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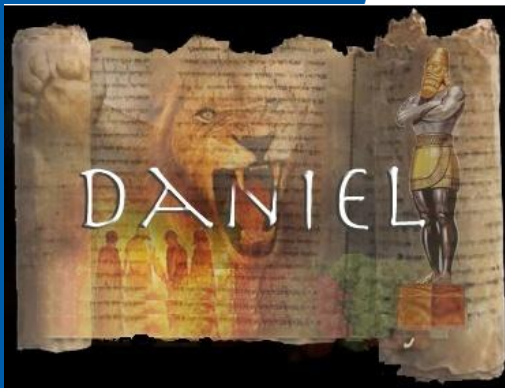
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How the West Won

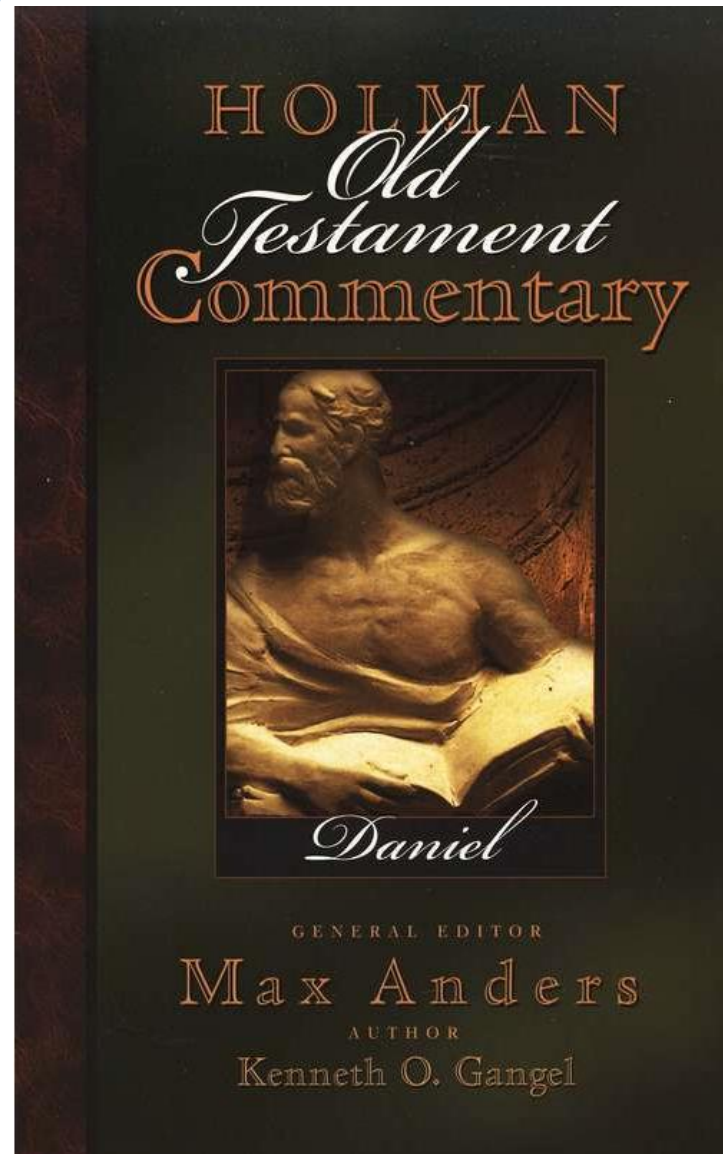
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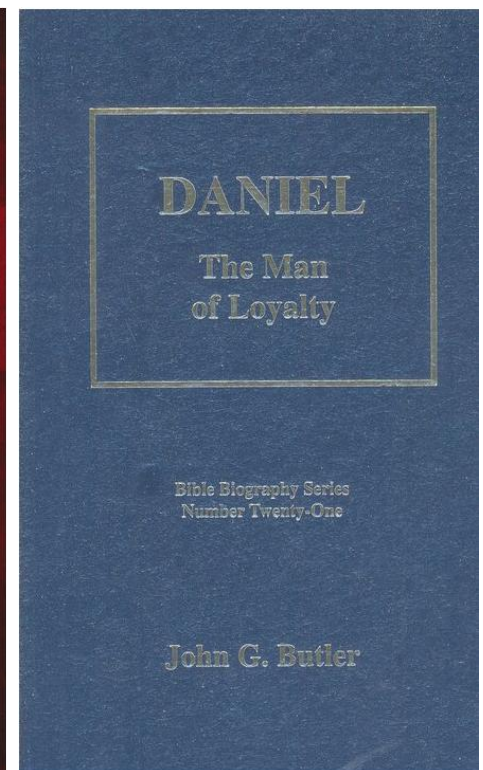
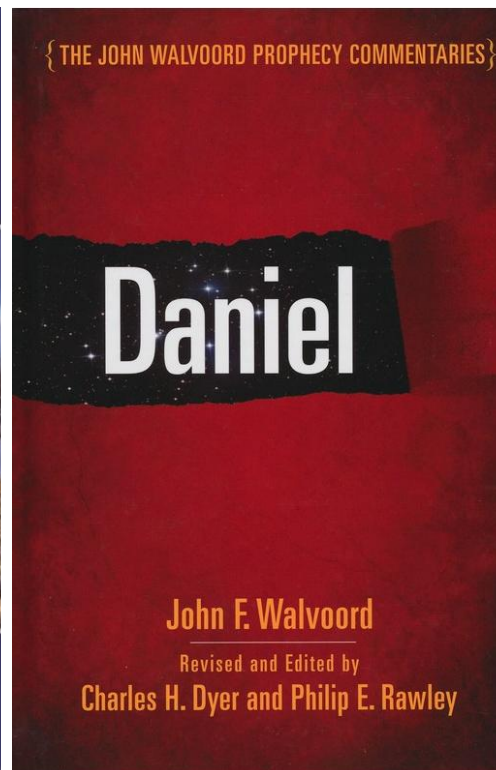
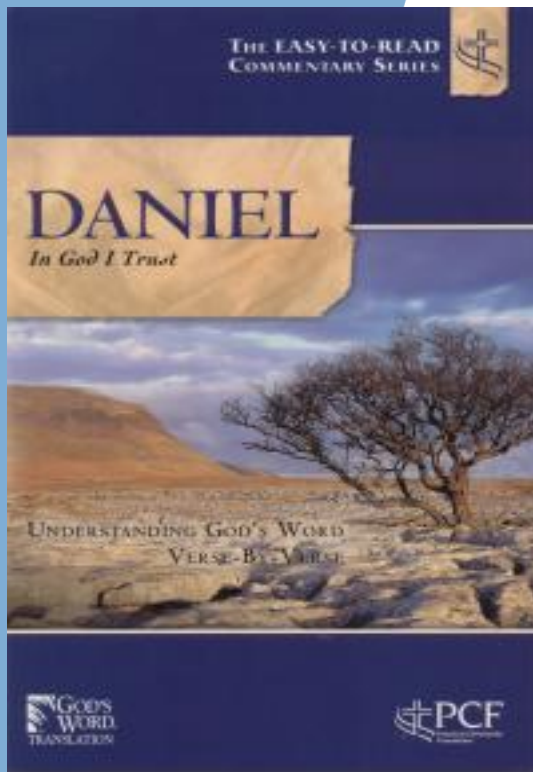


