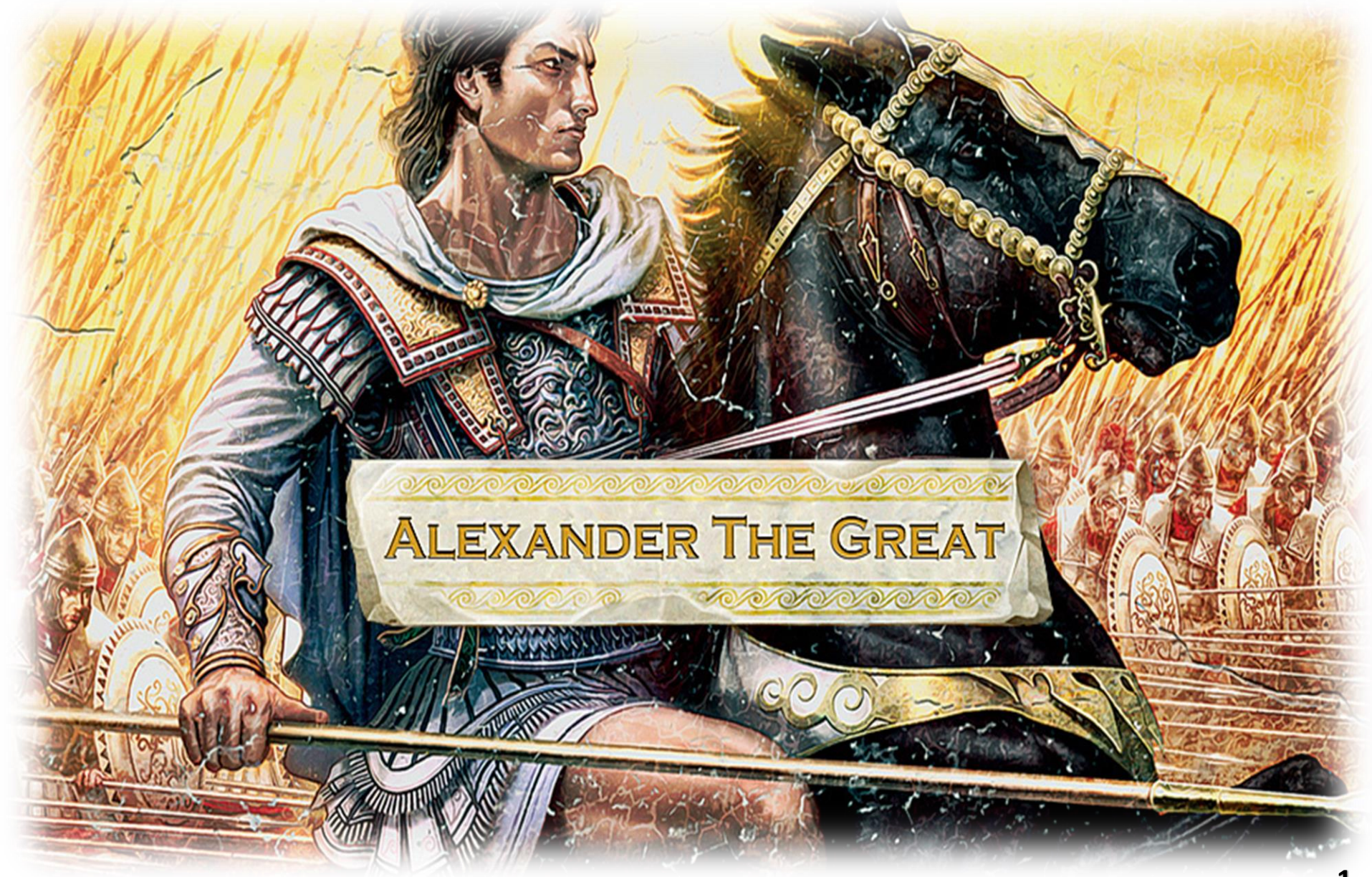


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⌚ Dan 8:1 *In the 3rd year* of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously.

Third year: this makes the present date **550BC**.

