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DANIEL 8:1-14

“A Ram and A Goat
- Preview of Coming Things” Part 1



True Prophecy is...

1. 100% Accurate

2. Incredibly detailed in predictions

Daniel 8 switches back to Hebrew

Why?

- Daniel 1 deals with capture and fall of Jerusalem**
- Daniel 2-7 deals with Gentile kingdoms**
- Daniel 8 starts dealing with Israel again**

The Prophecies of Daniel 8

Form a template, a model so to speak, of someone else who will be like someone in history who persecuted the Jews and will come in the future.

Daniel 8:1

And so it is in the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, a vision appeared to me-- to me, Daniel-- after the one that appeared to me the first time.

Daniel 8:2

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.

Elam and Shushan

- In the Region of Babylon**
- 350 miles East**
- Became the home of Esther and Nehemiah**
- Became the Capital of Medo-Persia Empire**

Prophecies with Dual Fulfillment

Sometimes have a dual fulfillment, or you have the prophet looking at a couple of events, though there's a gap between them of maybe thousands of years, and the prophets see it as one event.



Prophecies with Dual Fulfillment

They would see the mountain peaks of events. They would see the first coming of Jesus. They would see the second coming of Jesus. They'd see the Kingdom Age. They did not get a close enough view to see the valleys that existed between those key events.

They often saw the first and second coming of Christ simultaneously.

Daniel 8:3

And I lifted my eyes and I saw 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.

Daniel 8:4

And I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no beast could withstand him, nor was there any that could deliver from his hand. But he did according to his will and became great.

The Ram

- Was the symbol of Medo-Persia
- On their coins



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- On their coins
- The symbol in the zodiac, symbol of Aries is the symbol of the ram
- Persian monarch or general, for battle, would have a ram somewhere on his attire

Historians tell us that the guardian spirit of the Persians was always in the form of a ram.

Daniel 8:20

The ram which you saw having two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia.

Daniel 8:5

And 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.

Daniel 8:21

And the male goat, is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

Daniel 8:6

He came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

Alexander The Great



Daniel 8:7

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.

Daniel 8:8

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.

Daniel 8:21-22

And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horned that is between its eyes is the first king. As for the broken horn and the four that stood in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

Alexander's Four Generals

-Cassander - Macedonia, Greece

-Lysimachus - Asia Minor, Thrace

-Ptolemy - Egypt, part of Israel

-Seleucus - Syria, Part of Asia and all
the way to India

Daniel 8:8

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.

Daniel 8:9

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.

Daniel 8:9 - The Little Horn

- The eighth King in the Seleucid dynasty**
- Antiochus IV**
- He was the brother of Cleopatra.**

Antiochus IV - Gave Himself a Name

-Theos Antiochus, Theo Epiphanes

**-Translated, "I am the Notorious One
or I am the Notable One"**

His popular name was Antiochus Epiphanes

**The Jews called him Antiochus Epimanes,
which means Antiochus the mad man,
because of some of the atrocities that he
performed.**

Daniel 8:10

And it grew up to the host of heaven
and it cast some of the host and some
of the stars to the ground and
trampled them.

Daniel 8:11

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.

Daniel 8:12

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 he prospered.

Daniel 8:13

Then I heard the Holy One speaking. And another Holy One said to that certain one who was speaking how long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifice and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot.

Daniel 8:14

And he said to me for 2,300 days.

And the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

“Hannukah”

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Festival of Lights

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