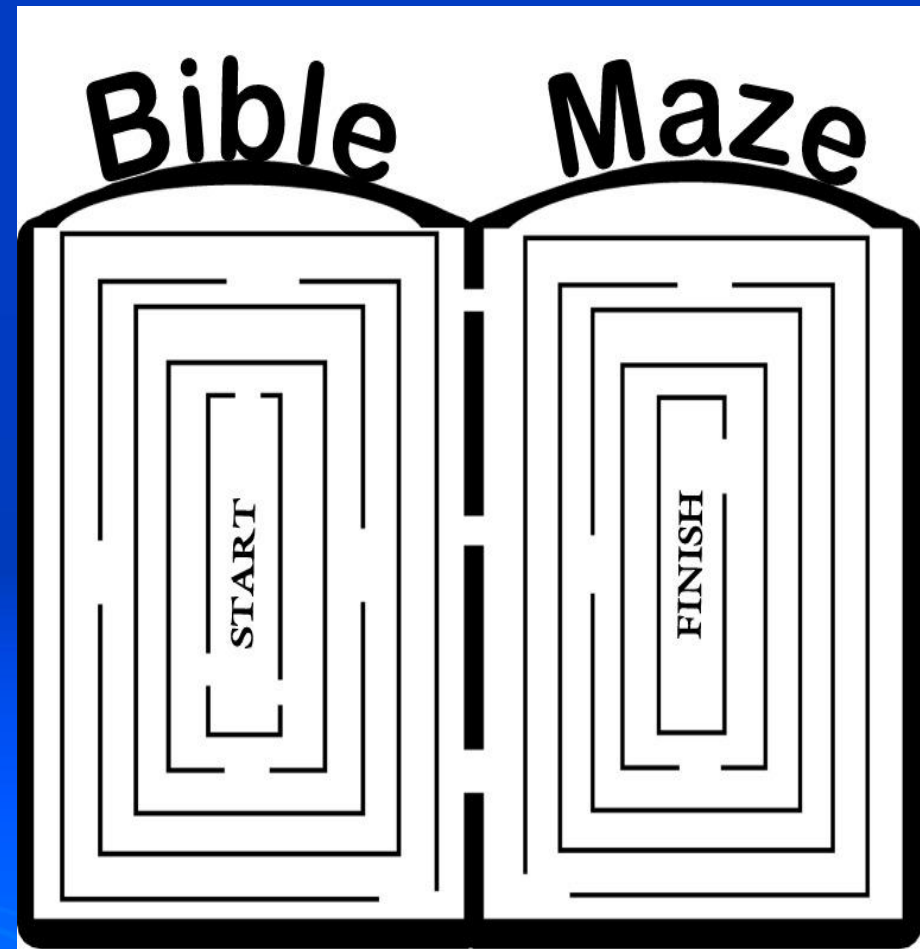


DANIEL CHAPTER 8: PART MAZE, PART PUZZLE

- World History:
- Secular: random, linear, non-repeating, human affairs
- Biblical: divinely controlled, pattern-based, God's plan of redemption
- Chapter 8 shifts to a Jewish / Kingdom of God focus
- Language is now Hebrew
- Daniel to receive 3 more visions, while serving 3 different masters: Belshazzar, Darius the Mede, Cyrus the Persian



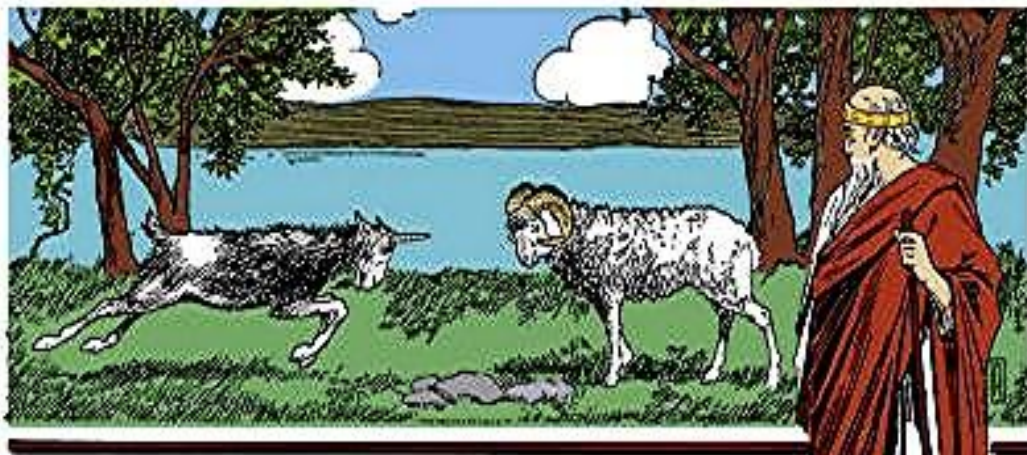
JEWES DID WELL IN BABYLON

- Dan. 8 God's deliverance of Israel cannot refer to the Babylonian exile
- The catastrophe for the Jews was loss of Judah, the Temple and Priesthood, no atonement for 70 years
- But in far later times, a ruler will try to exterminate all Jews and Israel
- Zech. 14 This ruler will be winning, but then the Ancient of Days will come and rescue His people
- Kingdom of God established