(McQuiggan). Belshazzar's total reign 553 BC- 539 BC. (NAS Inductive Study Bible)

Subsequent to the one— 2 years after the 4 beasts in chap 8 (*Belshazzar's 1st yr*)

Dan 4-7 Written in **Aramaic**.

Dan 8 -12 All Daniel's visions are grouped together here & written in **Hebrew**.



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Dan 8:2 *In my vision I saw myself [at] the **citadel of Susa** in the province of Elam...*

Apparently chap 7:1 was *dream* as he was asleep and chap 8:1 is a *vision* when he is awake.



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Dan 8:2 *In my vision I saw myself [in] the **citadel of Susa** in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the **Ulai Canal**. NIV*

Citadel of Susa – **Fortress at the Summer capitol of Persia, 200 mi SE. of Babylon.**

This bldg is modern.

Barnes

*AMP version: v2 And I saw in the vision & it seemed that I was **at** Shushan the ..fortress, which is **in** the province of Elam, & I saw in the vision and I was **by** the river of Ulai.*

*The **Ulai** is cited in an Assyrian inscription by **Assurbanipal** (Smith Bible Dict; Assurbanipal; p 130)*

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v.3-4 Then I lifted up my gaze and looked and behold, *a ram which had two horns..* the horns were long.. but one was longer. I saw the ram butting *west.. north and southward..*



Historical fact: Persia never advanced toward the east.

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v.5 *A male goat was coming from the west..*
without touching the ground. And he had a
conspicuous horn between his eyes



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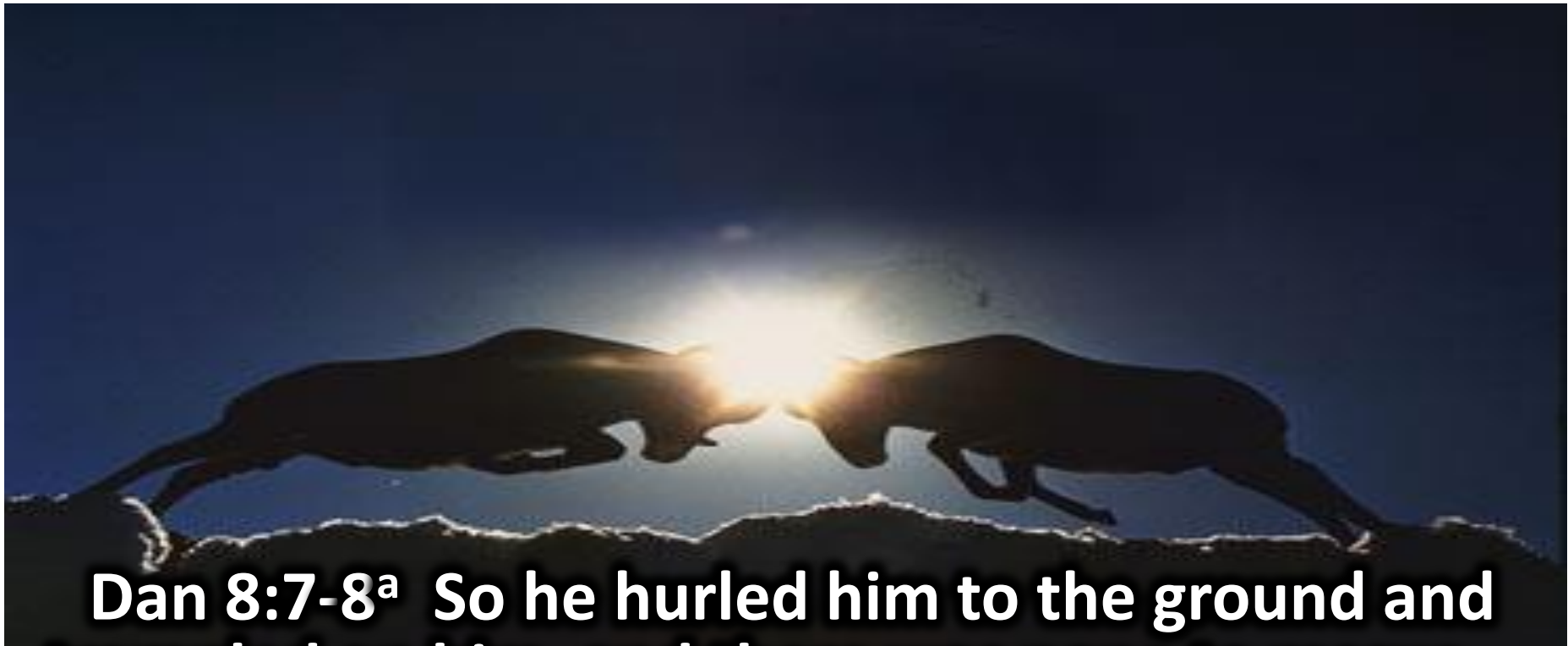
v.6-7 *And HE came up to the ram that had two horns*
.. And rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

