

# DANIEL 8 & 9

The Second Vision of Daniel

# Daniel



- Setting:

- Daniel has experienced part of the prophecy in Chapter 7 coming to pass. Belshazzar was in his first year of reigning as King of Babylon when the Daniel had his first visions of the Four beasts. Now he is in his Third Year, and the Bear has come to devour.
  - The Medo-Persians had become supreme.

# Daniel 8:3-4



- *“Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.”*
- ▣ Gabriel tells us that the ram with two horns represents the empire of the Medo-Persians.
- ▣ The Medo-Persians are noted as often carrying a golden ram’s head with them to battle.

# Daniel 8:3-4



- Similarities between the Ram and the Bear
  - 2 sides – One higher than the other. – Daniel 7
  - 2 horns – One higher than the other. – Daniel 8
    - The horns represent the fact that Media was the dominant force, and then joined forces with Persia. However, even though Media was the original powerhouse, Persia eventually became the larger of the two.

# Daniel 8:3-4

- *“I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.”*
  - ▣ West: Babylonia, Syria, Asia Minor, and made raids upon Greece
  - ▣ North: Armenia, Scythia, and the Caspian sea region.
  - ▣ South: Egypt and Ethiopia.
  - ▣ No other kingdom could resist the Medo-Persian Empire.

# Daniel 8:5-8



- *“And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.”*
- *“Then he came to the ram that had two horns which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.”*

# Daniel 8:5-8

- *“And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.”*
- *“Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.”*

# Daniel 8:5-8



- Gabriel explains that the Goat specifically represents the Greek empire. - v5
- The Goat came out of the west which illustrates the position of Greece to Persia.
- With the noticeable Horn representing the first king, better known as Alexander the Great. – v5

# Daniel 8:5-8

## □ Similarities between the Goat and the Leopard

1. The animals are both Swift.
  1. Wings in Chapter 7
  2. Never touches the Ground in Chapter 8
2. The animals are both filled with Rage.
  1. Leopard temperament – ch. 7
  2. Goat was filled with rage – ch. 8
3. The animals both depicted Alexander's Successors.
  1. Leopard four heads – ch. 7
  2. The one notable horn was replaced by four – ch. 8

# Daniel 8:9-14

- 9 *And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.”*
- 10 *And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.”*
- 11 *He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.”*
- 12 *Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.”*
- 13 *Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?”*
- 14 *And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; a<sup>1</sup> then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”*

# Daniel 8:9-14

- Out of the four horns one grew to become very large and powerful.
  - ▣ Out of the four successors of the great Alexander one would emerge with an unusual significance.
  - ▣ Antiochus IV Epiphanes was important because of his exploits against the inhabitants of Palestine.
  - ▣ He Made many conquests toward Egypt, Persia, Parthia, Armenia, and Palestine.
    - Palestine is known as the “beautiful land” because of its spiritual significance.
    - God had chosen it as the center of his operations on the earth and because his people lived there.

# Daniel 8:9-14

- Antiochus would come to Rule over the Holy land which would have a massive impact on the Jewish nation.
  - Antiochus killed a number of Jews.
  - Demolished the services of the temple causing all sacrifices to cease.
  - Eventually set up an altar to Zeus.
  - It was approximately 6 years 4 months later when the torment of the Jews would end, December 164

*This time period is remembered by the celebration of Hanukkah.*