

# The Vision of the Ram and Goat

Daniel 8

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- I. **When the Vision Occurs**
  - A. One year before the Persians conquered the Medes
  - B. Twelve years before the fall of Babylon
  - C. Two years after Chapter 7 and before the events of Chapter 5
- II. **A Look at the people of Chapter 8**
  - A. Daniel 8:1, 2; 15-19; 26, 27
  - B. Cyrus, king of Persia (the ram) – vs. 8:3, 4, 20
  - C. Alexander the great of Greece (the goat) – vs. 8:5-8; 21, 22
  - D. Antiochus IV Epiphanes – vs. 8:9-14
  - E. The antichrist – vs. 8:23-27
- III. **The Vision Given – vs. 1-14**
  - A. The time of the vision – v. 1
    - 1. The third year of the reign of Belshazzar – 551 B.C.
    - 2. It, according to Daniel, followed the vision of Chapter 7
    - 3. The language in Chapter 8 turns back to Hebrew
      - a. Jeremiah 10:11
  - B. Details of the vision – vs. 2-14
    - 1. It's location: Susa – 300 miles east of Babylon
      - a. The Ulai Canal ran through the province of Elam and flowed on the east side of the Tigris and Babylon
    - 2. The ram – vs. 3, 4
      - a. It had two horns
      - b. It stood in front of the canal
      - c. The second horn was the largest
      - d. He butted west, north and south
      - e. He was powerful and magnified himself
      - f. The guardian spirit of Persia appears in the form of a ram
      - g. Under Persia, Israel returned to her land
    - 3. The male goat – vs. 5-8
      - a. He came quickly from the west – v. 5a
      - b. He has a conspicuous horn between his eyes – v. 5b
        - c. He easily defeated the ram (331 B.C.) – vs. 6, 7
        - d. He also magnified himself exceedingly – v. 8a
        - e. The large horn was broken off – v. 8b
        - f. Four horns came up in its place – v. 8c
        - g. Under Greece: Alexander desolated the city and temple
  - 4. The little horn – vs. 9-14
    - a. It grew up out of one of the four horns – v. 8
    - b. It grew towards the southeast (Palestine)
    - c. He will cause great trouble for “*the host*” (Israel) – v. 10
    - d. He will claim equity with the Commander of the host – v. 11
    - e. He will break rules and does as he pleases – v. 12
    - f. He will desecrate the holy place – vs. 13, 14