

Daniel 8: Israel Ruled by Gentile Nations

God has not suffered defeat in allowing Israel to go into captivity in Daniel 1, but He is working out His purposes for Israel toward revealing her King—the Lord Jesus Christ.

God allows four Gentile nations to dominate Israel and discipline her:

Babylon (605-539 BC) Medo-Persia (539-331 BC)

Greece (331-146 BC) Rome (146 BC - 476AD)

Vision given to Daniel almost 400 years before “the little horn” of chapter 8 would appear in 175BC

Outline of Daniel 8:

- A. Revelation of Daniel’s Vision—vv. 1-14
 - Daniel’s Location—vv. 1-2
 - The Ram and the Goat—vv. 3-8
 - The “Little Horn”—vv. 9-14
- B. Interpretation of Daniel’s Vision—vv. 15-26
 - Introduce Gabriel and the Purpose of the Vision—vv. 15-19
 - Meaning of the Ram and Goat—vv. 20-21
 - Meaning of the “Little Horn”—vv. 22-26
- C. Daniel’s Response – v. 27

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three. One lived and died for self; one died for you and me;

The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross; One’s life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss. One led vast armies forth; the other walked alone. One shed a whole world’s blood; the other gave His own. One won the world in life and lost it all in death; The other lost His life to win the whole world’s faith.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three. One died in Babylon, and one on Calvary. One gained all for himself; and one Himself He gave, One conquered every throne; the other every grave. The one made himself God, the God made Himself less, The one lived but to blast, the other but to bless. When died the Greek, forever fell his throne of swords; But Jesus died to live forever King of Kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three. The Greek made all men slaves; the Jew made all men free. One built a throne on blood; the other built on love. The one was born of earth; the other from above. One won all this earth, to lose all earth and heaven. The other gave up all, that all to Him be given. The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives. He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives. By Charles Ross Weede

“The final period of the indignation” v. 19

- ‘Indignation’ means a period of time in which God is angry with Israel—chastening her because of her continued rebellion against him
- The time of indignation started with Assyrian captivity (700sBC and continues all the way to the end of the 7 year Tribulation.
- The former indignation refers to 2 captivities (Assyria and Babylon) (730 BC to 539 BC)
- The final indignation starts from the Medo Persian empire in 539BC all the way through 7 year Tribulation period (all of the indignation shown by God after captivities). God’s indignation with Israel won’t end with end of Babylonian captivity. Israel still experiencing the final period of indignation.
- The “little horn” in chapter 8 was not allowed to rise to power until sin had run its full course, and the time for God’s indignation to be poured out through this king had come. The sins of the Jews are in view here, for it is against the Jews and against Jerusalem that this king pours out his wrath. Through this king, God gives His people what they deserve, in full measure.

“Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king’s business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it” (v. 27)

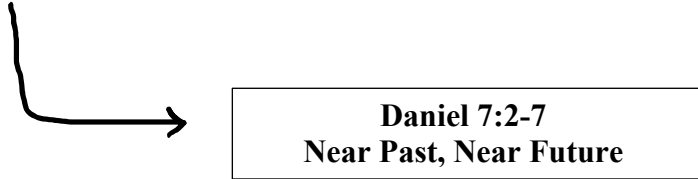
- What can we learn? Why do such events and leaders arise?
- Galatians 6:7; Acts 14:22

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Empires Ruling Over Israel and the Earth (Daniel 2, 7, 8)

Durability
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Daniel 2 Materials	Daniel 7 Beasts	Daniel 8 Animals	Empires/Kingdoms
Gold	--	--	Babylon (Daniel 2:38)
Silver	--	Ram	Medo-Persia (Daniel 8:20)
Bronze	--	Goat	Greece (Daniel 8:21)
Iron (and iron and clay)	--	--	Rome (Daniel 2:40)
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STONE			God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44-45)

Selected Timeline of Daniel's Life (~620BC to ~535BC)

Daniel 1:1	Daniel 2:1	Daniel 7:1	Daniel 8:1
606-605 BC	~603BC	~553 BC	~551 BC
(taken captive as a youth in the third year of reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah)	(second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, his dream about the statue)	(first year of the reign of Belshazzar, Daniel's vision of the four beasts)	(third year of the reign of Belshazzar, Daniel's vision of the ram and the goat)