

TRUSTING
THE MOST HIGH GOD
IN PERILOUS TIMES

To the Hebrews
Daniel 8 part 1



^{NAU} **Daniel 8:1** In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously. ² I looked in the vision, and while I was looking I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal.



³Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns *were* long, but one *was* longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last.

⁴I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no *other* beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified *himself*.





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Daniel 8:5-7 ⁵ While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat *had* a conspicuous horn between his eyes



⁶ He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.



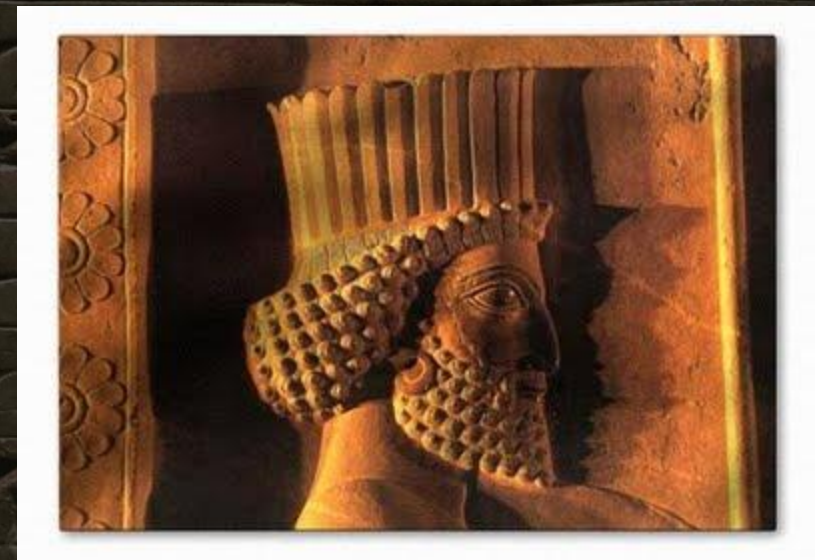
⁷ I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

Daniel 8:8 ⁸ Then the male goat magnified *himself* exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous *horns* toward the four winds of heaven.





Daniel 8:19-20 ¹⁹ He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for *it* pertains to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia





Daniel 8:21 ²¹ "The shaggy goat *represents* the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.





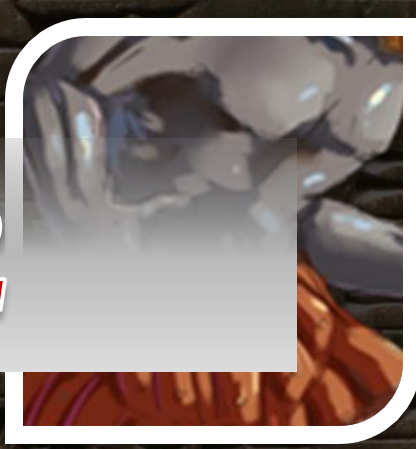
Daniel 8:22 "The broken *horn* and the four *horns* that arose in its place *represent* four kingdoms *which* will arise from *his* nation, although not with his power.



WHY?



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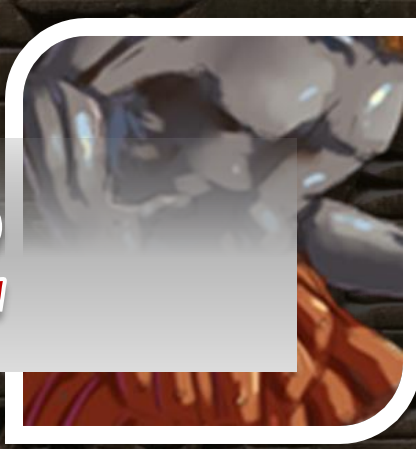


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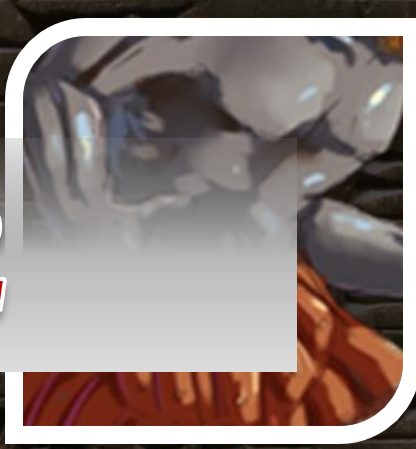


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DANIEL

HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS

THE POINT OF DANIEL:
*a Pattern
& a Promise*
FOR ALL GENERATIONS

HUMAN BEINGS BECOME
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GOD WILL ONE DAY CONFRONT THE
BEAST
AND RESCUE HIS WORLD.

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2 THE KING'S DREAM

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8 DANIEL'S 2ND VISION

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I'M SORRY, GOD!

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5 BELSHAZZAR'S PRIDE

NO WAY!

MENE MENE TEKEL PARSIN

WHAT-EVER!

ASSASSINATED

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- JOHN (AUTHOR OF REVELATION) ADAPTED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE ROME & ALL FUTURE EMPIRES

9 DANIEL'S PRAYER

HOW LONG O LORD?!

Jeremiah 25:
ISRAEL'S EXILE WILL LAST 70 YEARS

ISRAEL'S SIN HAS CONTINUED
- EXILE & OPPRESSION WILL LAST SEVEN TIMES LONGER (490 YEARS!!!)

10-12 DANIEL'S 3RD VISION

LESSER KINGDOMS

GREECE

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

THE KING OF THE NORTH

PERSIA

...COMES TO BUIIN.

HEBREW

ARAMAIC

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- A1 (2:4b-49) – A dream of four kingdoms replaced by a fifth
 - B1 (3:1–30) – Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace
 - C1 (4:1–37) – Daniel interprets a dream for Nebuchadnezzar
 - C2 (5:1–31) – Daniel interprets the handwriting on the wall for Belshazzar
 - B2 (6:1–28) – Daniel in the lions' den
- A2 (7:1–28) – A vision of four world kingdoms replaced by a fifth



VISIONS OF DANIEL ch. 7-12

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& a Promise FOR ALL GENERATIONS

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Daniel 4:34-37 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation. ³⁵ "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?' ³⁶ "At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. ³⁷ "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

Hebrew (Daniel chapters: 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12)

Prophetic Details of the Second and Third Kingdoms (Dan 8)

Daniel's Prayers of Deliverance of God's People (Dan 9:1-23)

The Arrival and Purpose of the Messiah (Dan 9:24-25)

Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing (Dan 9:26)

The Death and Return of the Messiah (Dan 9:26-27)

Daniel's Prayers and Fasting of Deliverance of God's People (Dan 10)

Prophetic Details of the Third and Fourth Kingdoms (Dan 11)