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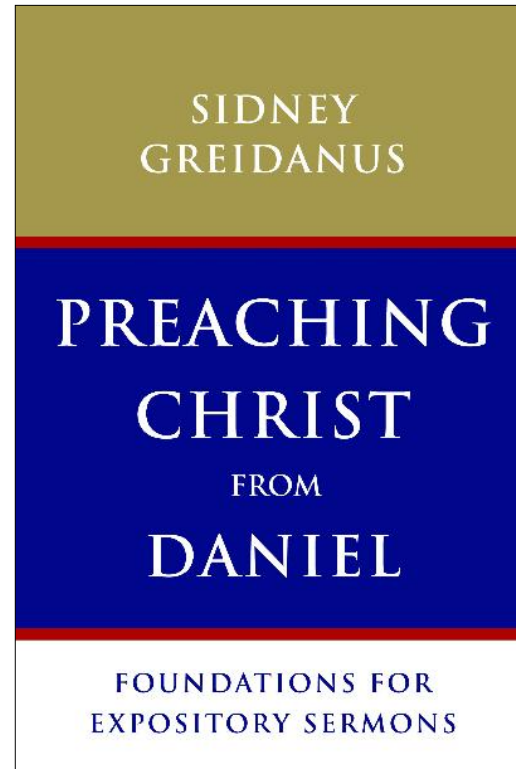
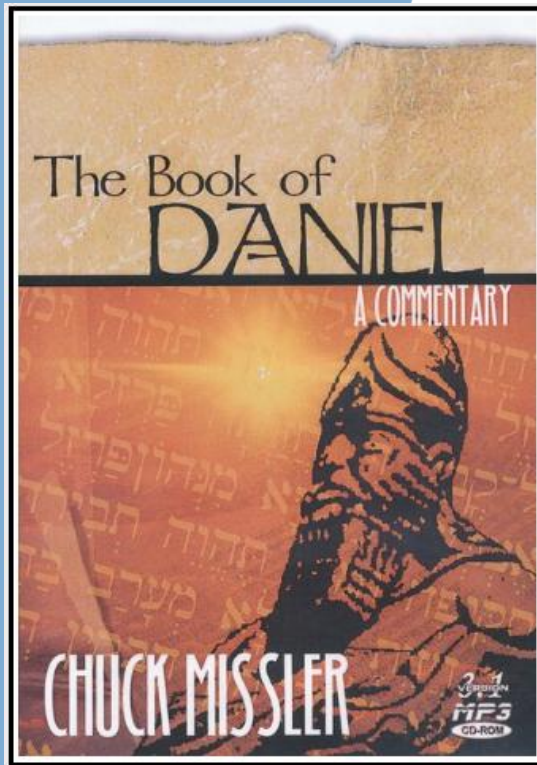


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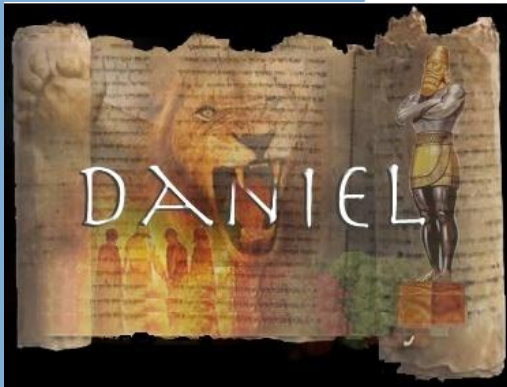


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THE BOOK OF DANIEL





Course Outline

Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



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This weeks lesson.

Book of Daniel - Structure



Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew	Aramaic							Hebrew			
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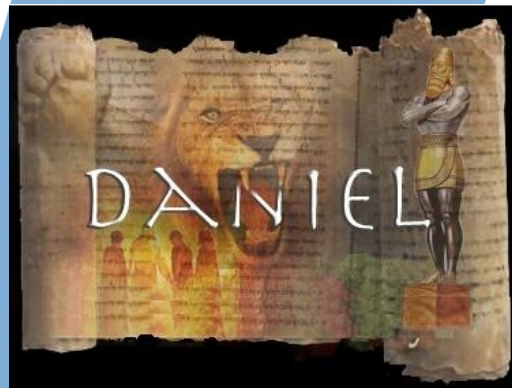
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Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.



How the West Won

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 8:1-27

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

Daniel 8:1-14 - NKJV



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--- Daniel 8:1-2 ... NKJV

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--- Daniel 8:3-4 ... NKJV

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

Daniel 8:1-14 - NKJV



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--- Daniel 8:5 ... NKJV

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Daniel 8:1-14 - NKJV



6 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. **7** 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.

--- Daniel 8:6-7 ... NKJV

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

Daniel 8:1-14 - *NKJV*



⁸ 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. 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*.

--- Daniel 8:8-9 ... *NKJV*

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

Daniel 8:1-14 - NKJV



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.

--- Daniel 8:10-11 ... NKJV

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

Daniel 8:1-14 - NKJV

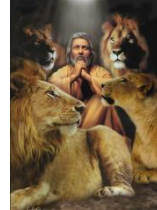


12 Because of transgression, an army was given over *to the horn* to oppose the daily *sacrifices*; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did *all this* and prospered.

--- Daniel 8:12 ... NKJV

Vision of a Ram and a Goat

Daniel 8:1-14 - NKJV



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; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

--- Daniel 8:13-14 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. **16** And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this *man* understand the vision."

--- Daniel 8:15-16 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end.”

--- Daniel 8:17 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. **19** And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*.

--- Daniel 8:18-19 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



20 The ram which you saw, having the two horns—*they are* the kings of Media and Persia. **21** And the male goat *is* the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that *is* between its eyes *is* the first king. **22** As for the broken *horn* and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

--- Daniel 8:20-22 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



23 “And in the latter time of their kingdom,
When the transgressors have reached their
fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce
features, Who understands sinister schemes.

24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his
own power; He shall destroy fearfully,
And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy
the mighty, and *also* the holy people.

--- Daniel 8:23-24 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



25 “Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

--- Daniel 8:25 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV



26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For *it refers* to many days *in the future.*"

--- Daniel 8:26 ... NKJV

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27 - NKJV

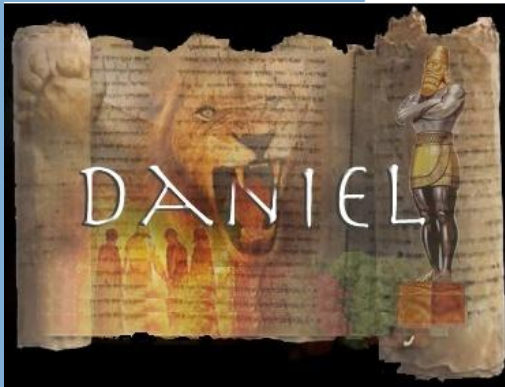


27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

--- Daniel 8:27 ... NKJV



Lesson Outline



Lesson 13 - Outline



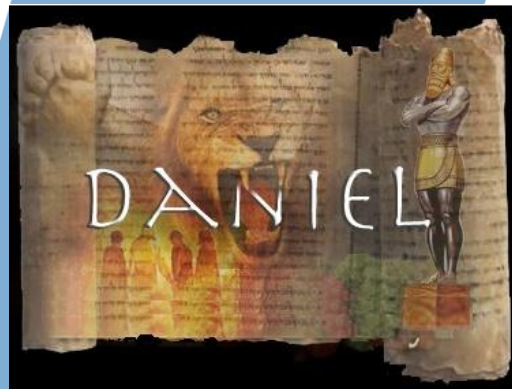
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Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.



