

Mini Series: Daniel's Visions
"The Ram and Goat"
Part 1



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Daniel Mini Series



- ✓ The Great Statue (Dan 2)
- ✓ Four Beasts (Dan 7)
 - ✓ Lion (King #1)
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 - ✓ Leopard (King #3)
 - ✓ Iron Teeth (King #4 → 4th kingdom, 10 kings)
- ✧ The Ram and Goat (Dan 8) [covering today]
- ✧ Seventy Weeks (Dan 9)
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Purpose of Four Beasts



Hosea 13:1-9

1 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling.
He exalted himself in Israel,
But through Baal he did wrong and died.

2 And now they sin more and more,
And make for themselves molten images,
Idols skillfully made from their silver,
All of them the work of craftsmen.

They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"

3 Therefore they will be like the morning cloud
And like dew which soon disappears,
Like chaff which is blown away from the threshing floor
And like smoke from a chimney.

4 Yet I have been the LORD your God
Since the land of Egypt;
And you were not to know any god except Me,
For there is no savior besides Me.

Purpose of Four Beasts



Hosea 13:1-9 (Cont'd)

5 I cared for you in the wilderness,
In the land of drought.

6 As they had their pasture, they became satisfied,
And being satisfied, their heart became proud;
Therefore they forgot Me.

7 So I (Yaweh) will be like a lion to them;

Like a leopard I (Yaweh) will lie in wait by the wayside.

8 I (Yaweh) will encounter them (Israel) like a bear robbed of her cubs,
And I (Yaweh) will tear open their (Israel's) chests;
There I (Yaweh) will also devour them (Israel) like a lioness,
As a wild beast would tear them.

9 It is your destruction, O Israel,
That you are against Me, against your help.

The Four Beasts in Daniel's vision are located on the Western and Southern Mediterranean and are God's instruments used to discipline Israel for their sin



Reminder: Disclaimer



- ❧ We are NOT going to speculate the rise and fall of historical nations or kingdoms in geographic regions implicated
 - ❧ From Daniel to present
- ❧ We ARE going to focus on ones w/end times implications

Daniel 8:1-14



Daniel 8:1-14

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. 3 Then 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. 4 I 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.

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. 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 8:1-14



9 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. 10 It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down. 11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down. 12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper. 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?" 14 He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

Exposit: Daniel 8:1



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.

❧ Vision of ram and goat was given to Daniel in the “third year” of Belshazzar’s reign

❧ Approx. dates of visions:

❧ The Great Statue: 604BC (2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar)

❧ The Four Beasts: 553BC (1st year of Belshazzar)

❧ Ram and Goat: : 551BC (3rd year of Belshazzar)

Exposit: Daniel 8:2



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.

- ❧ 'citadel' is 'biyrāh' which means a palace, fortress
- ❧ Susa is in the province (a district) of Elam



"Ulai Canal" / "Citadel of Susa"
Approx. area where Daniel
was in his Ram/Goat vision

Middle East

- ★ River
- ★ Capital City
- Major City

0 150 300 KM
0 150 300 Miles

Exposit: Daniel 8:3



3 Then 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

- ☞ Daniel sees a ram with 2 horns
“standing in front of the canal”
- ☞ One horn was longer than the other
- ☞ The shorter horn came first



Exposit: Daniel 8:3



- ☞ “long”, “longer” is from same word “gaboah” which means high, exalted
- ☞ As we learned, “horns” = “kings”
- ☞ So this ram represents 2 kings, 1 of which was higher, more prideful or exalted and came AFTER the 1st king





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- Major City

0 150 300 KM
0 150 300 Miles

Exposit: Daniel 8:4



4 I 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.

- ✧ Ram butted westward, northward, and southward on a conquest
- ✧ This conquering king did as he pleased and magnified himself





"Ulai Canal" / "Citadel of Susa"
Approx. area where Daniel
was in his Ram/Goat vision

