

DANIEL 8
SESSION EIGHT
FORESHADOWING THE LITTLE HORN
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As we continue part 2 of our study on the Book of Daniel, we will focus on an additional vision recorded in Daniel 8. Several common denominators will offer us a familiar canvas on which to paint an entirely new portrait. Thankfully, much of the prophecy in this chapter has become history.

Overview Daniel 8:1-8 then read verses 9 through 27. Fill in the following diagram accordingly:

The Two-Horned Ram

Cassander

(Macedonia and Greece)

Medo-Persians

The Shaggy Goat

Lysimachus

(Thrace and parts of Asia Minor)

Large horn: Alexander the Great Four horns:

Had a drinking problem

died at the peak of his career

Ptolemy

(Egypt and parts of Asia Minor)

Seleucus

(Syria, Israel, Mesopotamia)

The name “Epiphanes” means “the Illustrious One.”

The Jews called him “Epimanes,” meaning “The Madman.”

Don't confuse the antichrist of chapter 7 with Antiochus IV Epiphanes of chapter 8.

See chapter 7:7-8 – little horn comes out of the Roman Empire.

According to *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, this portion of prophecy in Daniel 8 “reveals Israel’s history under the Seleucids and particularly under Antiochus during the time of Greek domination, but it also looks forward to Israel’s experiences under Antichrist whom Antiochus foreshadows. Because much can be learned about the “forthcoming desecrator” from the former desecrator, “it may be concluded that there is a dual reference in this striking prophecy.” (*Antiochus and the antichrist*)

When “the near fulfillment of the prophecy foreshadows the far,” Dr. Charles Swindoll terms the occasion a double fulfillment.

Dual referencing or double fulfillment showing us a picture of two things at once – one is near and one is far – similar, but this one is further out and much bigger.

HINTS OF FORESHADOWING IN DANIEL 8:

Compare verse 13 and Matthew 24:15-18. According to Christ, the abomination that causes desolation is ultimately yet to come.

“he will become very strong but not by his own power” (vv. 23-24). *Rev. 13:2 dragon=Satan*

“he will . . . take his stand against the Prince of princes” (v. 25).

“he will be destroyed, but not by human power” (v. 25).

We are the dot on the timeline – 2 Thessalonians 2

We're the church, we are the people of God – we are the light of the world – this is our time!

We are now in the church age – Daniel 8 is history, Daniel 7 & 9 are prophecy.