

The Book of Daniel: Chapter 8

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Chapter Overview: In the third year of King Belshazzar, Daniel has another vision: a swift goat defeating a mighty ram. The goat's horn is then broken into four horns, followed by a small horn that brings desolation to the sanctuary and the host of heaven (1 – 14). The angel Gabriel interprets the vision which foretells the rise of a fierce and mighty king that would bring desolation against the holy people (15 – 27).

(1 – 2) When did Daniel have the vision recorded in Chapter 8? What was the setting of the vision?

(3 – 4) How did Daniel describe the ram that he saw in the vision? What was the ram doing?

(5 – 7) How did Daniel describe the goat that he saw? How did he describe the altercation between the goat and the ram, and which one prevailed in the battle?

(8) In Daniel's vision, what happened to the goat following its victory over the ram?

(9 – 12) Describe the actions of the small horn that arises from one of the four horns. What was the "Glorious (or Beautiful) Land" that was mentioned, and who was the "Prince of the host (or Commander of the army)"?

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(13 – 14) Who were the “holy ones” who were speaking, and how long would the desolation against the sacrifices and sanctuary last?

(15 – 19) Who directed Gabriel to explain the vision to Daniel? According to Gabriel, to which time period did this vision pertain?

(20 – 22) What kingdoms did the ram and goat represent? Who did the large horn which had broken represent, and what did the four other horns likely represent? (*Daniel 10: 20; Daniel 11: 3 – 4*)

(23 – 25) How was the king who shall rise (represented previously by the little horn) described? To which specific king did this description likely refer?

(26 – 27) What was Daniel told to do regarding the vision? What effect did this vision have on Daniel?