

Daniel had a dream. It has been two years since his dream in Chapter 7. Daniel is about 70 years old now. He has been praying and wrestling with God for two years now to understand what it was he is supposed to understand. He did not just forget about it. He wanted to know what it means; It's important!!

Daniel was in Shushan. Why did God take Daniel there? _____

In his vision, Daniel saw a ram with two horns, one higher than the other. They struggled for dominance. The ram is the same bear that was in Daniel 7:5.

He had a notable horn representing _____.

In verse 9, most commentators believe "the little horn" represents Antiochus Epiphanes, but in the interpretation of the dream Daniel tells us who the goat is and who the ram is. Antiochus Epiphanes is never mentioned. Also, "the little horn" is the exact term used for the king in Daniel 7:8. In verse 10, many of these things listed for this little horn were never fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes, so it could not be him. Antiochus Epiphanes was only a foreshadow of the antichrist.

Compare: Isaiah 14:12-14
II Thessalonians 2:4
John 5:19
John 6:38
John 7:16

❖ **A king is coming who will not only rule the world,**
❖ **but will rule the worship of the world.** ❖

In verse 13, "How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice?" The answer comes in verse 14: two thousand three hundred days.

The angel Gabriel said the vision will be for the end of time, similar to the visions in Daniel 2:42 and Daniel 7:8.

He gave a brief overview: The two horns of the ram are the kings of _____ and _____. The rough goat is the king of _____. The great horn is the first king _____.

Between verses 22 and 23, there is a pause of 2,500 years.

A king of fierce countenance is the _____.
See Revelations 13:2 and II Thessalonians 2:9.

❖ **Do you want the peace the world gives or the peace Jesus gives?** ❖

The antichrist will promote peace and prosperity amid turmoil. Verses 4 and 7 talk about none being able to deliver out of his hand, except at this one point; The Prince of Princes will break him without hand. You can be in the ram's hand. You can be in the goat's hand. You can be in any one of the beasts' hands. **-OR-** You can be in Jesus' hand which is safely stored in the Father's hand.

The antichrist will be broken at God's Word. Just as God's Word called all things into existence in the very beginning and God said "Let it be," so shall the end be also. God will speak it to an end.

Those whose thoughts are set upon heavenly things are the best executors of the earthly things.

All true wisdom and all true knowledge lies in God the Father and in Christ.

When Jesus comes, all truth will be made known and all things will come to light. Before He comes, Daniel 8 is telling us that the antichrist will dazzle men with his knowledge, possibly displaying natural powers not yet discovered by man and even the elect might be deceived if possible.