

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Superpowers in Conflict"

Text: Daniel 8:1-27

INTRODUCTION:

1. Two important factors . . .
mark Daniel 8 as the beginning of a new section.
 - A. The language returns to _____ instead of Aramaic.
 - B. The change of language is in keeping with the change in _____ introduced by this chapter.
2. What is Happening in Israel and What Does it Mean?
A message from FOI's Executive Director, Jim Showers
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3. Two important visions of Daniel (Chapters 7 and 8)
 - A. Daniel 7 ... is a broad summary of "the times of the *Gentiles*," with emphasis on the climactic events culminating in the 2nd coming of Christ to the earth.
 - B. Daniel 8 ... concerns the empires of Medo-Persia & Greece as they relate to Israel. Remember, Israel and its people are now the focal point in chapters 8-12.

THE RECEPTION OF DANIEL'S SECOND VISION (8:1-2, 15-19)

1. The _____ of the Vision (8:1)
2. The _____ of the Vision (8:1)
3. The _____ of the Vision (8:2)
4. The _____ of the Vision (8:15-16)
5. The _____ of the Vision (8:17-19)

THE REVELATION OF DANIEL'S SECOND VISION (8:3-8, 20-22)

Two animals dominate Daniel's vision: a Ram & a Goat. They picture a fierce battle between two headstrong rulers engaged in a struggle for dominance.

1. The Ram (8:3-4): the _____ - _____ Empire (20)

2. The Goat (8:5-7): the _____ Empire (21)

Five amazing prophecies are made in these verses (8:5-7, 21-22) that were fulfilled down to the minutest detail.

A. The _____ to World Conquest (8:5)

The goat "came from the west" and "without touching the ground".

B. The _____ of the First King (8:5)

He is called "a prominent horn" or a "notable horn" ... and that he was.

C. The _____ of the Medo-Persian Empire (8:6-7)

D. The _____ Death of the King (vs. 8)

E. The _____ of the Greek Empire (vss. 8, 22)

The last part has to do with 4 horns that replaced the 'prominent horn'

1) Cassander ruled Macedonia and Greece proper.

2) Lysimachus ruled Thrace and most of western Asia Minor.

3) Seleucus took Syria, Babylonia, and the Iranian Plateau.

4) Ptolemy took Egypt, Cyrene, Cyprus, and Palestine.

OUR RESPONSE TO DANIEL'S SECOND VISION

1. A great _____

2. A great _____

3. A great _____

A poem called Jesus and Alexander by Charles Ross Weede (2015)