After several attacks on Greece by *Persia*...
the *Greeks* were furious. — *Leupold*



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v.6 *And he came up to the ram that had two horns*
and rushed at him in his mighty wrath and
shattered his two horns.



Dan 8:7-8^a So he hurled him to the ground and
trampled on him, and there was none to rescue ...
Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly.

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Alexander was a **general** at age 16.
A **governor** at age 19, and **king** at 21.
He conquered the **world** by age 32.

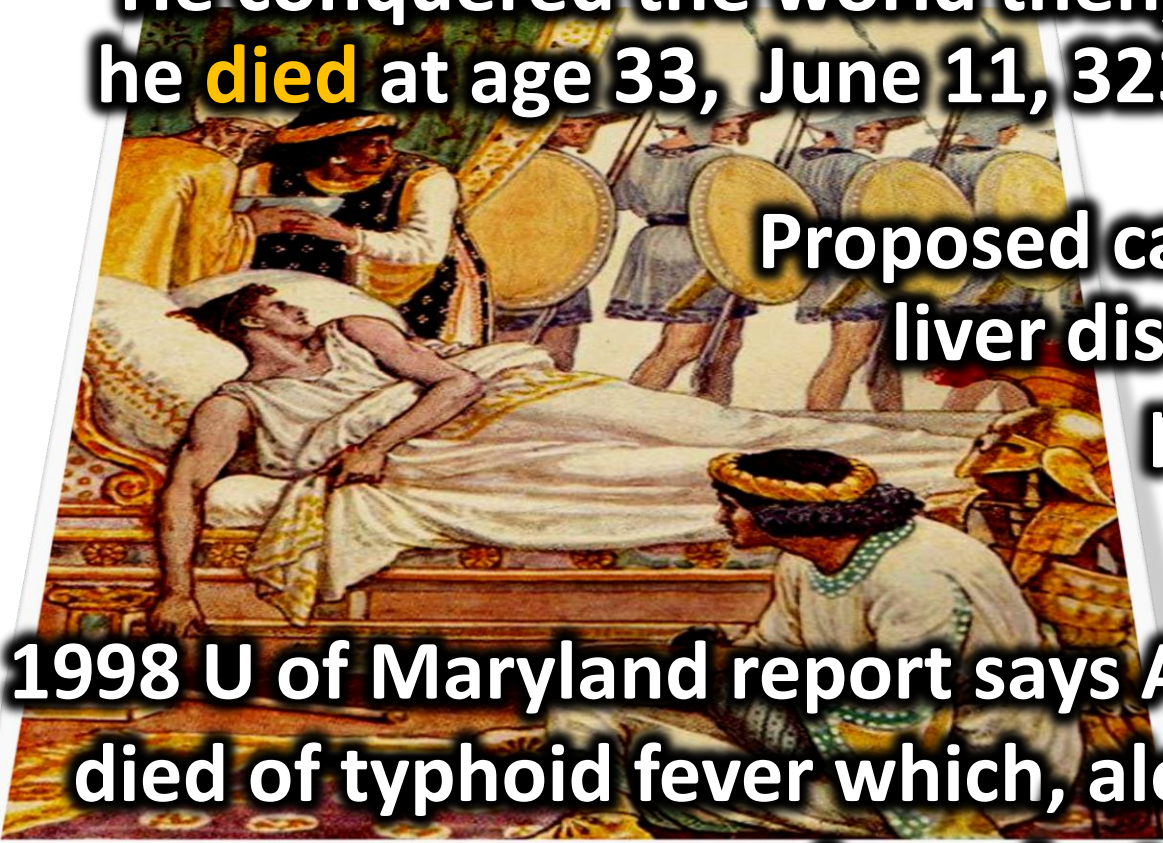
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v.8^b *But as soon as he was mighty*, the large horn was *broken*...