How the West Won

Vision of the Ram and the Goat

Daniel 8:1-7

Lesson 13 - Outline



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Daniel 8:1 - Observations



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■ Chapter Context

- Transitioning back from Aramaic to the Hebrew language
- Chapter 7 - Gentile world powers from Babylon to the Final Kingdom
- Chapter 8 - Persian to Greek transition of world super-powers

✓ Alexander the Great

✓ The four leaders of Greece

- Cassander : West - North West
- Lysimachus : North
- Seleucus : East
- Ptolemy : South-South West

✓ The Grecian little horn

- Antiochus IV Epiphanes ... 175-163 BC
- Not to be confused with the little horn of Chapter 7
 - » Final Kingdom little horn (Antichrist)

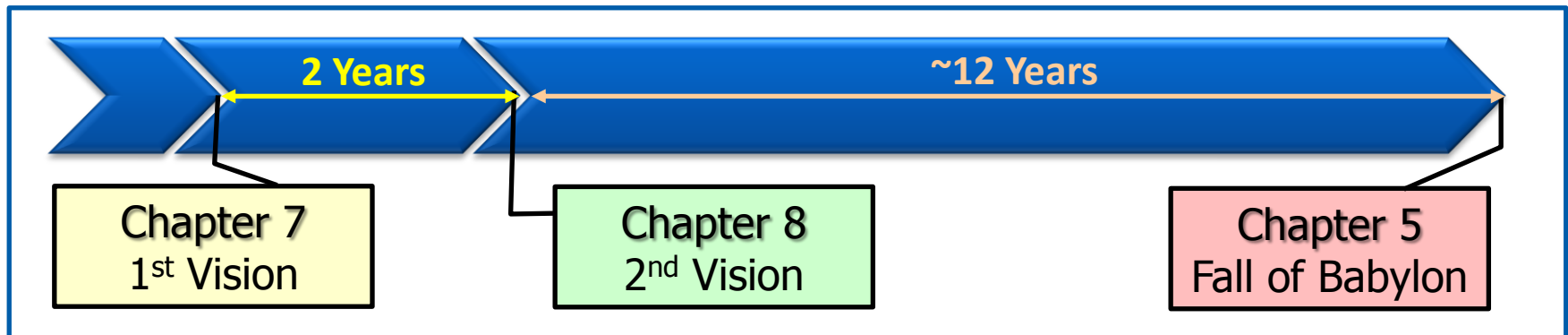


Daniel 8:1 - Observations



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- In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar
 - Time marker
 - ✓ Two years after the Four Great Beasts vision of Daniel Chapter 7
 - ✓ 3rd year of Belshazzar's reign ... Circa 550 BC
 - ✓ ~12 years before the Great Feast of Belshazzar - Daniel Chapter 5



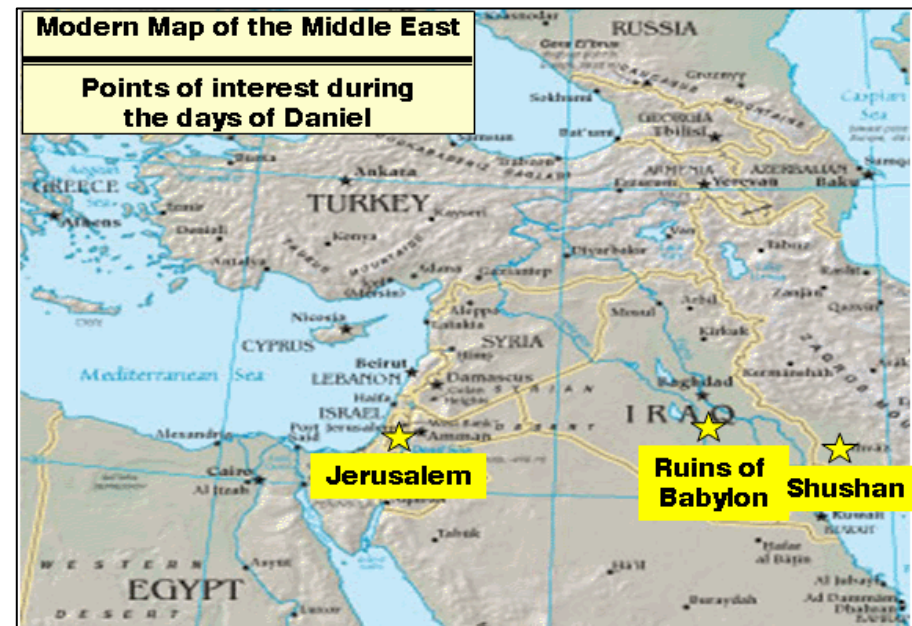
Daniel 8:2 - Observations



²I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I *was* in Shushan, the citadel, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

■ Daniel is in Shushan

- Daniel's vision has him in Shushan
 - ✓ The citadel
 - ✓ In the Province of Elam
 - ✓ By the River Ulai
- Scholars are uncertain if Daniel
 - ✓ Was physically in Shushan
 - King's Business
 - ✓ Spiritually transported to Shushan
 - ✓ What do you think?



Daniel 8:2 - Observations



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■ Where in the world is Daniel?

- Shushan ... aka Susa
- ~220 miles east of Babylon
- ~150 miles north of Persian Gulf
- Was capital of Elam
- Southwestern Persia (*Iran*)
- Darius I built a 2-acre palace
 - ✓ Enlarged by Xerxes
 - ✓ Home of Esther
- Scripture References
 - ✓ Nehemiah 1:1
 - ✓ Esther 1:2-5; 2:3-5
- Citadel
 - ✓ Fortified fortress and palace complex



- Traditional burial place of Daniel
- In 1901
 - ✓ Discovered famous Code of Hammurabi

Daniel 8:3 - Observations



³ 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.

