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)

Babylon

Persia

Greece

Rome 1 / Rome 2

Christ Kingdom

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

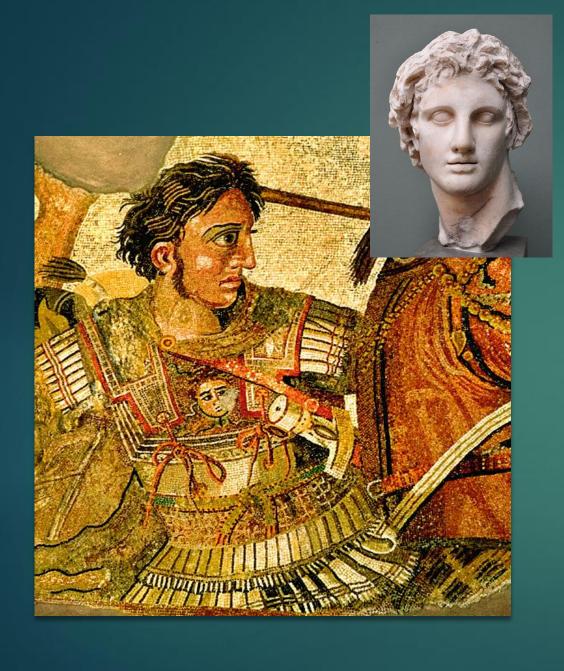
Greece

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	Little Horn of Chapter 8
1. would come from Rome	would come from Greece
2. would be the 11 th horn, rooting up 3 of 10 horns	would be a 5 th horn, coming out of one of 4 horns
3. would persecute God's people for 42 month (3.5 years)	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.