Northward

Westward

Southward

Middle East

- ★ River
- ★ Capital City
- Major City

0 150 300 KM
0 150 300 Miles

Exposit: Daniel 8:5



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

- ❧ Goat from west was coming towards the ram
 - ❧ We'll get location when we get to interpretation given later in this ch.
- ❧ Goat did not touch the ground
- ❧ Had a conspicuous horn [more on this]



“conspicuous horn”



- ❧ “conspicuous” is ‘chazuth’ (Heb) or ‘hāzut’ (Ara) which means revelation, vision, striking appearance. Root Aramaic word also means a pact or agreement
- ❧ “horn” = “king”
- ❧ NOTE: ‘hāzut’ can also mean commitment or agreement
- ❧ So Daniel in his vision sees a king with a striking appearance coming either with or as a result of a commitment or agreement

Exposit: Daniel 8:6



6 He [the goat] 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.

☞ The goat “rushed” (ran quickly in urgency) the ram in his mighty wrath (powerful fury)



Exposit: Daniel 8:7



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



Exposit: 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.

- ☞ "the male goat" = a king (west from the Ram)
- ☞ "large horn was broken" [more on this later]
- ☞ "four winds of heaven" as we covered previously = angelic activity
- ☞ In context, "four points of a compass"
- ☞ "four conspicuous horns" [more on this]

“four conspicuous horns”



“four conspicuous horns”



- ❧ “conspicuous” is ‘chazuth’ (Heb) or ‘hāzut’ (Ara) which means revelation, vision, striking appearance. Root Aramaic word also means a pact or agreement
- ❧ “horn” = “king”
- ❧ NOTE: ‘hāzut’ can also mean commitment or agreement
- ❧ So Daniel sees the first horn (king) “broken or shattered into pieces” then four kings succeeded him through a pact or agreement
- ❧ This pact or agreement extended to four points of the compass from the original first horn’s dominion

Exposit: Daniel 8:9



9 Out of one of them [the four horns] came forth a rather small horn

which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.

- ✧ Again we'll get some geographic locations when we get to the interpretation given
- ✧ "small horn" [more on this]
- ✧ "Beautiful Land" [more on this]



“small horn”



- ❧ “small” is ‘tsair’ (Heb) which means little, insignificant or young. It refers to the age of a person who is young in years
- ❧ IMPORTANT: “the little horn” from fourth beast (Iron Teeth) is distinct from “the small horn” in the Ram/Goat vision
- ❧ “the little horn” = “zeer” (Ara and Heb). It does not describe a person young in age; it describes something that is small, little or insignificant
- ❧ “the small horn” = ‘tsair’ (Heb) describes an age of a person young in years
- ❧ WARNING: Do not assume that the “little horn” and the “small horn” is the same person! So caution when reading headers of Bibles that makes this assumption!

“Beautiful Land”



- ☞ “beautiful” is ‘tsebi’ (Heb) which means glorious or beautiful
- ☞ God calls Israel and their land “beautiful” in:

2Sam 1:19: “Your beauty (tsebi), O Israel, is slain on your high places!

Jer 3:19 “Then I [Yaweh] said,
‘How I would set you among My sons
And give you a pleasant land,
The most beautiful [tsebi] inheritance of the nations!’

Exposit: Daniel 8:9



9 Out of one of them [the four horns] came forth a rather small horn [a king young in years] which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land [the land of Israel].



Exposit: Daniel 8:10



10 It [the young king] grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.

- ☞ “grew up” literally means “became great”
- ☞ “to the host of heaven” [more on this]
- ☞ “some of the stars” [more on this]



“to the host of heaven”



- ❧ “host” is ‘tsaba’ (Heb) which means army or warfare. The root word ‘sābā’ literally means to wage war
- ❧ “heaven” is ‘shamayin’ (Heb) which means heaven, heavens, or sky. The context defines which one.
- ❧ Daniel sees the little horn grow up to (or before) the army or armies of heaven or sky
- ❧ Who or what in Scripture is associated with “the host of heaven”

”to the host of heaven”



Deuteronomy 4:19 (God warning Israel to obey God's Law)

19 And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all **the host of heaven (tsaba shamayin)**, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

☞ host of heaven = sun, moon, stars

2 Kings 21:3 (Manasseh succeeded Hezekiah and did evil in the eyes of God)

3 For he [Manasseh] rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he [Manasseh] erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all **the host of heaven (tsaba shamayin)** and served them.

