

DANIEL'S VISION OF THE RAM & GOAT
Daniel 8

I. The Setting of Daniel Eight (8:1-2)

II. The Vision (8:3-14)

A. The Ram (8:3-4)

B. The Male Goat (8:5-14)

1. Out of the Seleucid empire comes a _____ which grew exceedingly powerful & exercised his authority in many directions, but for our interests, toward the glorious land (_____)
2. The little horn of Daniel 8 is _____ the same little horn of Daniel 7
 - Why do I say that? 2 reasons:
 - a. The little horn of Daniel 7 comes out of the revived _____ Empire, while the little horn of Daniel 8 comes out of the _____ Empire.
 - b. The Little horn of Daniel 7 symbolized the _____ of the last days before Christ's return, while the little horn of Daniel 8 is Antiochus Epiphanes, one who _____ the antichrist of the latter days.
 - Who was Antiochus Epiphanes?

III. The Interpretation of the Vision (8:15-27)

- Often times in scripture there is a _____ interpretation of a passage.

For example: Isaiah 61:1-3 cf Luke 4:14-21

A. The NEAR Fulfillment is in the Gentile king: _____, who ruled from 175-163 BC

1. The ram is _____.
2. The male goat is the kingdom of _____ under Alexander the Great.
3. From the Seleucid Kingdom, comes a little horn (a _____), Antiochus Epiphanes:

He will have with *fierce features* (8:23b)
 He will be very _____ in his schemes (8:23c)
 He will be powerful by God's _____ (8:24a)
 He will persecute _____ without fear of consequence (8:24b)
 He will *prosper & thrive* against God's people (8:25a)
 He will use _____ means to accomplish his ends (8:25b)
 He will be proud & _____ himself (8:25c)
 He will destroy the *wealthy* in his conquering (8:25d)
 He will exalt himself & _____ God's temple (8:25e)
 He will be _____ by the providence of God (8:25f)

B. The FAR Fulfillment is the _____ of the Latter Days

1. Even though much of this interpretation describes Antiochus Epiphanes, what is written here obviously goes _____ Antiochus to the Antichrist yet to come.
2. What will he be like?

He will be sinister & _____ in his schemes as well.
 He will prosper for a time, but will eventually turn _____ God's people.
 He will _____ Israel & seek to destroy all _____ (Rev 13:7)
 He will be empowered by _____ himself (2 Thess. 2:9a)
 He will use all power, signs & _____ wonders to deceive, Paul tells us (2 Thess. 2:9b)
 He will destroy the _____ of the world (Rev 17-18)
 He will be very proud & exalt himself against _____ (2 Thess. 2:4)
 He will desecrate the temple in Jerusalem by setting himself up as _____. (2 Thess. 2:4)
 He will be destroyed by _____ means. (Rev 19)

IV. What does all this mean to you?

1. What Antiochus was to the _____ in his day, the Antichrist will be to the _____ in the future.
2. The vision so _____ Daniel that he was _____ for days. He then resumed his duties in Belshazzar's kingdom. (8:26-27)
3. All of this should give us _____ in God's word!