DANIEL'S 2ND VISION

- 2 years after 1st vision
- **Hazon** = revelation
- Seems similar to John's NT Revelation vision
- Rev. 1:1
- Shushan, capital of Elam
- Shushan = Susa = Shush
- When Persia conquered Babylon, Shushan became Persia's capital
- Daniel's tomb located in Shushan but he's not in it



**VISION OF THE RAM
THE GOAT, AND LITTLE HORN**



RAM PERSIA'S GUARDIAN SPIRIT

- Ram = silver arms and chest = bear
- The 2nd gentile kingdom
- Zoroaster 1000 years before Daniel
- Ized Behram = ram god
- One Ram, with 2 horns
- Horn = kingdom and/or king
- Long horns = powerful





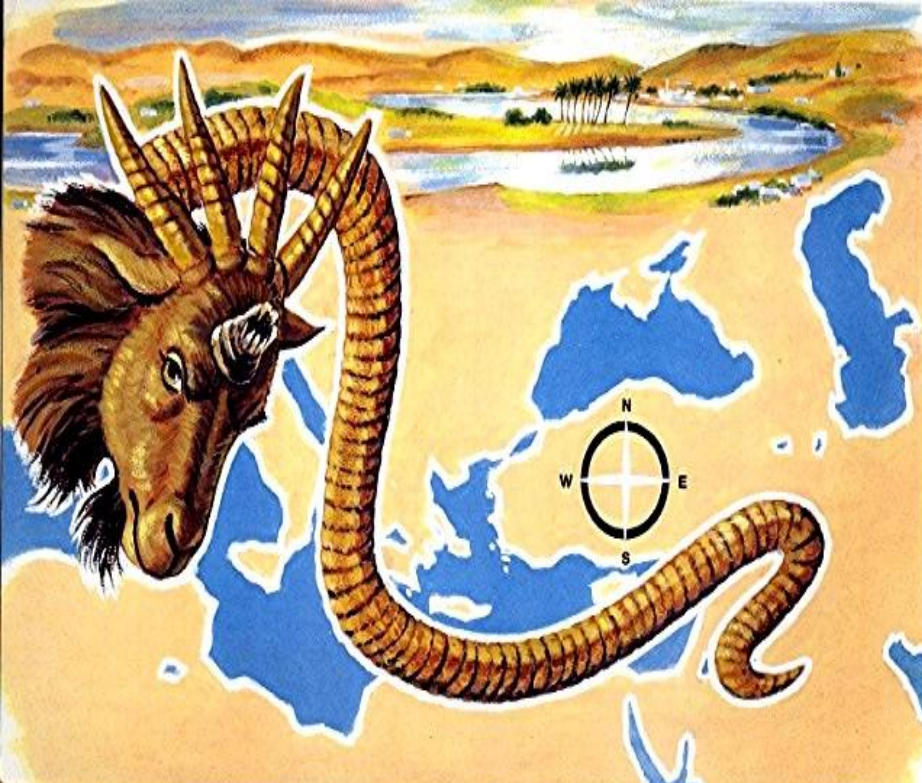
THE GOAT FROM THE WEST



- The goat = the 3rd beast, a leopard with 4 heads and 4 bird's wings
- Wings enable it to soar over the land at lightening speed
- Goat = Macedonia-Greece
- Single horn = Alexander the Great
- June 323 B.C. Alexander died in his bed before he was 33
- The horn died, but the goat remained alive and healthy

DIADOCHOE: THE 4 SUCCESSORS OF THE EMPIRE





LITTLE HORNS OF DANIEL 7 & 8 THE SAME HORN?

- No...these are different “little” or “small” horns
- If horns are the same, then the 4th kingdom is NOT Rome, but Greece!
- Dan. 7 horn on 4th empire
- Dan. 8 horn on 3rd empire
- Dan. 7 horn sprouts from 10 horns
- Dan. 8 horns sprouts from 1 of 4 horns





- **HaTsebe** = Glory, Splendor, Desire, Pleasant land, etc.
- Indicates the Holy Lands
- Small-horn ruler will throw down stars and hosts of heaven
- Reality of Duality = physical has a spiritual parallel
- Similar to Nimrod who challenged God

REALITY OF DUALITY

HEAVEN AND THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

SPIRITUAL REALITY



PHYSICAL REALITY



- Verse 24 expands and explains verse 15
- The might and holy ones (vs.24) means the stars and hosts of heaven (vs. 15)
- The “small horn” challenges the prince of princes
- He invades God’s sanctuary and stops the sacrifices



"AND INDEED IT SO CAME TO PASS,
 THAT OUR NATION SUFFERED THESE THINGS UNDER
 ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES, ACCORDING TO DANIEL'S VISION,
 AND WHAT HE WROTE YEARS BEFORE, THEY CAME TO PASS..."

