



THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

8:1-27

"The Vision of the Ram & Goat"

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Chapter 8 - Daniels Vision 551-552 BC

- ◆ **Daniel naturally divides itself into two parts...**
 - > Personal history of Daniel - 1:1-6:28
 - > Visions and prophecies of Daniel - 7:1-12:13
- ◆ The second half of the book contains four visions seen by Daniel...
 - > The vision of the four beasts - 7:1-28
 - > The vision of the ram and the goat - 8:1-27
 - > The vision of the seventy weeks - 9:1-27
 - > The vision of the time of the end - 10:1-12:13
- ◆ God reveals many things about His purpose and plan in history, specifically about the nation of Israel and the everlasting kingdom to come.

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THE VISION OF THE FOUR BEAST - 2-8

Connection with Nebuchadnezzar's vision in Chapter 2

Daniel 7:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 'Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings *which* arise out of the earth.'



Babylon

Medes & Persians

Greece

Rome



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Daniel 8:1 (NKJV)

¹ In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared *to me*—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time.

- Belshazzar's third year, 8:1, 551-552 BC - with his "first year," 7:1 - 554-553 BC). - (1)
- Daniel saw himself in the palace in Susa, one of the Persian royal cities, more than 200 miles east of Babylon on the Ulai Canal - (2)

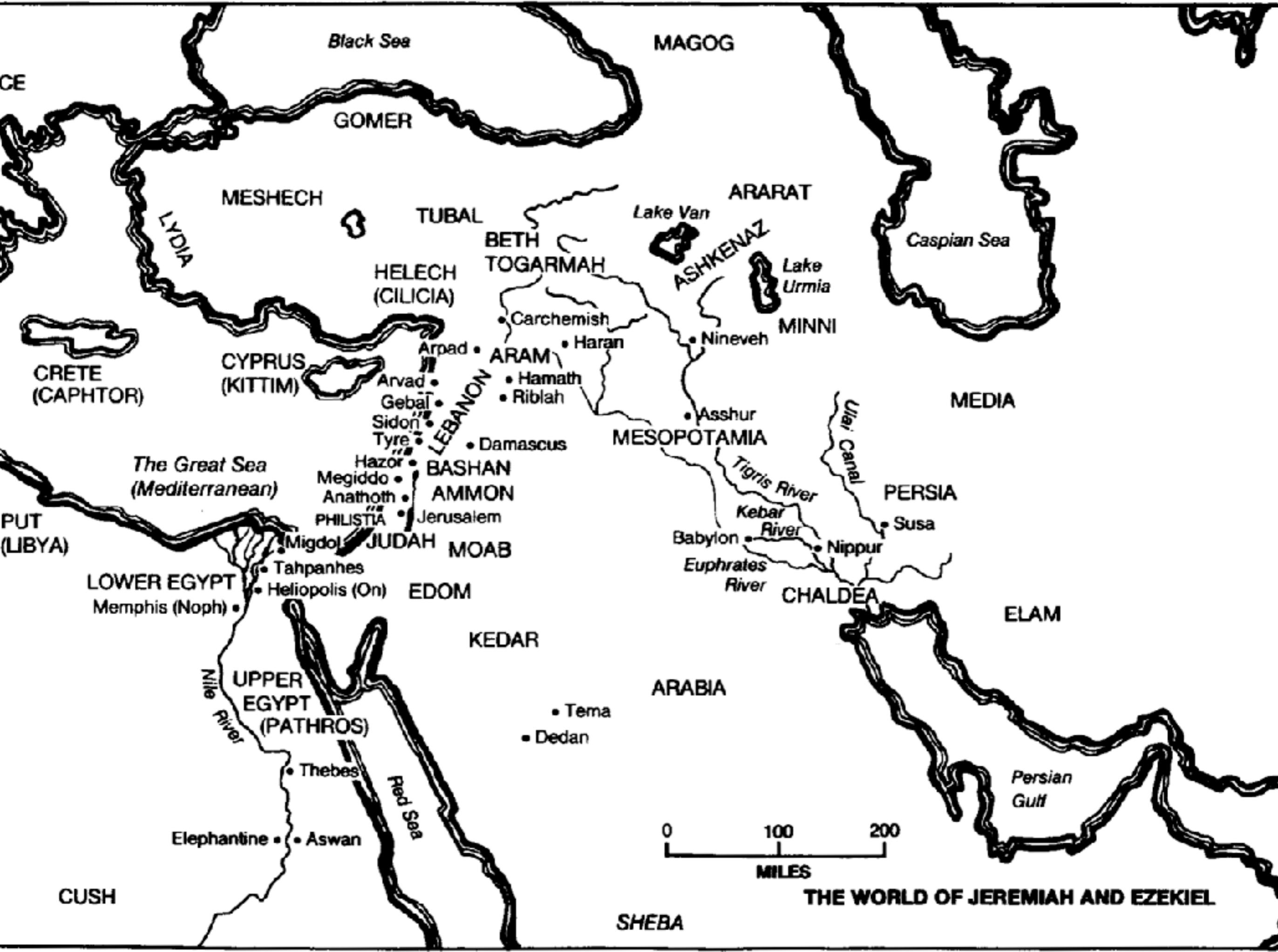
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Daniel 8:2 (NKJV)