He conquered the world then, one year later, he **died** at age 33, June 11, 323 BC at Babylon.

Proposed causes are alcoholic liver disease or strychnine poisoning but with little support.

1998 U of Maryland report says Alexander probably died of typhoid fever which, along with malaria, was common in ancient Babylon.



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v.8^b But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up 4 conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

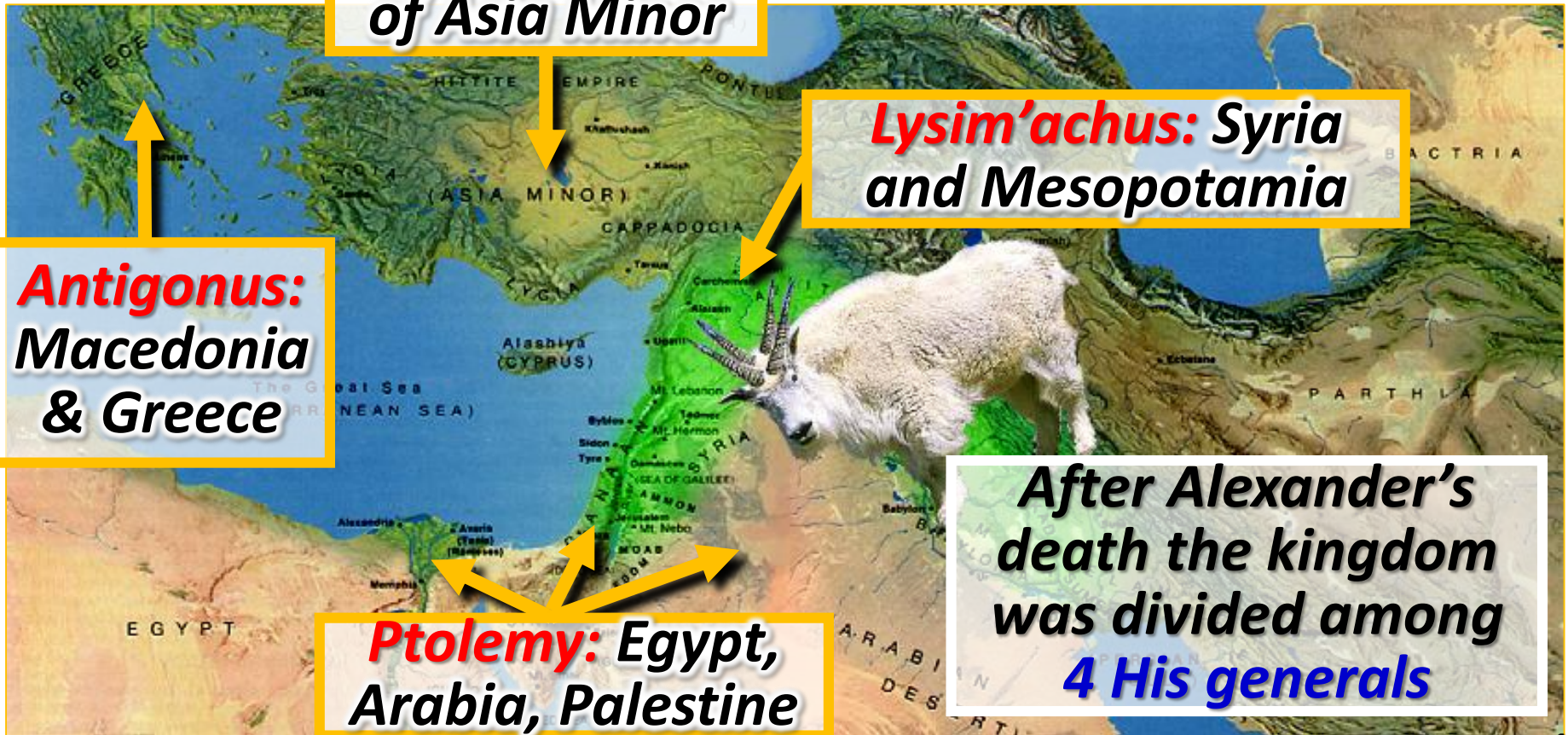
Seleucus: Most of Asia Minor

Lysim'achus: Syria and Mesopotamia

Antigonus: Macedonia & Greece

Ptolemy: Egypt, Arabia, Palestine

After Alexander's death the kingdom was divided among 4 His generals



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v.9 Out of one of them came forth a rather **small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south the east..** the beautiful land.

Small horn grew: Antiochus Ephiaphanes [*God Manifest*]

Reign: 175-164 BC:
Fifth ruler of Syria

Goal: Hellenize Kingdom
& destroy Jewish culture.

Personality:
Powerful, Cruel,
Conceited, Extravagant,
Tyrannical, Deceitful.

"Toward South"
Defeated Egypt
& gained
Palestine.

"Beautiful land"
Palestine a land
of milk & honey
(Ex 20:6)



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v. 10 Horn.. grew up to the host of heaven & caused some of the *host of heaven & some of stars to fall to earth & it trampled them down.*

“Host of heaven & stars to fall to earth & trampled”
ie Israel & its leaders

*(Dan 8:24) He will destroy
Mighty men and the
holy people.*

***Jews were
slaughtered
170 & 168 BC***

*(Gen 37:9) Joseph saw the
“sun, moon & 11 stars”
bowing down to him.*

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v. 11 It even magnified itself *to be equal to the commander of the host; & removed the regular sacrifice from Him, & the place of His sanctuary* was thrown down.

“Equal to the commander of the host” God Himself Lord of host used 239 times (Ps 24:10; Isa 1:9; etc)

Program:

