

# Daniel 8:13–14 | Warfare in the Sanctuary



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# Daniel 8:13-14



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 sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? (14) And he said unto me, **Unto two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

# Two Thousand Three Hundred days?

H6153

עֶרֶב

'ereb

eh'-reb

From H6150; **dusk**: - + day, **even (-ing, tide)**, night.

Total KJV occurrences:  
134

H1242

בֹּקֶר

bôqer

bo'-ker

From H1239; properly dawn (as the break of day); generally morning: - (+) day, early, **morning**, morrow.

Total KJV occurrences: 214

Two Thousand Three Hundred Evenings and Mornings?

# Ambiguity with Evenings and Mornings?

'ereb  
Evenings

eh'-reb  
and

עֶרֶב

בֹּקֶר

bôqer  
Mornings

bo'-ker

- Is one evening and one morning counts as one evening and morning or two evenings and mornings?
- Are these literal days or epochal days such as year-days or thousand-year-days?

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, positioned centrally. The background is a vibrant, abstract composition. At the top, a large, glowing sun or moon in shades of yellow and orange is partially obscured by soft, teal-colored shapes that resemble the outlines of the Americas. Below the dove, a large, stylized sunburst or starburst pattern radiates from the center, with rays extending outwards. The overall color palette is warm and bright, featuring yellows, oranges, and teals. The text 'Some Interpretations' is overlaid on this background in a dark teal, serif font with a white outline.

**Some  
Interpretations**

# Seventh Day Adventists



- Based on William Miller's teaching
- Asserts 2300 year-days.
- Dated from Artaxerxes decree in 457BC to 1844
- Miller believed that Christ would return on October 22, 1844
- In the aftermath of the "Great Disappointment," Seventh Day Adventism changed doctrine to mean cleansing of Heavenly Sanctuary

# Seventh Day Adventist Interpretive Problems



- Artaxerxes decree in 457BC to 1844 does not seem relevant.
- This text says nothing about Christ's Return.
- The cleansing of Heavenly Sanctuary would not take over 180 years to complete God's work on earth.

# Antiochus Abomination of Desolation



- Assumes literal days and an earthly sanctuary.
- Antiochus DID desecrate the Temple
- If 2300 refers to days or evenings – mornings collectively (hendiadys), then it fails to apply to Antiochus as the timeline fails.
- Antiochus desecration of the Temple was from December 167BC – December 164 BC

# Antiochus IV Abomination of Desolation



- If 2300 refers to each evening as a single individual unit and each morning as a single individual unit, then it would fit Antiochus' timeline (about 1150 days).
- Antiochus is truly a type of Antichrist
- Antiochus, however, is inadequate to explain other facets of "the little horn."

# Did Antiochus IV Do this?



Therefore the he goat waxed **very great**: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the **four winds of heaven**. (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. (10) And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them...

# Did Antiochus IV Do this?



...(11) Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. (12) And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

# Pergamon as the Little Horn?



**Daniel 8:21–25** And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. (22) Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. (23) And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up...

# Pergamon as the Little Horn?

Daniel 8:21–25 ...(24) And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. (25) And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.



# Pergamon as Satan's Seat



Revelation 2:12–13 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; (13) I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, **even where Satan's seat is:** and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, **where Satan dwelleth.**

