

THE TIME OF THE END, Part 2

(Daniel 8)

Central Idea: *We know God is in control and is faithful to His word. He will bring about the future as surely as He accomplished the past.*

I. Review

A. Perspective

❖ For Daniel:

❖ For us:

B. Focus

C. Meaning of Daniel's Vision: Ram and Goat (3-8; 20-22)

- ❖ two-horned ram: Medo-Persia (Darius/Cyrus)
- ❖ one-horned goat: Greece (Alexander the Great)
- ❖ four horns: Ptolemy, Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus

II. Appearance/Reign of the “Little Horn” (9-14, 23-25)

A. Not the same as the “little horn” of Daniel 7

B. Boastful “little horn” – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (9-14)

Fellowship Group Discussion Questions

1. In light of what Daniel 8 teaches, share something for which you are thankful (i.e. that God is sovereign).
2. Why do you think God has shared a passage like this with us? (What impact would it have on Daniel, on Jews in the days of Antiochus IV and on believers today?)
3. What insight does Ex 29.42-46 give us about the importance of the daily offerings to the spiritual health of the people of Israel? How does that speak to the importance of this prophecy?
4. What aspects of God's nature are emphasized in this passage?
5. God knows the future. Why is that truth so significant for you to remember right now with what is happening in your life?
6. It's not difficult to think through history and remember people who acted with evil intent and affected the lives of thousands or even millions of people. How should we think about God's sovereign use of individuals like this (i.e. Antiochus Epiphanes or the Antichrist)? What perspective does this chapter give us in understanding how a good God can allow for and use evil?

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Daniel 2 (metals)	Daniel 7 (animals)	Daniel 8 (animals)	Nations
Head of gold	Lion with eagle's wings		Babylon
Chest/arms of silver	Bear with 3 ribs	Ram with two horns	Medo-Persian
Belly/thighs of bronze	Leopard with four wings	Goat with large horn	Greece
Legs of iron/Feet of iron and clay	Beast with iron teeth and ten horns		Rome (historical)

Meaning of Ram and Goat in Daniel 8

VISION	INTERPRETATION
RAM	Medo-Persia
<i>with two-horns</i>	<i>Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian</i>
GOAT	Greece
<i>with one-horn</i>	<i>Alexander the Great</i>



GREECE

MEDIA

EGYPT

PERSIA

INDIA

THE GRECIAN EMPIRE

“four horns” of Daniel 8

Cassander
Macedonia

Ptolemy
Egypt

Lysimachus
Thrace & Asia Minor

Seleucus
Syria (including Israel)

