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8:17, 19 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that **the vision is for the time of the end.**" 19 He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the **latter end** of the indignation, for it refers to the **appointed time of the end.**"

8:24-26 His power shall be great— but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. 25 By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. 26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, **but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.**" ESV (emphasis added)

Daniel's Vision of the Little Horn...Dan.8:8-26

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After that what happens? **8:9**

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He is 'broken' (dies) and kingdom is divided into (4) parts, N, S, E, W. Four generals.

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Out of one of the four came a little horn (leader) which grew exceedingly, -> Israel.

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Magnified ~ Christ!, removed sacrifices, desecrated sanctuary, decimated Israel.

Historically, who fulfills most of this prophecy? Comment?

It's mostly fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes. Some parts (vs.10, 11a) seem beyond him.

What are some things he does?

Burned Jerusalem, murdered multitudes, sacrificed sow in temple, set up Zeus, etc .

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Understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end. Beyond Antiochus. To the end

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He is a type, a shadow of the ultimate little horn, 7:23-27. Like any type, not absolute!

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The vision refers to latter end of the indignation, to the appointed time of the end!

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It made Daniel sick! We have a certain hope, all in Christ. Trials, yes. Ultimate victory!!