- Daniel sees the Ram standing beside the River Ulai
 - Ram has two horns
 - ✓ Two Horns were high - *Horns represent power, kings, kingdoms*
 - ✓ One was higher than the other - *Unequal in height*
 - ✓ Higher one came up last - *Did not rise simultaneously*
 - Ram represents the Medo-Persian Empire
 - ✓ Similar to the 2nd beast of Daniel chapter 7 - *Bear raised up on one side*
 - ✓ Cyrus the Great
 - 1st galvanized the Persians - initially smaller than the Medes
 - Then united the Medes into a single kingdom
 - » Father was Persian - *Cambyses I*
 - » Mother was a Mede - *Mandane*
 - Eventually the Persian portion of Kingdom dominated

Profile - Cyrus the Great



Cyrus the Great

King of Kings of Persia, King of Āryāvarta,^{[1][2]} King of Anshan, King of Media, King of Babylon, King of Sumer and Akkad, "King of the Four Corners of the World"^[3]



Reign	559 BC – 530 BC (30 years)
Born	600 BC or 576 BC
Birthplace	Anshan, Persia
Died	4 December, 530 BC ^[4]
Place of death	Along the Syr Darya
Buried	Pasargadae
Predecessor	Cambyses I
Successor	Cambyses II
Consort	Cassandane
Issue	Cambyses II Bardiya Artystone Atossa Roxane ^[5]
Royal House	Achaemenid
Father	Cambyses I
Mother	Mandane of Media

Cyrus the Great

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Cyrus II of Persia (Old Persian: 𐎠𐎼𐎷𐎡𐎴 ^[6] *Kūruš*; New Persian: کوروش بزرگ c. 600 BC or 576 BC–530 BC^[7]), commonly known as **Cyrus the Great**,^[8] also known as **Cyrus the Elder**, was the founder of the [Achaemenid Empire](#).^[9] Under his rule, the empire embraced all the previous civilized states of the [ancient Near East](#),^[9] expanded vastly and eventually conquered most of [Southwest Asia](#) and much of [Central Asia](#) and the [Caucasus](#). From the [Mediterranean sea](#) and [Hellespont](#) in the west to the [Indus River](#) in the east, Cyrus the Great created the largest empire the world had yet seen.^[10]

The reign of Cyrus the Great lasted between 29 and 31 years. Cyrus built his empire by conquering first the [Median Empire](#), then the [Lydian Empire](#) and eventually the [Neo-Babylonian Empire](#).

Cyrus the Great respected the customs and religions of the lands he conquered.^[22]



Cyrus the Great

Daniel 8:4 - Observations



⁴I 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.

■ The Ram is on the Move

- Pushing westward, northward, and southward - not *Eastward*
 - ✓ Persia did not move eastward to conquer
- No animal could withstand him
 - ✓ Animal
 - Kingdoms
 - Peoples, nations
 - ✓ The “him” refers to
 - The kings of Persia
 - » Achaemenid Period of Persian Rule



Profile - Achaemenid Empire (550-330 BC)

Reign (BC)	King	Note
640-580	Cyrus I	
580-559	Cambyses I	
559-530	Cyrus the Great	Killed in battle of Massagetes.
530-522	Cambyses II	Died en route to put down a rebellion.
522-522	Bardiya	Killed by Persian aristocrats.
522-486	Darius I – Darius the Great	
485-465	Xerxes I – Ahasuerus	Killed.
465-424	Artaxerxes I	
424-424	Xerxes II	Killed by Sogdianus.
424-423	Sogdianus	Killed by Darius II.
423-404	Darius II	
404-358	Artaxerxes II	
358-338	Artaxerxes III	Killed.
338-336	Artaxerxes IV	Killed
336-330	Darius III	Killed by Artaxerxes V
330-329	Artaxerxes V	Killed by Alexander the Great [330-323 BC]

**BABYLONIAN
EMPIRE**

**PERSIAN
EMPIRE**

**GREECIAN
EMPIRE**

Daniel 8:5 - Observations



⁵ 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.

■ Suddenly the Male Goat Appears

- Suddenly - *an indicator of speed*
- Came from the west - *Greece is on the move from the west to the east*
- Across the surface of the whole earth - *vast kingdom coming*
- Without touching the ground - *another indicator of great speed*
- Notable horn between his eyes - *represents the 1st great king of Greece*
 - ✓ Alexander the Great

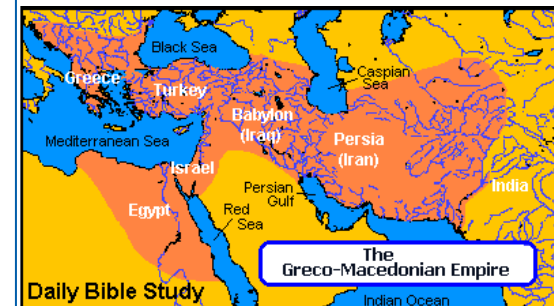
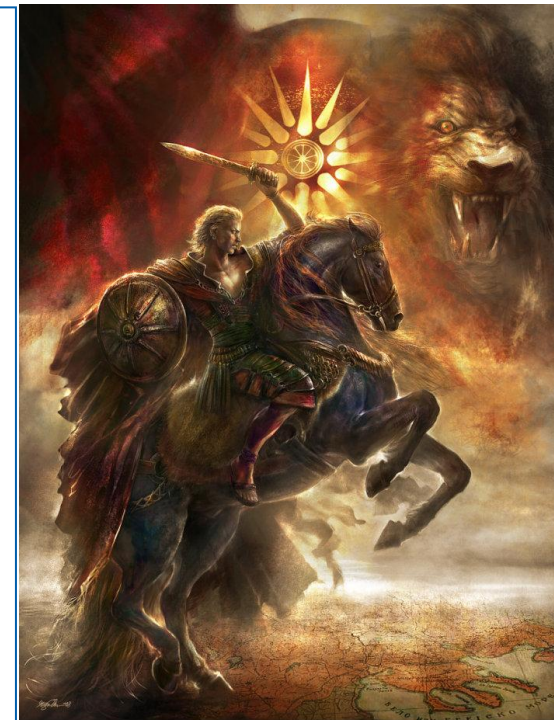


Profile - Alexander the Great - from Wikipedia



▪ Alexander III of Macedon

- (20/21 July 356 - 10/11 June 323 BC)
- Commonly known as **Alexander the Great**
- King of Macedon, a state in northern ancient Greece.
- Born in Pella in 356 BC
- Tutored by Aristotle until the age of 16.
- By the age of thirty
 - ✓ Created one of the largest empires of the ancient world
 - Stretching from the Ionian Sea to the Himalayas.
- Considered one of history's most successful commanders.
 - ✓ He was undefeated in battle
 - ✓ His empire stretched from Greece to modern-day Pakistan.



Profile - Alexander the Great - from Wikipedia



- Alexander succeeded his father, Philip II of Macedon, to the throne in 336 BC after Philip was assassinated.
- Upon Philip's death
 - Alexander inherited a strong kingdom and an experienced army.
 - He had been awarded the generalship of Greece and used this authority to launch his father's military expansion plans.
- In 334 BC, he invaded the Achaemenid empire, ruled Asia Minor, and began a series of campaigns that lasted ten years.
 - Alexander broke the power of Persia in a series of decisive battles, most notably the battles of Issus and Gaugamela.
 - He subsequently overthrew the Persian King Darius III and conquered the entirety of the Persian Empire.
 - At that point, his empire stretched from the Adriatic Sea to the Indus River.



