



# The Ram and the Goat

DANIEL CHAPTER 8

From ch. 7 onward God is revealing to Daniel the **timeline** for the whole age of the Gentiles over Israel—summarized in the key prophecy in **Daniel 9:24-27**.



Review

The center of all these prophecies is the Gentiles' rule over Israel through out this time period.

Today we will go back to look at Persia & Greece in ch. 8.

Antichrist declares himself to be God in the last 3 ½ years (7:25, Rev. 13)



Review

We will continue to add onto this timeline until we have a full picture from the book of Daniel.

## Image (ch.2)

Head of Gold

Chest of Silver

Belly of Bronze

Legs of Iron / Iron  
and Clay

## Beasts (ch.7)

Winged Lion

Standing Bear

Winged Leopard

Beast with 10  
Horns / Little  
Horn

## Beasts (ch.8)

n/a

Ram with two  
horns

Goat with one  
Great Horn, four  
Horns, and a  
Little Horn

n/a

## Kingdoms

Babylon

Medo-Persia

Greece

Rome

- ▶ (v.1) In the last days of Babylon...
- ▶ (v.2-4) Susa was one of the capitals of Persia. The **Ram** was the Medo-Persian empire (also see v.20).
- ▶ (v.5) “without touching the ground”  
This Goat will come very quickly.



# Alexander the Great



- ▶ “Conspicuous horn” means **striking, notable**. He certainly was that.
- ▶ (v.7) He completely destroyed Persia.
- ▶ (v.8) He died when he was “strong” and his empire was **divided** among his four generals.

# The Little Horn in Chapter 8



- ▶ **Antiochus** IV Epiphanes (means *god manifest*)
- ▶ 215 BC to 164 BC, emperor of the **Seleucid** Empire (one of the four kingdoms)
- ▶ (v.9) south (Egypt) and east (Parthia)
- ▶ (v.11) He demanded to be worshiped and ceased temple sacrifices for a period of time. (v.14)
- ▶ He died suddenly of some disease. (v.25)

# These are two Different People

## Little Horn of Chapter 7

1. would come from **Rome**

2. would be the 11<sup>th</sup> horn, rooting up 3 of 10 horns

3. would persecute God's people for **42 month** (3.5 years)

## Little Horn of Chapter 8

would come from **Greece**

would be a 5<sup>th</sup> horn, coming out of one of 4 horns

would persecute God's people for **2,300 days** (over 6 years)



# God Is In Control

- ▶ You may think your strength has led you to the top, God is still in charge in your world. (Alex.)
- ▶ The opposite is also true—you may feel abandoned by God, like Israel, but God is still in control and His goodness is still all around you.
- ▶ Although all these are ancient history, it is a good reminder that God's prophecies will always come true.