

Study Notes and Questions for Daniel 8

- **Note:** While Daniel switched to writing in Aramaic for chapters in 2:4 through chapter 7:28, Daniel now resumes writing in Hebrew for these last five chapters.
- What important details of his vision does Daniel give in verses 3–4?
- This vision outlined in Daniel 8, along with its interpretation is a striking prediction of the Medo-Persian and Greek empires. It is so accurate that some interpreters refuse to believe they were written by Daniel. They charge that these words had to be written much later after the events occurred. How would you respond to someone who believed this way?
- What does the ram in verse 3 represent?
- What does the male goat in verse 5 represent?
- How does the Lord depict the swiftness of the goat movements?
- The “conspicuous horn” of the goat refers to Alexander the Great. What did the Lord foretell about Alexander in verse 8?
- What is the meaning of the “four conspicuous horns” that arose from the goat?
- One of the four horns grew exceedingly powerful. Who is that horn referring to? (8:10-11)
- What does verse 12 tell us by way of explaining why difficulties came upon the Jews?
- What was Daniel’s response to this vision in verse 15?
- What was Daniel’s physical reaction to speaking with the angel Gabriel?
- How does the latter part of verse 17 alert us to the fact that this vision has a secondary meaning?
- Define the Law of Double Reference.
- What does verse 24 tell us about the Antichrist?
- What was Daniel told to do with this vision and its interpretation in verse 26?