☞ host of heaven = sun, moon and stars, Baal, Asherah

”to the host of heaven”



2 Chronicles 18:18 (Prophet Micaiah rebukes Ahab)

18 Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all **the host of heaven (tsaba shamayin)** standing on His right and on His left.

☞ host of heaven = angels, living creatures, angelic hosts

“some of the stars”



☞ “stars” is ‘kokab’ which means stars or a star in the heavens:

Gen 15:5 (God affirming the Abrahamic Covenant)

And He [Yaweh] took him [Abraham] outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens [shamayin], and count the stars [kokab], if you are able to count them.”

☞ Interesting note: ‘kobab’ is also used to describe Messiah and angels

“some of the stars”



Num 24:17 (Balaam's oracles)

A star (kokab) shall come forth from Jacob,

A scepter shall rise from Israel,

And shall crush through the forehead of Moab,

And tear down all the sons of Sheth.

☞ 'kokab' which means a star or stars is associated with Messiah

“some of the stars”



Judges 5:19-20

19 “The kings came and fought;

Then fought the kings of Canaan

At Taanach near the waters of Megiddo;

They took no plunder in silver.

20 “The stars [kokab] fought from heaven [shamayin],

From their courses they fought against Sisera.

☞ ‘kokab’ is associated with angels being at war in heaven

TRUTH: whenever there is war on earth, it’s a manifestation of war in heaven! Our constellations are likened to a host of heavenly armies!

Now let’s pull all this together...

Catarroja AMP: Daniel 8:10



10 It [the young king] grew up [became great on earth that reached] to the host of heaven [heavenly beings] and caused some of the host [of heaven] and some of the stars [angels] to fall to the earth, and it [the heavenly beings and angels] trampled them [the nations towards the south, towards the east, towards Israel] down.

✧ TRUTH: Whenever a king or world power arises, its a result of war between angels!



Exposit: Daniel 8:11



11 It [the young king] even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it [the young king] removed the regular sacrifice from Him [the Commander of the host], and the place of His [the Commander of the host's] sanctuary was thrown down.

- ❧ “magnified itself” can be rendered “exalted its own greatness”
- ❧ “Commander of the host” is the “sar tsaba”. “sar” means someone with immediate authority as a leader, such as a prince, captain, or official. ‘tsaba’ as we just covered means army
- ❧ “Commander of the host” is the captain or prince of the army (in context is a ruler of an army on earth – not heaven)

Exposit: Daniel 8:11



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- ❧ “the regular sacrifice” is ‘tamid’ which means continual observances
 - ❧ Definitely has priestly duties in view administering in the Holy Temple
- ❧ “the place of His sanctuary was thrown down” – interesting it did not say “God’s” sanctuary, but “his sanctuary”. Jesus uttered something very similar when after lamenting over Jerusalem said “Your house is left to you desolate”

Exposit: Daniel 8:11



CASE IN POINT: Whoever the small horn is will be a young king who takes away the regular sacrifices being administered in the Holy Temple (in Jerusalem)

Exposit: Daniel 8:12



12 And on account of transgression the host [Israel's king] will be given over to the [small] horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it [the small horn] will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

- ✧ Here we get more insight into this small horn (young king)
- ✧ He will be given authority to take over Israel along with its regular sacrifices
- ✧ He will “fling truth” or “cast away” that which is “truth” to the ground (like the shattering of the 10 Commandments of stone) and perform his own will and will prosper

Exposit: Daniel 8:13-14



13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?” 14 He said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”

☞ “2,300 evenings and mornings” means what?

Exposit: Daniel 8:13-14



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- ❧ “2,300 evenings and mornings” means what? **“2,300 evenings and mornings”!**
- ❧ 2,300 days (and there was evening and morning, the 1st day, etc.)
- ❧ We’ll look more at the significance of this fact and its end times implications as we get to Part 2 of our study as we take a close look at the interpretation of this vision given to Daniel.