“four horns” of Daniel 8



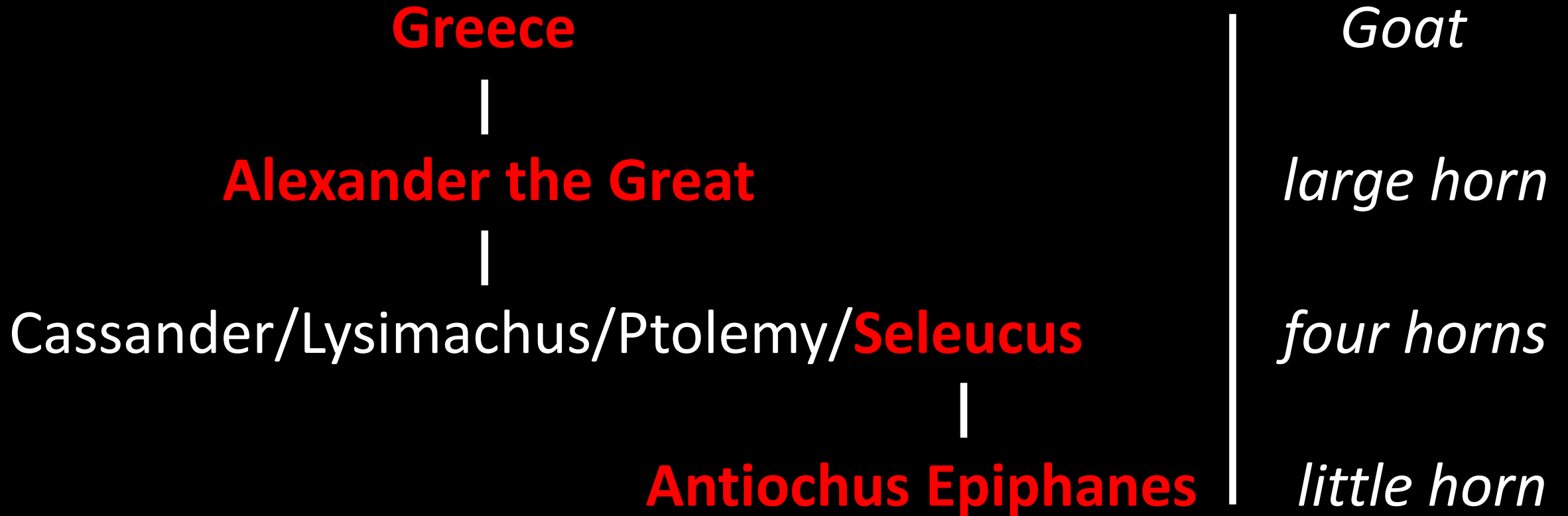


Seleucus

SEA

Antiochus IV Epiphanes

The “little horn” of Daniel 8



“little horn” in Daniel 7 and Daniel 8

Daniel 7

Origin: fourth beast – Rome

Comes out of the beast - the empire itself

Associated with 10 other horns

Interpretation: Antichrist

Daniel 8

Origin: third beast – Greece

Comes from one of the four horns

Interpretation: Antiochus IV

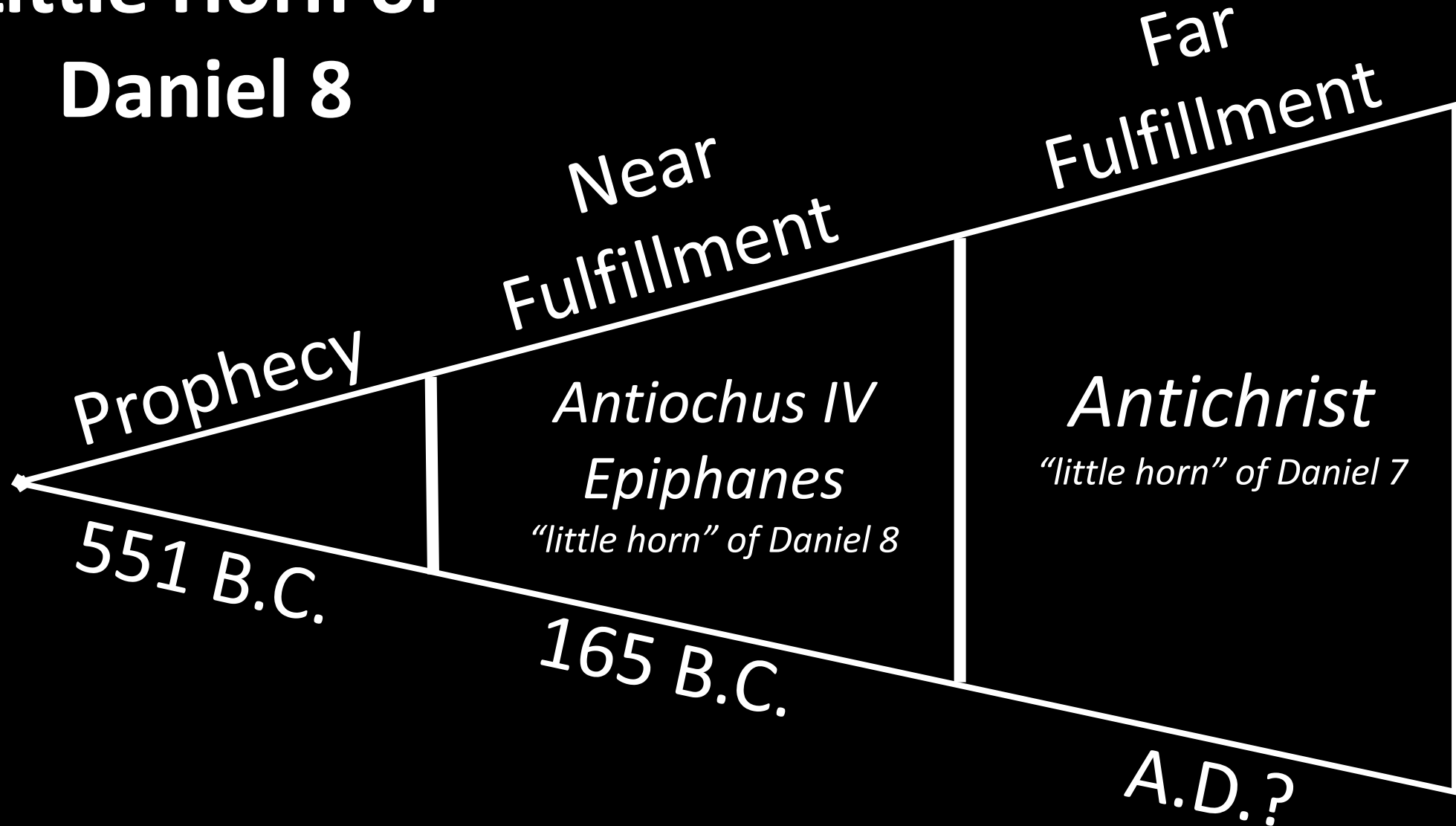
Structure of Daniel 8

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Little Horn of Daniel 8



Boastful “little horn” – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (9-14)

8.9

- insignificant start
- 8th ruler of Seleucid Greek Empire
- ruled from 175-163 B.C.
- conquests: south: Egypt; east: Persia and Armenia
Beautiful Land: Palestine (spiritual significance)

Boastful “little horn” – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (9-14)

8.10

- *host/stars* = the persecuted Jewish saints in Palestine
- *trampled them down* = severe persecution
- 1 and 2 Maccabees tell of slaughter of 80,000 men, women, children, even infants
- outlawed the Hebrew Scriptures
- killed those who observed the Sabbath and circumcision

Boastful “little horn” – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (9-14)

8.11

- *Commander of the host* = God
- considered himself equal to God (Epiphanes = God Manifest or the Glorious/Illustrious)
- *removed the regular sacrifice* = stopped Jewish sacrifices – the morning and evening sacrifices the priests offered each day on behalf of the nation (167 B.C.)
- *place of His sanctuary thrown down* = desecrated the temple: set up an image of Zeus and sacrificed a pig on the altar

Boastful “little horn” – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (9-14)