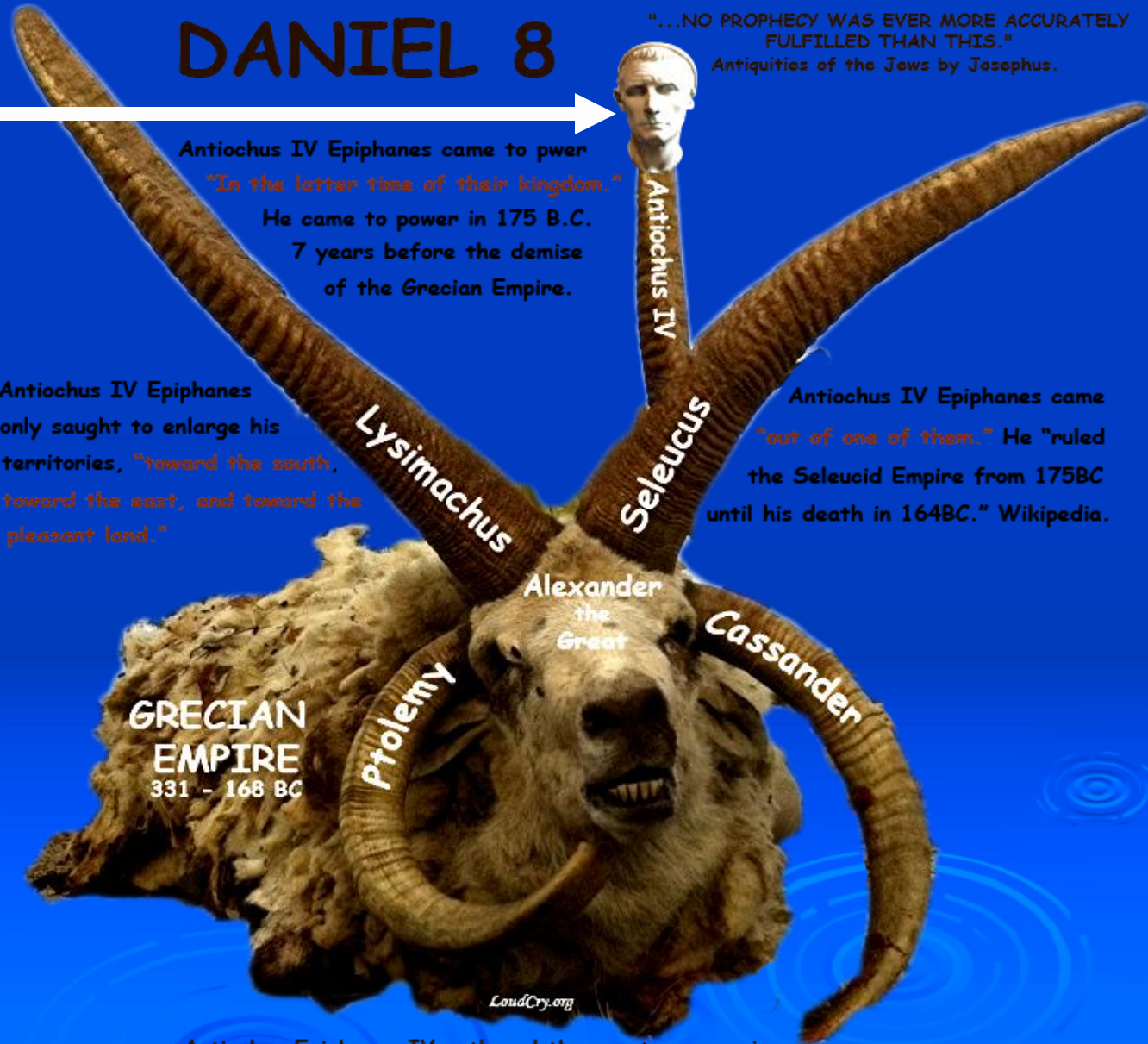
DANIEL 8

"...NO PROPHECY WAS EVER MORE ACCURATELY
 FULFILLED THAN THIS."
 Antiquities of the Jews by Josephus.

Antiochus IV Epiphanes came to power
 "In the latter time of their kingdom."
 He came to power in 175 B.C.
 7 years before the demise
 of the Grecian Empire.

Antiochus IV Epiphanes
 only sought to enlarge his
 territories, "toward the south,
 toward the east, and toward the
 pleasant land."

Antiochus IV Epiphanes came
 "out of one of them." He "ruled
 the Seleucid Empire from 175BC
 until his death in 164BC." Wikipedia.



GRECIAN
 EMPIRE
 331 - 168 BC

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Antiochus Epiphanes IV outlawed the sanctuary services
 171 B.C.. 2300 days later on the well established date of
 December 25, 165 B.C., the temple was cleansed and its services were restored

➤ Smaller horn
 of Greece is
 Antiochus
 Epiphanies IV

➤ 1st Macc. 1