Profile - Alexander the Great - from Wikipedia



- In the years following his death, a series of civil wars tore his empire apart, resulting in several states ruled by the Diadochi, Alexander's surviving generals and heirs.
- Alexander's legacy includes the cultural diffusion his conquests engendered.
- He founded some twenty cities that bore his name, most notably Alexandria in Egypt.
 - Alexander's settlement of Greek colonists and the resulting spread of Greek culture in the east resulted in a new Hellenistic civilization, aspects of which were still evident in the traditions of the Byzantine Empire in the mid-15th century.
- Alexander became legendary as a classical hero in the mold of Achilles, and he features prominently in the history and myth of Greek and non-Greek cultures.
- He became the measure against which military leaders compared themselves, and military academies throughout the world still teach his tactics.



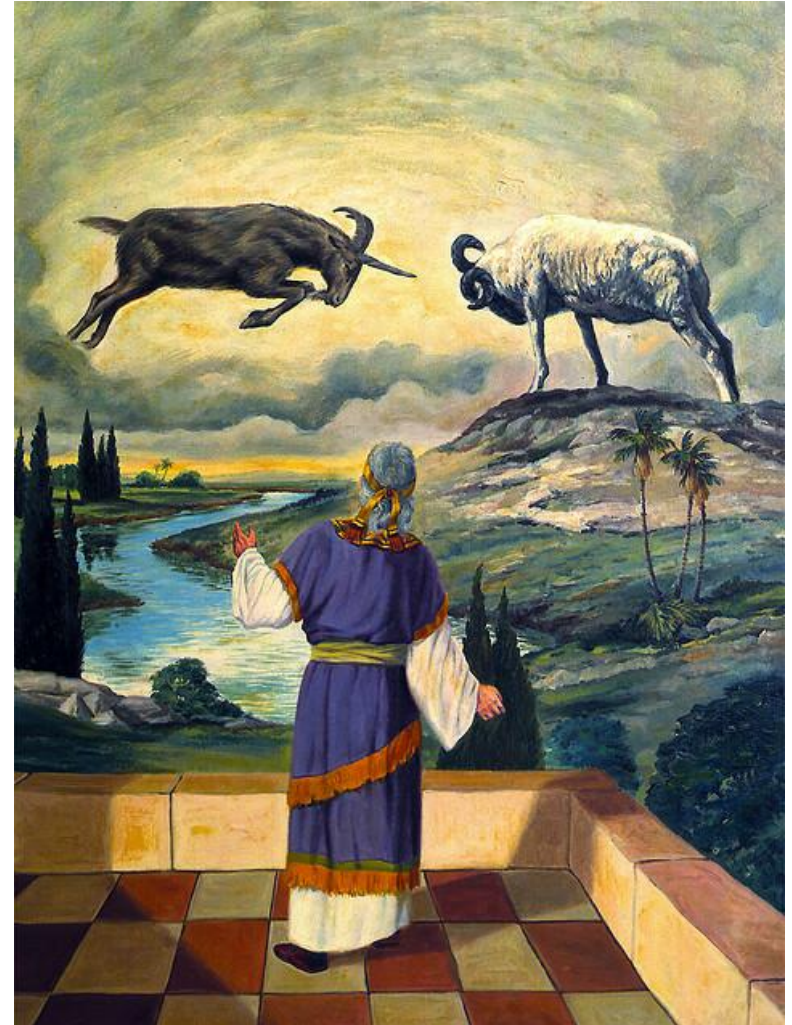
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Daniel 8:6 - Observations



⁶Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

- The He Goat engages the Ram
 - Greece attacks the Persians
 - Alexander the Great attacks with
 - ✓ Speed
 - ✓ Furious power



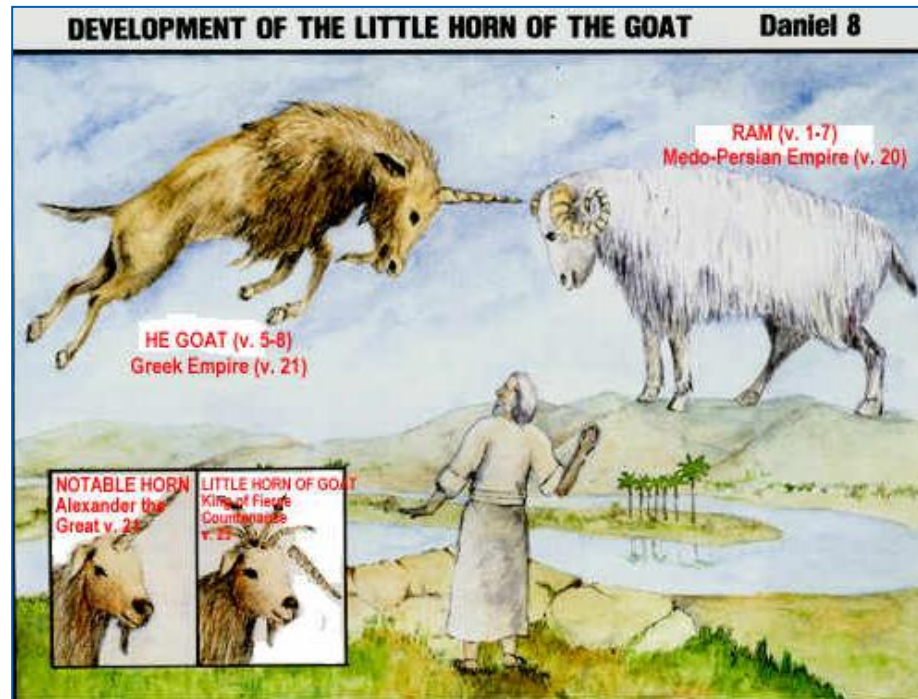
Daniel 8:7 - Observations



⁷ 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.

■ The Goat Attacks the Ram

- Breaks the Ram's two horns
 - ✓ Persian empire is defeated
- No power in the Ram
 - ✓ To withstand him (*Goat*)
 - ✓ The Ram
 - Is cast down to the ground
 - Trampled
- No one could deliver the Ram
 - ✓ From his hand (*Goat*)
 - Persian empire is conquered

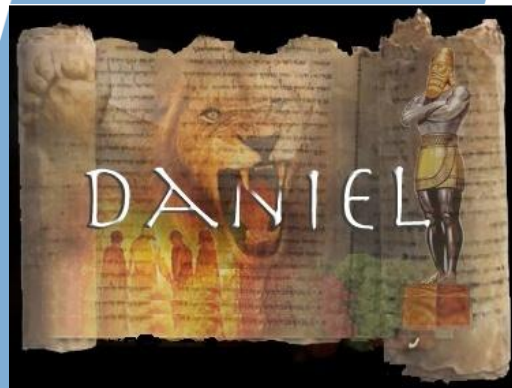


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Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 8:1-7



Daniel Chapter 08		
Verses	Principle	Application
Vision of the Ram and the Goat ... Daniel 8:1-7		
1-7	God is firmly in control of world events as well as the events of your life.	<p>I resolve to trust God and not be anxious about what is happening in the world or in my life.</p> <p><i>“He has the whole world in his hands.”</i> — childhood song</p> <p>⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.</p> <p>--- Philippians 4:6-7 ... NKJV</p>