8.12

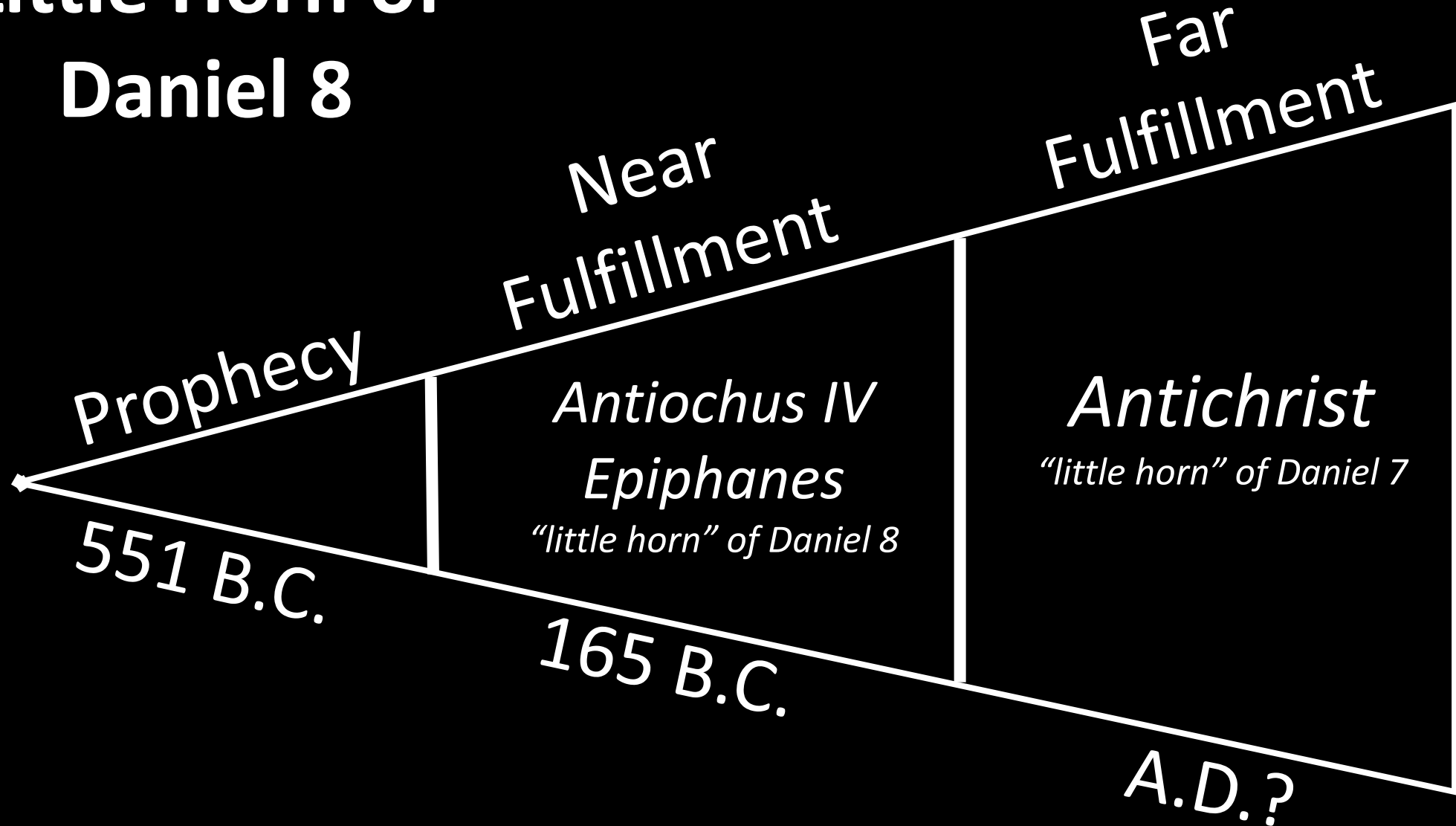
- *on account of transgression* = sins of the Jewish people (according to 1 and 2 Mac. many in Israel were not faithful and adopted the idolatrous Greek religion)
- stopped the sacrifices
- *fling truth to the ground* – the books of the law which they found were torn to pieces or burned with fire
- he would do as he pleased and prosper

Boastful “little horn” – Antiochus IV Epiphanes (9-14)

8.13-14

- How long would temple worship cease and the persecution of the saints continue?
- *2300 evenings and mornings* =
 - understood figuratively?
 - 1150 days, a little more than 3 years?
 - 2300 days, 6 years and almost 4 months?
- *properly restored* = Judas Maccabeus cleansed and rededicated the temple on December 14, 164 B.C. (celebrated today as the Feast of Hanukkah)