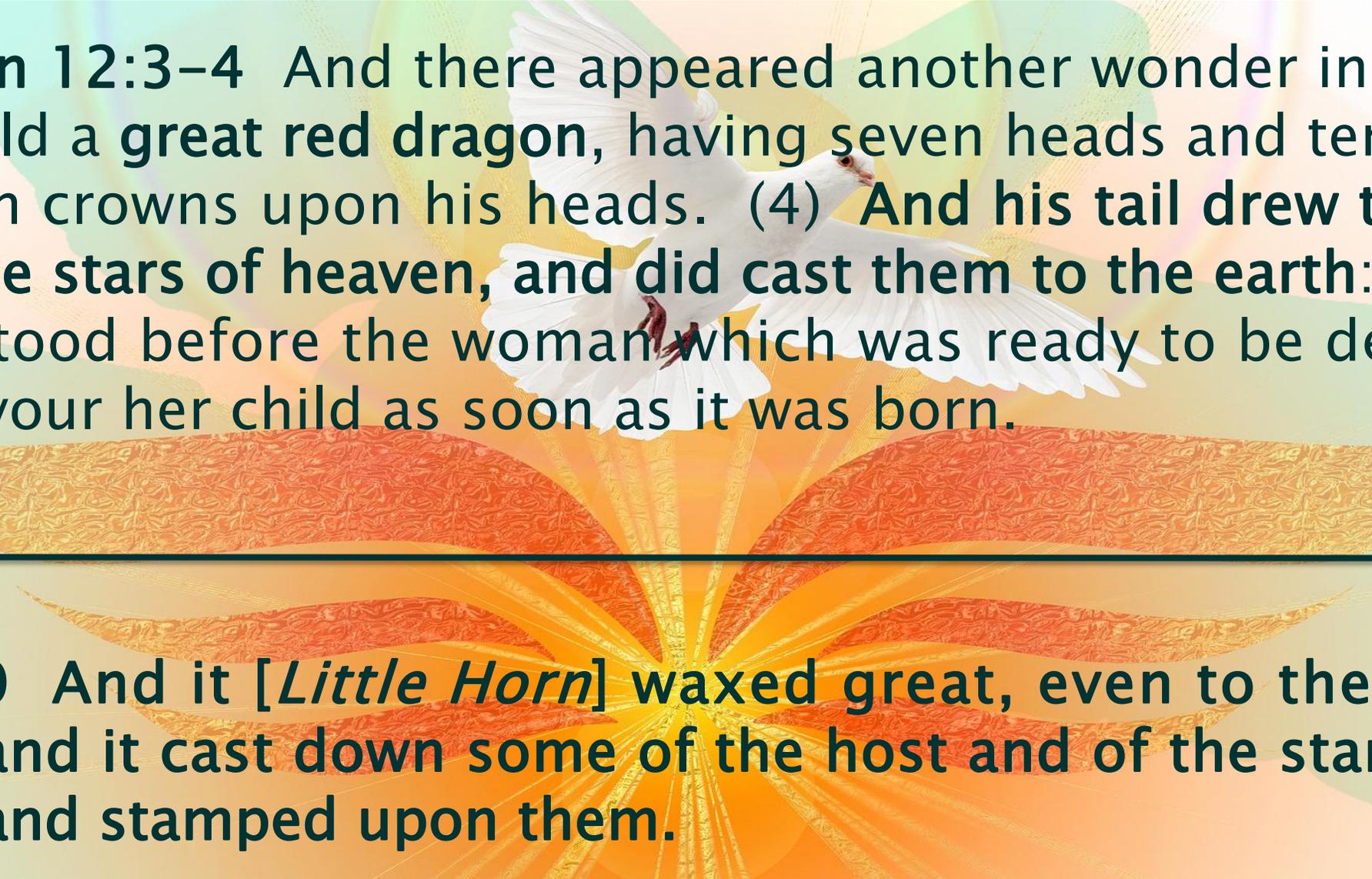
# Pergamon is Satan's Seat

- Pergamon was a tiny kingdom who emerged out of the four horns
- Pergamon played a strategic role in the rise of Rome to world power, facilitating the uproot of three of the four horns (compare and contrast to little horn in Dan 7:25)
- Pergamon was a religious center devoted to Greco-syncretism importing Mystery Babylon)



# The Little Horn is Double Entendre

**Revelation 12:3–4** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (4) **And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:** and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.



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**Dan 8:10** And it [*Little Horn*] waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

# Double Entendre as Parallel Physical and Spiritual History

- Pergamon was a tiny kingdom whose strategic actions set the stage for the End Times
- Antiochus IV did the one action of the Little Horn Pergamon failed to do.

➤ **Parallel to the machinations of human kingdoms is the work of spiritual powers in the world.**

- Parallel to a 2300 evenings and mornings for the earthly sanctuary is a 2300 year-days for the Heavenly Sanctuary



# The 2300 War in Heaven?

**Revelation 12:7–11** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down**, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

