

A MAN AND A BOOK CALLED

DANIEL

PART 25:

WHEN A RAM AND A GOAT CHARGE AND LOCK HORNS

Reading: Daniel 8:1 - 8

Introduction

- In [Daniel 7] animals are used to denote kingdoms & empires.
- The same is true in [Chapter 8].

1 Daniel's Second Vision

- Two years after his vision in chapter 7 Daniel has a second vision in this 8th chapter.
- He sees 2 animals.
- The 1st is a ram with 2 horns and the 2nd is a goat with a singular horn. [vs 5].
- The goat attacks the ram breaking its 2 horns.

2 The Ram And The Goat

- Gabriel identifies the 2 animals in [vs 20-21]. Media/Persia & Greece.
- Daniel is shown that Greece will supersede Persia 200 years before it happens.
- In the time of the Persians the Jews are allowed to return to their own land.

3 The Grecian Empire

- The '*notable horn*' is Alexander the Great.
- Alexander's son is named '*Alexander Aegus*' or '*Son of the goat*.'
- Alexander defeats the Persian armies and conquers their lands.
- In 333BC he heads for the city of Jerusalem.

4 The Sparing Of Jerusalem

- Alexander had seen the high priest Jaddua in a dream and spares the city.
- Jaddua shows him the prophecy of Daniel 8 written 200 years earlier.
- Alexander is inspired by this prophecy and sets off for the last major battle to wrestle world power from the Persians.
- The '*notable horn*' grew '*great*.'
- After becoming strong, Alexander dies aged only 32.
- The large horn is '*broken*.'
- [Vs 8] says 4 notable horns came up in place of the broken one.
- The Grecian kingdom was divided into 4 between Alexander's generals.

Closing Thought

- Bible prophecy inspired Alexander.
- That's what it should do for us. [2 Peter 1:19].
- What God has said will be.

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