

DANIEL

“Keeping the faith when the heat is on”

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CHAPTER 8: DANIEL'S VISION OF THE RAM & GOAT



I. INTRODUCTION

Daniel, Chapter 8 specifically focuses on a vision Daniel receives concerning future kingdoms, emphasizing God's sovereignty over history. This chapter presents the symbolic imagery of a ram and a goat, which represent powerful empires. As we explore this chapter, we will uncover themes of divine revelation, the nature of prophetic vision, and the hope that arises from God's control over the unfolding of history.

II. CHAPTER 8 OUTLINE

- A. The Ram (8:1)
- B. The Goat (8:5-8)
- C. The Little Horn (8:9-14)
- D. Gabriel Brings the Interpretation (8:15-17)
- E. The Vision Interpreted (8:18-26)”
- F. Daniel's Reaction (8:27)

III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. In Chapter 8 God gave Daniel a prophecy that a future crisis was coming for the Jews. If there was a big crisis coming in your life how would you prepare for it?
- B. A crisis can often cause much anxiety. If a Christian is experiencing anxiety does that mean they are not trusting God?
- C. Why is the quality of being patient so important in the Christian life? How would you rate your own ability to be patient in most circumstances?

IV. APPLICATION: THE ABCs OF FACING CRISES

❖ _____ **trust God's sovereignty and timing**

Just as Daniel was reassured of God's control over future events, Christians today can find comfort in knowing that God is sovereign over our lives and the world. In times of uncertainty, we can trust that God's plan is unfolding, even when we cannot see the bigger picture.

❖ _____ **courageous in the face of opposition**

The challenges faced by Daniel and the depiction of the little horn remind us to remain steadfast in our faith. Christians may encounter hostility or opposition, but we are called to respond with courage and integrity, knowing that God ultimately triumphs.

❖ _____ **seek God in prayer for wisdom to understand**

Just as Daniel sought understanding from God, we are encouraged to approach Him in prayer for wisdom and insight. Engaging with scripture and asking for divine guidance helps us navigate life's complexities and grow in our relationship with God.