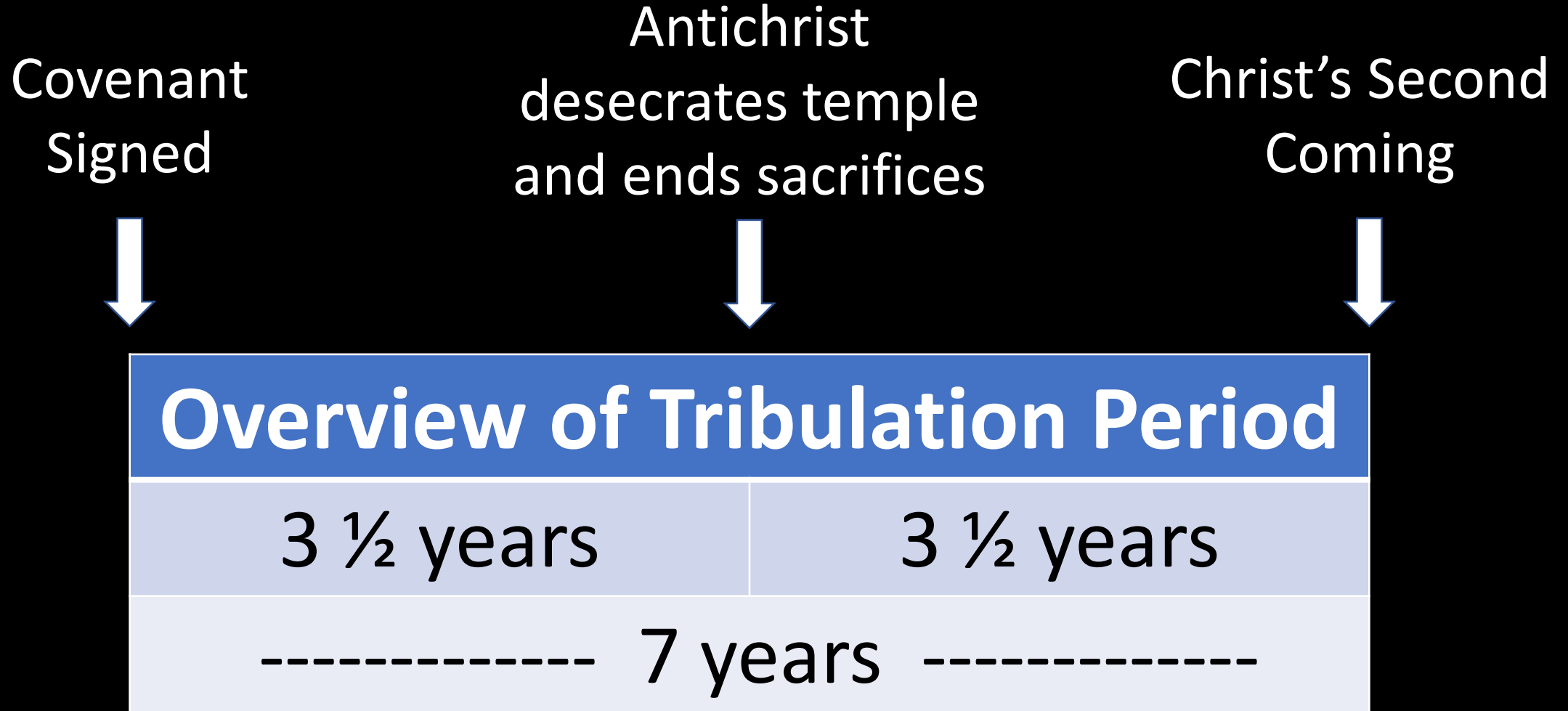
Little Horn of Daniel 8



Boastful “little horn” – a future king (23-25)

8.23-25

- He will achieve great power by subduing others (24)
- He will rise to power by promising false security (25)
- He will be intelligent and persuasive (23)
- He will be controlled by another, that is, Satan (24)
- He will be an adversary of Israel and subjugate Israel to his authority (24-25)



Boastful “little horn” – a future king (23-25)

8.23-25

- He will rise up in opposition to the Prince of princes, the Lord Jesus Christ (25)
- His rule will be terminated by divine judgment (25)