

THE VISION OF THE RAM AND THE GOAT, PART 2

(Daniel 8:15-27)

- I. Daniel Becomes a PARTICIPANT in His VISION (Dan. 8:15-19)
 - A. Sees GABRIEL standing near him (cf. 9:21; Lk. 1:19, 26)
 - 1. Name means “GOD’S STRONG MAN”
 - 2. Always shown as a MESSENGER
 - B. Hears a MAN’S VOICE tell Gabriel to EXPLAIN
 - C. Falls TERRIFIED on his face at Gabriel’s APPROACH

- II. Vision Interpreted in Relation to the “TIME of the END” (Dan. 8:19)
 - A. “The indignation” probably refers to GOD’S ANGER toward ISRAEL (cf. 11:36; Isa. 10:5, 25)
 - 1. Sent PERSECUTION as CHASTENING
 - 2. Used UNGODLY nations as His SCOURGE

 - B. Four views concerning “the FINAL period” and “the time of the END”
 - 1. HISTORICAL—ALL the vision has been FULFILLED
 - 2. FUTURIST—NONE of the vision has been FULFILLED
 - 3. DUAL fulfillment—vv. 1-14 predicts NEAR future of Antiochus IV, and vv. 15-17 predicts END TIMES with ANTICHRIST
 - 4. TYPICAL fulfillment—COMPLETELY fulfilled in Antiochus IV, but depicts SIMILAR EVENTS in the end times

III. Interpretation of the RAM and the SHAGGY GOAT (8:20-22)

- A. Ram represents UNITED MEDIA-PERSIA
- B. Shaggy goat represents GREECE
 - 1. LARGE HORN between his eyes is ALEXANDER
 - 2. FOUR HORNS replace him when he FALLS

IV. The LATTER PERIOD of the Kingdom (8:23-26)

- A. A leader appears “in the latter period of THEIR RULE when the TRANSGRESSORS have run their course”
- B. He is “INSOLENT and SKILLED in intrigue”
- C. He has GREAT POWER that is not HIS OWN
- D. He accomplishes great DESTRUCTION, including ISRAEL
- E. He establishes policies that INCREASE WICKEDNESS
- F. He exalts HIMSELF
- G. He destroys many by a FALSE PEACE
- H. He opposes “the PRINCE of princes”
- I. He ends “BROKEN without HUMAN agency”
 - 1. May have been COMPLETELY fulfilled in Antiochus IV
 - 2. Seems to reach BEYOND to the END of the AGE

V. Effect on Daniel (Dan. 8:27)

- A. He was EXHAUSTED and SICK “for days”
- B. He RECOVERED and RESUMED his duties for the king
- C. He remained PERPLEXED by the vision and its explanation