



Daniel

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God's revelations to Daniel 8:1-27

- This vision was prior to the fall of Babylonia to the Medes and Persians. In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar. (555 B.C. to 539 B.C.)
- The ram with two horns represents the Medo-Persian Empire that will come after the fall of the Babylonian Empire.

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- The goat represents the Greek Empire.
 - The big horn depicts Alexander the Great
 - The four horns depict the four divisions of the Greek Empire divided among Alexander's four generals after Alexander's death at the young age of 33. (323 B.C.)
 - Cassander ruling over Macedonia and Greece
 - Lysimachus ruling over Thrace and Asia Minor
 - Seleucus ruling over northern Syria, Mesopotamia, and other eastern regions
 - Ptolemy ruling over southern Syria, Palestine, and Egypt

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- The goat represents the Greek Empire.
 - The little horn that grows up from one of the four horns.
 - Greatly expanded its original territory with a specific impact on Israel (the glorious land)
 - Acts with great arrogance
 - Acts deceitfully toward Israel
 - Challenges the God of Israel

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- The goat represents the Greek Empire.
 - The little horn that grows up from one of the four horns.
 - Direct assault on God's Word
 - Defiles the sanctuary
 - Destroys many
 - Later the sanctuary will be restored

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- The goat represents the Greek Empire.
 - Historical fulfillment of the little horn
 - Antiochus IV Epiphanes ruled from 175 B.C. to his death in 163 B.C.
 - Led campaigns against
 - Egypt (the South)
 - Parthia (East)
 - Israel (the glorious land)

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- The goat represents the Greek Empire.
 - Historical fulfillment of the little horn
 - Antiochus IV Epiphanes ruled from 175 B.C. to his death in 163 B.C.
 - Campaign against Israel
 - Plundered the temple
 - Outlawed all Jewish religious practices including sacrifices and circumcision
 - Destroyed any copies found of the Jewish scriptures and outlawed their possession

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 - Historical fulfillment of the little horn
 - Antiochus IV Epiphanes ruled from 175 B.C. to his death in 163 B.C.
 - Campaign against Israel
 - Erected an altar to Zeus in the temple and offered swine as a sacrifice
 - Slaughtered thousands of Jews

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 - Historical fulfillment of the little horn
 - Antiochus IV Epiphanes ruled from 175 B.C. to his death in 163 B.C.
 - Campaign against Israel
 - Judas Maccabeus led a revolt and repaired and rededicated the temple on December 25, 164 B.C. three years after the desecration by Antiochus. (The modern holiday of Hanukkah celebrates this event.)

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- "And this desolation came to pass according to the prophecy of Daniel which was given four hundred and eight years before; for he declared that the Macedonians would dissolve that worship [for some time]." The Works of Josephus, The Antiquities of the Jews, 7.7.322

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Lessons

- God's people are not immune from the suffering and hardship of this world.
- God reveals what is needed for us to know so that His people may be prepared for what looks chaotic and out of control. (See John 15:18-16:4)
- God wins and His people emerge victorious.

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