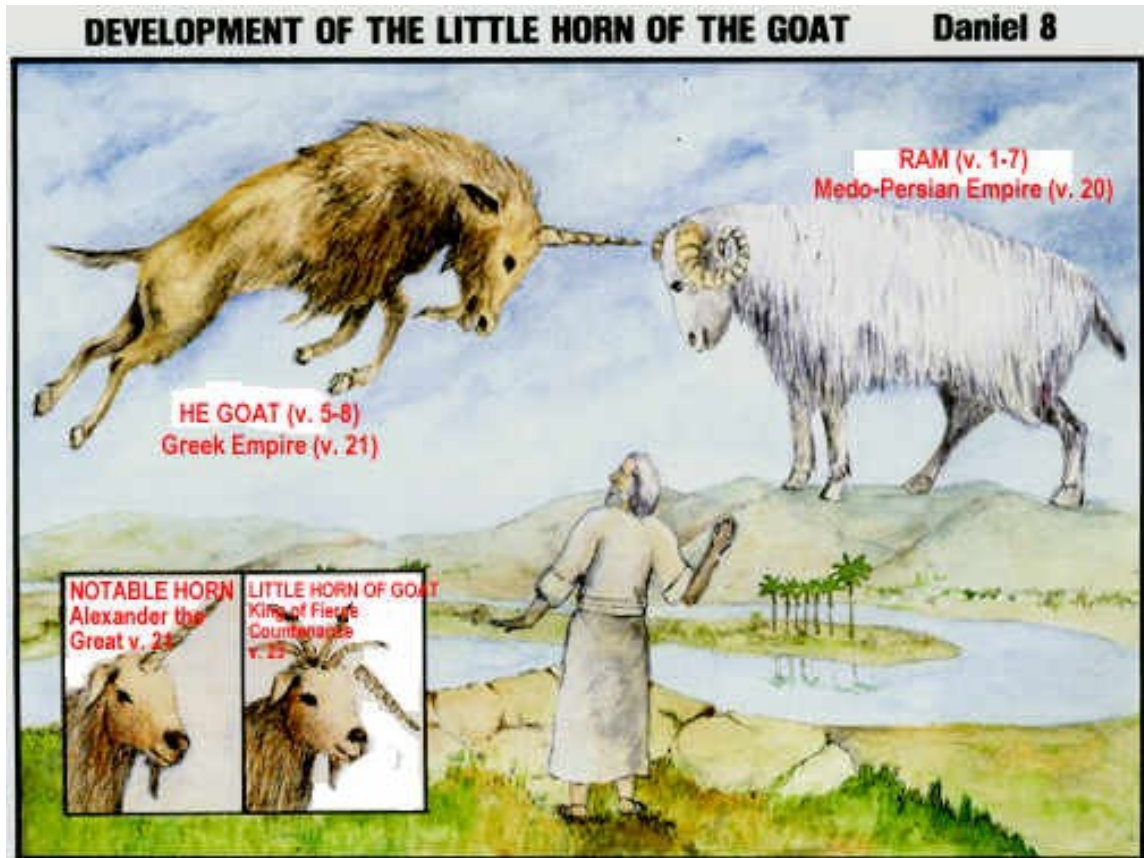


Daniel 8:1-27

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. . HE LIMITS HISTORY

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Looking Within

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1. Using the following verses from chapters 7 and 8, compare, or contrast, the two “little horns”: 7:7-8, 11, 20-22, 25-26, 8:9-12, 23-25
2. Knowing what you know from your history education, does this chapter encourage or discourage you?
3. How does the fulfillment of these events relate to the dating of the book of Daniel?



Digging Deeper

Need to know more about what you’ve just learned? Below are some verses to help you explore what scripture has to say about these topics, events and people.

Time of the end

- Deuteronomy 4:30
- Ezekiel 7:2-3 cf. Amos 8:2
- Ezekiel 21:25, 29; 35:5
- Joel 2:28-29 cf. Acts 1:17-18



Additional Resources

For those desiring more information below are some optional resources that would be beneficial.

1. Article:

Attached copy of the Apocrypha Reading. Please read for next week.

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A. Persian Kingdom: Cyrus (8:3-4, 20)

B. Greek Kingdom: Alexander the Great (8:5-8, 21-22)

C. The “Little Horn”: Antiochus Epiphanes (8:9-14, 23-25)

Lessons

- ⬆️ Evil is always present in every age, and it has a tendency to overstep its boundaries
- ⬆️ There will always be opposition to the Truth until Christ returns
- ⬆️ We must be aware of the subtle, and not so subtle attempts, to conform us to our present culture
- ⬆️ We must be about “the Kings business”



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1. Compare 1 Maccabees 1:62 with Daniel 1:8. How is your resolve? Where do you take a stand? For what are you willing to die?
2. What is your reaction to this vision? How does your reaction compare with Daniel's?
3. In light of the Second Coming of Christ, how might we be about the King's business in our daily lives?



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Indignation of God

- Psalm 38:3; 69:24; 78:49
- Isaiah 10:5-6, 25: 30:37
- Jeremiah 10:10; 50:25
- Lamentations 2:6
- Ezekiel 22:24, 31
- Nahum 1:6
- Zephaniah 3:8

God's Ability to Foretell

- Isaiah 41:22, 26; 44:6-7; 46:9-10; 48:3-8



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1. Sermons

- Sermon by Eric Alexander

<http://www.ericalexander.co.uk>

(click on enter site, sermons, Old Testament, Daniel, Daniel 5 (this is the message on chapter 8))

- Sermon by Vincent Sawyer

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=322091451317&logos=1>