

DANIEL - The “Daily” -Paganism and the Little Horn (Daniel 8:9-13)

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Daniel 8 and 9 provide direction for this church as a compass directs a ship. Our pioneers were virtually unanimous in their understanding of these chapters.

“The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith. This subject . . . is the central pillar that sustains the structure of our position at the present time. {Ev. 221)

An Analysis and Explanation of Daniel 8:9-13

The Principle of Repeat and Enlarge in the Book of Daniel

<u>Dan 2</u>		<u>Dan 7</u>	<u>Dan 8</u>
Babylon	- Gold	Lion	
Medo-Persia	- Silver	Bear	- Ram
Greece	- Brass	Leopard	- Goat
Pagan Rome	- Iron	Dragon	- Little Horn / Daily
Papacy	- Iron/Clay	Little Horn	- Little Horn / Transgression of Desolation

Daniel 8

Vs. 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].

One of them = one of the divisions of Greece in the Macedonian empire
Little Horn = **Pagan Rome**

Pagan Rome

Rome took over

Papal Rome Vs.10 And **it** {female form of the word} waxed great, [even] to the host of heaven; {i.e the desolating power of the papacy tramples on God's people} and it cast down [some] of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

'Cast down' H7993 - to be cast (metaphorically)

Pagan Rome Vs. 11 Yea, **he** magnified [himself] even to the Prince of the host, [crucified Christ] and by **him** 'the daily' [H8548] *ha tamid* (noun -Pagan Power) [*sacrifice*] was taken away, [H7311 H7311] (to set up, be exalted, haughty) and the place of his sanctuary [H4720] (Rome temple/Pantheon) was cast down.

How?

He/Him = Pagan Rome

Means base or headquarters. Linguistic evidence could support pioneer's view that *miqdash* here is the dedicated place of paganism.

'taken away' - in chp. 8 is different than in chp 11 &12. In Dan. 11:31, this phrase 'taken away' (sur) actually means 'taken away'. But in chp 8, it is a different Aramaic word, it is the word (Rûm) meaning 'to exalt or set up, to go on high, lift up'.

Sanctuary has two words in Aramaic: 'miqdâsh' or 'qôdesh'
Miqdâsh H4720- can symbolize a palace or a fortress - pagan temple; but it never refers to God's temple.
Qôdesh H6944- always refers to God's sanctuary temple in O.T.

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Papal Rome Vs. 12 And an host was given [him] {pronoun is 'her' } against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and **it** cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

Vs.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** (noun -Pagan Power) [*sacrifice*], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary [H4720] (Rome temple/Pantheon) and the host to be trodden under foot?

8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Subtle Danger

For those who are pushing in the church the interpretation that these verses refer to Christ ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, they are saying in essence, that these sanctuary (which as we've seen here, is the Pantheon/paganism/Satan); hence, they are mixing Christ and paganism.

In the book of Daniel, 'the daily' can refer to Paganism in general, but in particular refers to Pagan Rome.

Next week, we will be looking at the beginning of the Investigative Judgment—when and how we come to October 1844. The central pillar of God's Remnant, Seventh-day Adventist Church.