How the West Won

The Little Horn – A Prequel

Daniel 8:8-14

Lesson 13 - Outline



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Daniel 8:8 - Observations



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■ The Goat's Large horn is broken

- Large horn

- ✓ Alexander the Great

- Broken

- ✓ When he became strong

- After conquering the know world in less than 11 years

- ✓ Sudden death of Alexander the Great

- Died of a fever in Babylon

- Died at the age of 32

- Within 15 months of his death

- » His natural brother (*Philip Aridoeus*) was murdered

- » His two sons (*Alexander Aegus, Hercules*) were murdered

- ✓ His kingdom was divided in four

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■ Four Notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven

• Four notable ones

- ✓ Leaders who succeed Alexander
- ✓ Alexander's Empire is divided into four pieces

• Toward the four winds of heaven

- ✓ Directions
 - Four points on a compass
 - Areas of dominion relative to Israel
- ✓ Four winds - could be translated spirits
 - Toward heaven or under heaven
 - Rising in power and authority
 - » Given by God
 - » Sovereignty of God



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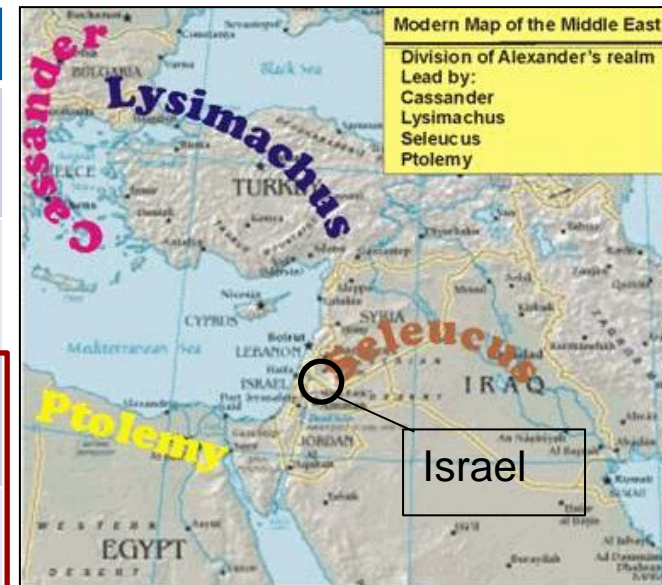
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King	Region	Note
Cassander	Macedonia & Greece	Married Alexander's Sister
Lysimachus	Asia Minor (Turkey)	1 of 2 boyhood Alexander tutors
Seleucus	Syria, East to India	1 of Philip's Generals
Ptolemy	Egypt, Cyrene	Macedonian Noble, boyhood friend and schoolmate of Alexander



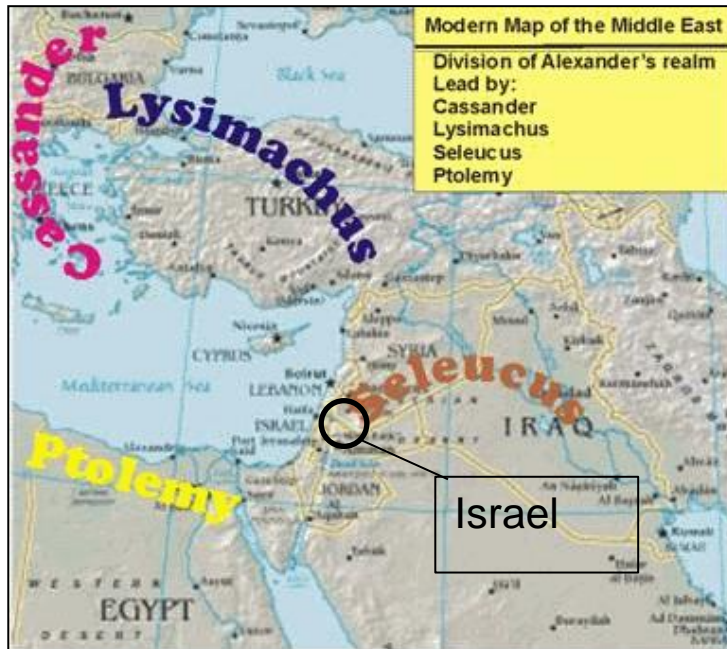
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Profile - Grecian - Roman Transition



Dynasty	Roman Rule
Cassander	146 BC
Lysimachus	133 BC
Seleucus	64 BC
Ptolemy	31 BC

ROMAN EMPIRE	
Date	Roman Empire
68 BC	Rome emerges
44 BC	Julius Caesar assassinated
31 BC	Battle of Actium
64 AD	Nero begins his persecutions
284 AD	Diocletian divides into 2 (legs)
312 AD	Constantine moves to Byzantium
476 AD	Empires breaks into pieces



Profile - Grecian - Roman Transition... Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hellenistic_period



- Seeking to re-assert Macedonian power and Greek independence
 - Philip V's son Perseus incurred the wrath of the Romans
 - Resulting in the Third Macedonian War (**171-168 BC**).
 - Victorious, the Romans abolished the Macedonian kingdom
 - replacing it with four puppet republics
 - these lasted a further twenty years
 - before Macedon was formally annexed as a Roman province (**146 BC**).
- Having so firmly intricated themselves into Greek affairs the Romans now
 - Completely ignored the rapidly disintegrating Seleucid empire
 - Left the Ptolemaic kingdom to decline quietly
 - while acting as a protector of sorts, stop other powers taking Egypt over
 - including the famous line-in-the-sand incident
 - when the Seleucid Antiochus IV Epiphanes tried to invade Egypt
 - The end of Ptolemaic Egypt came
 - as the final act in the republican civil war between
 - Mark Anthony and Augustus Caesar.
 - After the defeat of Anthony at the **Battle of Actium** Augustus
 - Invaded Egypt and took it as his own personal fiefdom.
 - He thereby completed both the destruction of the Hellenistic kingdoms and the Roman republic, and ended (in hindsight) the Hellenistic era.

Daniel 8:9 - Observations



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*.

■ The little horn

- Out of one of them came the little horn
 - ✓ One of the four leaders that succeeded Alexander
 - ✓ Not the Little Horn of Daniel chapter 7
 - Antichrist
 - Rises from amount the Ten Horns
 - » End time kings
 - » Out of the final Kingdom (Revelation 13)
 - ✓ Little horn comes out of the Grecian Empire
 - From kingly lineage of Seleucus
 - » Antiochus IV Epiphanes
 - » “Old Testament Anti-Christ”
 - Type of the Final Antichrist
 - » The Little Horn of Revelation
- Grew exceedingly great toward
 - ✓ South, East
 - ✓ Glorious Land - Israel ... (Daniel 11:16; 11:41)



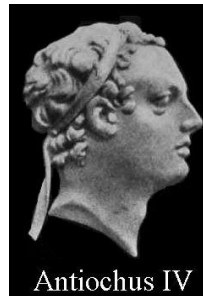
Daniel 8:10 - Observations



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.