Destroy all Jewish Resistance !

1 Macc 1:41-63

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- *Forbid Sabbath*
 - *Forbid all Feasts*
 - *Forbid Sacrifices*
 - *Forbid Circumcision*
 - *Forbid Copies OT*
 - *Desecrate the Altar*
 - *Mount Idol on Altar*
 - *Priests' Chambers demolished*
 - *Removed gold*
 - *Gates Burned*
 - *Temple Closed 3 yrs*

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v. 12 *On account of Transgression* the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice, and it will fling truth to the ground, perform its will and prosper.

Reason:

*God didn't lack power!
The people were sinning.*

Note:

*Degradation in Malachi
(Mal 1:7-8, 10, 13).*



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v.13-14 *How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply* so as to allow both the holy place & the host to be trampled? And He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings & mornings..."

2,300 = 6 1/3 years
not quite 7 yrs.

7 Used for "Completeness"

Dan 3:19	7 x Hotter
Dan 4:23	7x Times pass
Mt 18:21	7x Forgive
Rev 1:4	7 Churches
Rev 1:4	7 Spirits
Rev 1:12	7 Gold lamps
Rev 1:20	7 Stars
Rev 5:1	7 Seals
Rev 8:6	7 Trumpets

Compare (Rev 12:6)

1,260 = about 3 1/2 yrs

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The Maccabean Wars Begin

Temple Defiled = 167-165 BC.

Matthias had 5 zealous sons

Judas Maccabeus became leader after father's death



**Read
1 Macc 2-3**

The Maccabean resistance was victorious !

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Dan 8:15 I sought to understand it...16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, "*Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision.*"

16 *Gabriel* (also occurs in Dan 9:21; Lk 1:19, 26)

17 *Time of the end* Near the end of Jewish system.

18 *Deep sleep* (Dan 8:27) Exhausted and sick

20 *Ram* 2 Horns = Kings of *Media & Persia*

21 *Goat* = Alexander of *Greece* & next 4 kings

23 *King* skilled in intrigue = Antiochus Epiphanes

24 *Not by his own power* God's providence (Isa 10)

