

Daniel 8:1-27 **End Time Vision – Ram – He Goat – Antichrist**

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2 I 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.

Vision of a Ram and a Male Goat

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

Little Horn – Antichrist

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**; then the **sanctuary shall be cleansed**."

Gabriel Interprets the Vision

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."

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.**"

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.**

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.

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.**

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.**

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.**"

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.

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✧ The time was in the third year of the reign of Belshazzar king of Babylon.

✧ In the vision, Daniel was by the River Ulai in Shushan which was the citadel in the province of Elam.

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[Daniel 8:3-8]

- ✧ The Ram and the Male Goat are the first two world rulers to follow Babylon.
- ✧ The Ram with two horns represent the rule of the Medes and the Persians.
- ✧ The Male Goat with the notable horn represents Greece under Alexander The Great
- ✧ The broken horn represents the end of Alexander.
- ✧ The four notable horns represent the four generals to whom the kingdom of Greece was divided after the death of Alexander.

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And he said to me, "For **two thousand three hundred days (6.3 years)**; then the **sanctuary shall be cleansed.**" [Daniel 8:9-14]

- ✧ The **Little Horn** which came out of the form of world rule after Alexander suggests that the Antichrist might be of Greek origin or at least from one of the nations around the Great Sea, that had been part of the Greek empire.
- ✧ The description of the Little Horn is strikingly similar to the description of the Beast from the Sea of Revelation 13:1-18 who was a man empowered and enthroned by Satan.
- ✧ Satan took a third of the angels of Heaven with him when he rebelled against God. [Revelation 12:3-4]
- ✧ He certainly will put a stop to daily sacrifices in the Temple and set up his own image which defiles it and is called the abomination of desolation. [Daniel 11:31, 12:11, Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14]
- ✧ He will rise against the **Prince of the Host**, the Lord Jesus Christ at the Battle of Armageddon. [Revelation 19:19-20]

- ✧ The mention of the **two thousand three hundred days (6.3 years)** might be a clue as to how much the time of the seven year Great Tribulation is cut short for the sake of the Elect. [\[Matthew 24:21-22, Mark 13:20\]](#)

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"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.**" [\[Daniel 8:15-26\]](#)

- ✧ Gabriel was sent to give Daniel understanding of the vision when Daniel was seeking its meaning.

- ✧ The **focus** of the vision is the **time of the End**.

- ✧ Daniel was fallen before Gabriel but was caused to stand upright.

- ✧ It applies to an appointed time at the end of the indignation (Great Tribulation).

- ✧ Before that time the kings of Media and Persia will follow the kingdom of Babylon.

- ✧ Next will be the kingdom of Greece which will be divided among the four generals after the death of Alexander the Great.

- ✧ **At the time of the End**, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, the **fierce king (little Horn)** depicting the **Antichrist** will arise, his power is mighty but not by his own power, he will be empowered and given the kingdom by Satan. [\[Revelation 13:1-18\]](#)

- ✧ He will have authority to destroy the mighty and the holy people. [\[see the reference above regarding the Little Horn\]](#)

- ✧ He will rise against the Prince of princes (the returning Lord Jesus Christ) and be destroyed in the Battle of Armageddon but not by human hands. [\[Revelation 19:19-21\]](#)

- ✧ The vision is true but refers to the far distant future.

✧ 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. [\[Daniel 8:27\]](#)