■ Little horn grows to the host of heaven

- Vision skips over the four horns and concentrates on the little horn
- Little horn not only grows toward the south, the east and the glorious land but reaches upward toward the host heaven
- The horn causes the stars to be thrown to the ground
- The horn tramples the fallen stars
 - ✓ Represents that actions of Antiochus IV Epiphanes toward the Jews



Antiochus IV

Profile - Antiochus IV Epiphanes



- **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** (Mithradates or Mithridates *before he ascended the throne*)
 - 8th king of the Seleucid (Syrian) dynasty ... 175-163 BC
 - ✓ (1 Maccabees 1:10; 6:16)
 - Ascended to the throne
 - ✓ Following the murder of his brother (*Seleucus Philopator*)
 - ✓ Not the rightful heir
 - Rightful heir: **Demetrius**
 - » The son of Seleucus, alive, but held captive in Rome
 - Antiochus obtains the throne by
 - » Flattery, bribery, and Intrigue (Daniel 11:21)
 - Came to power in 175 BC
 - ✓ Invaded Egypt - defeated **Ptolemy VI** (v. 9)
 - ✓ Recalled from Egypt by Rome
 - Made Jerusalem a buffer state
 - Plundered & desecrated the temple
 - He called himself “**Epiphanes**” - *the “Illustrious One”*
 - ✓ Jews called him “**Epimanes**” - *the “Madman”*

Profile - Desolation of the Sanctuary



■ Abomination of Desolation by Antiochus IV Epiphanes

“And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah; he directed them:

- to follow customs strange to the land,
- to forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary,
- to profane Sabbaths and feasts,
- to defile the sanctuary and the priests,
- to build altars in sacred precincts and shrines for idols,
- to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, and
- to leave their sons uncircumcised.

They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane, so that they should forget the law and change all the ordinances. And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die.”

--1 Maccabees 1:44-49



Daniel 8:11 - Observations

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.

■ The little horn by his actions is defying God

• His action include

✓ Exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host

- Who is the Prince of the Host?

- Jesus

✓ Takes away the daily sacrifices (Exodus 29:38-39)

- One lamb was offered in the morning

- One lamb was offered in the evening

✓ Casts down God's sanctuary

³⁸ "Now this *is* what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually. ³⁹ One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.

– Exodus 29:38-39... NKJV

The Daily Offering

Daniel 8:12 - Observations



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.

■ Judgment on the Jews who transgressed the law

- Because of the transgressions of the Jews
 - ✓ Knowingly introducing pagan customs
 - ✓ Ignoring the prescription of the law
- The horn is allowed
 - ✓ To oppose the daily sacrifices
 - ✓ Case truth down to the ground
 - ✓ To prosper
 - Only for a season
 - Be encouraged
 - » Our trials are only for a season

Daniel 8:13-14 - Observations



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; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

■ How long will the transgression last

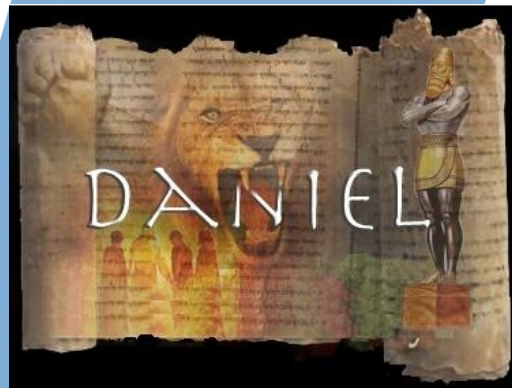
- Daniel does not know the names of the holy angels speaking
- The question is asked.
 - ✓ How long will the daily sacrifice be suspended?
 - ✓ Answer:
 - 2300 days
 - Actually "*Evening- Mornings*" [1150 days - 110 days short of 3 ½ years]
- There is an expiration date on the pompous acts of the little horn
 - ✓ Encourages his readers, years in advance, **to persevere**
 - God is still in control
 - God has placed an expiration data on the little horns actions
 - ✓ Encourages us today - **to persevere**

GOD IS SOVEREIGN!
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Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 8:8-14



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How the West Won

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

Daniel 8:15-27

Lesson 13 - Outline



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[Daniel 8:1-27]

- Vision of the Ram and the Goat ... [Daniel 8:1-7]
- The Little Horn - A Prequel ... [Daniel 8:8-14]
- Gabriel Interprets the Vision... [Daniel 8:15-27]



Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.

Daniel 8:15 - Observations



15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

- Daniel's vision is complete

- He is seeking the interpretation of the vision
- Suddenly there is someone in front of him
 - ✓ Appearance of a man - not a man but "the appearance of a man"
 - ✓ Some scholars believe that this is an appearance of Jesus
 - Pre-incarnate

Daniel 8:16 - Observations



¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this *man* understand the vision."

■ Daniel hears the man addressing Gabriel the Angel of God

- Tells Gabriel to "make this man understand the vision"
 - ✓ Answer to what Daniel was seeking (previous verse)
 - "Seeking the meaning of the vision"

■ Gabriel

- First mention in the Bible of an angel by name
- Scripture References
 - ✓ Daniel 9:21
 - ✓ Luke 1:19, 26

Zacharias

Mary

Gabriel

From the Hebrew name **גַּבְרִיאֵל** Gavri'el) meaning "**strong man of God**".

Gabriel was one of the **seven** archangels in **Hebrew tradition**. He appears in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, where he serves as the announcer of the births of **John** to Zechariah and **Jesus** to Mary.

According to Islamic tradition he was the angel who dictated the Qur'an to Muhammad.

This name has been used occasionally in England since the **12th century**. It was not common in the English-speaking world until the end of the **20th century**.

<http://www.behindthename.com/name/gabriel>

Daniel 8:17 - Observations



17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end."

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- Gabriel addresses Daniel

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✓ The vision refers to the time of the end

- Gabriel gives Daniel the context of the vision - *the when*
- Start of the interpretation of the vision

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Daniel 8:18 - Observations



18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.

■ Gabriel is addressing Daniel

- Daniel is in a deep sleep with his face to the ground
 - ✓ Daniel apparently passed out
- Gabriel touches Daniel
 - ✓ “Stood me upright”
 - **Two** interpretations are in view - *both valid*
 - » **Physical:** Daniel stands to his feet after being face down on the ground
 - » **Intellectual:** Daniel is made to understand the vision - “*set him straight*”

Daniel 8:19 - Observations



19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*."

■ Gabriel making known to Daniel

- What will happen
 - ✓ Concerning the latter time of the indignation
- At the appointed time
 - ✓ The end shall be
- Goes beyond fulfillment by Antiochus IV
 - ✓ Antiochus IV is an **adumbration** of the final "*Little Horn*" - *the antichrist*.
 - Antichrist will come at the end of the "*Times of the Gentiles*"

Adumbration: foreshadow, faint image or resemblance of

• How can we know this?

