

The Vision Of The Ram And The Goat – Daniel 8:1-27

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Introduction

1. In Daniel chapter 8 we see Daniel relates another vision in which two kingdoms are described. These are the same kingdoms we have already seen In Daniel 2 and 7....

I. The Vision Described (v1-14)

- a. Date Of The Vision
 - i. This would be around 552 B.C. two years later than the vision in Daniel 7
- b. Details Of The Vision
 - i. In the vision Daniel saw himself in Shushan (Susa) (v2)
 - ii. He saw a two-horned ram (v3-4)
 1. This represents the same world power in Daniel 2:32; 7:5 which is the Medo-Persian Empire.
 - iii. He saw a one-horned male goat (v5)
 1. This represents the Greeks
 - iv. He saw the goat defeat the ram (v6-7)
 1. This was done by Alexander the Great
 - v. He saw a little horn come out of the four with great power
 1. This represents Antiochus Epiphanes a very evil king from the Seleucid branch of Alexander's Empire.
 - vi. Daniel then had a conversation between two holy ones (v13-14)
 1. There is no certain meaning to the numbers (but many suggestions)

II. The Vision Interpreted

- a. Gabriel Assigned To Explain The Vision
- b. Gabriel Explains The Vision
- c. Effect On Daniel

III. Conclusion

- a. This vision is probably the easiest to understand of the four visions Daniel saw...
 - i. The identity of the ram and goat are clearly given
 - ii. History confirms what is described in this vision
- b. The purpose of the vision was to prepare the people for what was to come.
- c. For us we are reminded to be faithful even in times of persecution or wars. For God will be faithful to redeem the righteous.