- ✓ Jesus said so ... Matthew 24:15
 - Part of **Olivet Discourse** (*Matthew 24-25*)
 - Abomination of desolation
 - An idol in the holy of holies
 - Still future event foreshadowed by Antiochus IV

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), - [Matthew 24:15... NKJV](#)

The Great Tribulation

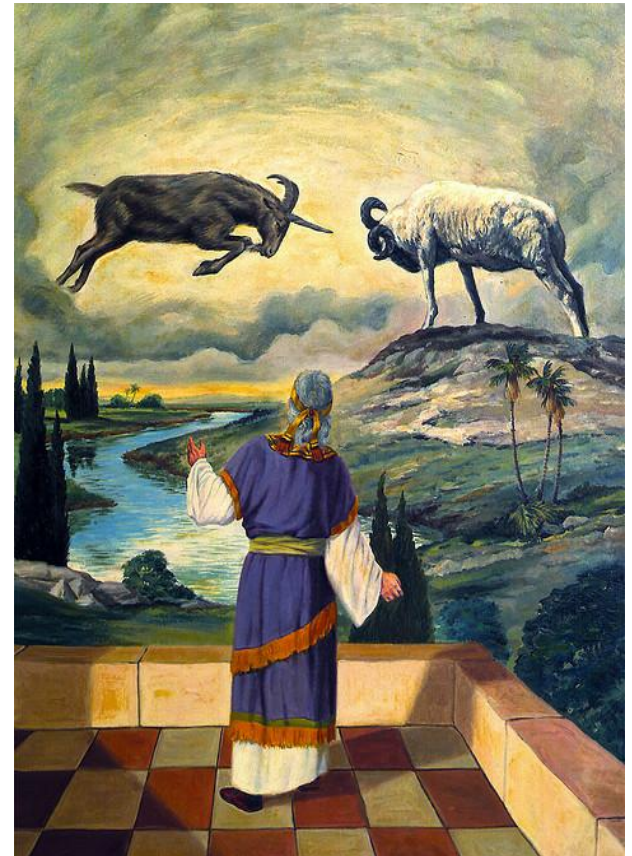
Daniel 8:20-21 - Observations



²⁰ The ram which you saw, having the two horns — *they are* the kings of Media and Persia.
²¹ And the male goat *is* the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that *is* between its eyes *is* the first king.

■ Gabriel interprets the animals in the vision

- Ram with two horns
 - ✓ Kings of Media and Persia
- Goat with large single horn
 - ✓ Goat: Kingdom of Greece
 - ✓ Large Horn: first king
 - Alexander the Great



Daniel 8:22 - Observations



²² As for the broken *horn* and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

■ Gabriel continues the interpretation

- Concentrates on the broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place
- Broken Horn:
 - ✓ Sudden death of Alexander the Great
 - ✓ Dies after conquering the world in less than 11 years
 - ✓ Dies at the age of 32/33

Daniel 8:22 - Observations



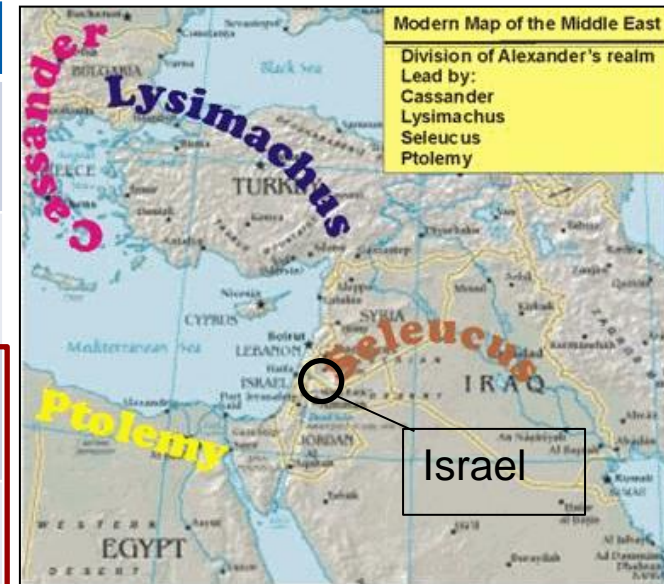
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- Four Subsequent Horns: ... Daniel 8:8
 - ✓ Four kingdoms of diminished power

⁸ 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 8:8

King	Region	Note
Cassander	Macedonia & Greece	Married Alexander's Sister
Lysimachus	Asia Minor (Turkey)	1 of 2 boyhood Alexander tutors
Seleucus	Syria, East to India	1 of Philip's Generals
Ptolemy	Egypt, Cyrene	Macedonian Noble, boyhood friend and schoolmate of Alexander



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Daniel 8:23 - Observations



23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

■ Gabriel defines the time of the final king

- In the latter time of their kingdom
 - ✓ Fast forward to the final kingdom
- When the transgressors have reached their fullness
 - ✓ Time of the Great Tribulation
- King arises
 - ✓ With fierce features
 - ✓ Understands sinister schemes
- The king referred to here is the final Antichrist
 - ✓ Not Antiochus IV

Daniel 8:24 - Observations



²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and *a/so* the holy people.

■ The Antichrist will be mighty

- Not by his own power

• By whose power?

✓ Antichrist will be empowered by Satan

- Revelation 13:4

- Revelation 12:7-9

- He shall destroy

✓ the mighty and the holy people

✓ Revelation 13:7

⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

– Revelation 13:7-8 ... NKJV

The Beast from the Sea

⁴ So they worshiped the **dragon** who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

– Revelation 13:4... NKJV

The Beast from the Sea

⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the **great dragon** was cast out, that serpent of old, called the **Devil** and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

– Revelation 12:7-9... NKJV

Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

Daniel 8:25 - Observations



²⁵“Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

■ The Antichrist will rule by deceit and cunning

- He shall exalt himself in his heart
 - ✓ He will be arrogant and prideful
- He shall destroy many in their prosperity
 - ✓ “*by peace shall destroy many*” ... KJV
- He shall even rise against the Prince of princes
 - ✓ Who is the Prince of princes?
 - Jesus

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■ He shall be broken without human means

- God himself will break the Antichrist
 - ✓ Revelation 19:19-21
 - ✓ Antiochus IV as an adumbration
 - Horrible death by worms and ulcers
 - » On his way to Judea to take vengeance
 - » For the defeat of his army by the Maccabees
- Vision of Chapter 2

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. ²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh. – Revelation 19:19-21 ... NKJV

The Beast and His Armies Defeated

Daniel 8:26 - Observations



²⁶“And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true;
Therefore seal up the vision, For *it refers* to many days *in the future*.”

■ Daniel is instructed by Gabriel to Seal up the vision

• Why?

- ✓ Because it refers to many days in the future
- Not for Daniel to understand
 - ✓ More fully explained in the book of Revelation
 - John the beloved's vision

Daniel 8:27 - Observations



27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

- **After being instructed to seal up the vision Daniel faints**
 - Daniel faints and was sick for days
 - Afterwards he bounces back and goes about the King's business
 - Daniel is astonished by the vision
 - No one understood it
 - ✓ Implies that Daniel shared the vision and interpretation with others

Jerome – Early Church Leader

I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

He had heard of kings, but knew not their names; he foresaw the events, but not the time when they were to take place; thereupon he could only feel "astonished," and leave all with the omniscient God.

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A sunset scene with a tree silhouette and rays of light. The sun is low on the horizon, casting long, golden rays across a sky filled with soft, orange-tinted clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a tree stands against the bright background. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

*John
11:25-26*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