² I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I *was* in Shushan, the citadel, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

- Later the Persian king Xerxes, (Ahasuerus) built a magnificent palace there, which was where the events recorded in the Book of Esther took place (cf. Es. 1:2). 485 to 465 b.c.
- Nehemiah was King Artaxerxes' cupbearer in the Susa palace (Neh. 1:1). Around 444 BC



Black Sea

MAGOG

GOMER

MESHECH

TUBAL

ARARAT

Caspian Sea

LYDIA

HELECH
(CILICIA)

BETH
TOGARMAH

Lake Van

ASHKENAZ

Lake
Urmia

MINNI

CRETE
(CAPHTOR)

CYPRUS
(KITTIM)

ARAM
• Arpad
• Arvad
• Gebal
• Sidon
• Tyre

• Haran
• Hamath
• Riblah

• Nineveh

• Asshur

MEDIA

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean)

Hazor
• Megiddo
• Anathoth
• PHILISTIA

BASHAN
• Jerusalem

MESOPOTAMIA

Tigris River
Kabar River

Ulei Canal

PERSIA

PUT
(LIBYA)

• Migdol

JUDAH

MOAB

Babylon

Euphrates
River

Nippur

Susa

LOWER EGYPT
• Memphis (Noph)

• Tahpanhes
• Heliopolis (On)

EDOM

CHALDEA

ELAM

KEDAR

ARABIA

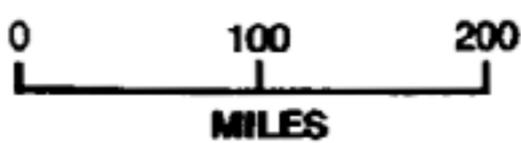
UPPER
EGYPT
(PATHROS)

• Tema
• Dedan

Elephantine • Aswan

Red Sea

Persian
Gulf



CUSH

THE WORLD OF JEREMIAH AND EZEKIEL

SHEBA

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DANIEL 8:3-4 (NKJV)

³ Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher *one* came up last. ⁴ I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor *was there any* that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

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BATTLE BETWEEN RAM & GOAT (8:1-8)



- Sees a two-horned ram - 8:3-4
- Sees a 1-horned male goat - 8:5
- The goat defeats the ram - 8:6-7
- The goat becomes great, but when he became strong, the large horn was broken. In its place four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven- Dan 8:8

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THE LITTLE HORN & ITS SINS (8:9-12)

Daniel Ch 8
2300 days



- ❖ He sees a little horn come out of the four with great power - 8:9-12
- ❖ Which grew exceedingly great toward the south and east toward the Glorious Land
- ❖ It grew up to the host of heaven,
1) Casting down and trampling to the ground some of the host,
2) Exalting himself as high as the Prince of host

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THE LITTLE HORN & ITS SINS (8:9-12)

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- ❖ By this powerful horn...
 - ❖ The daily sacrifices were taken away
 - ❖ The place of His (God's) sanctuary was cast down
 - ❖ An army was given him to oppose the daily sacrifices (because of transgression)

DANIEL 8:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking; and *another* holy one said to that certain *one* who was speaking, “How long *will* the vision *be, concerning* the daily *sacrifices* and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?” ¹⁴ And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”

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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)

Daniel 8:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of the Ulai*, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this *man* understand the vision." ¹⁷ So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end."

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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)



- ❖ The 2-horned ram depicts the kings of Media and Persia — 8:20
- ❖ The larger horn may represent Persia's greater influence - Dan 8:3
- ❖ The expansion of the Medo-Persian empire illustrated by the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward - Dan 8:4

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- ❖ The one-horned male goat - Dan 8:21 - depicts the kingdom of Greece from the west - Dan 8:5
- ❖ The large horn represents its first king (Alexander the Great)
- ❖ The speed of the goat aptly reflects Alexander's conquests - Dan 8:5
- ❖ Alexander defeated the Persians in three decisive battles - Dan 8:6-7

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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)



- ❖ The broken horn and four horns that arose in its place - Dan 8:22
- ❖ Alexander died @ 33 years of age & his empire was divided between his four generals - 8:8
 - ❖ 1) Ptolemy (Egypt)
 - ❖ 2) Seleucus I (Syria)
 - ❖ 3) Cassander (Macedonia & Greece)
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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)



- ◆ The rather small horn that grew exceedingly = A king that later arises (8:23-25)
- ◆ In the latter period of the rule of the four kingdoms (8:23)
- ◆ When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, (8:23, 25)
 - ◆ 1) Insolent (5794, 'az) (8:23)
 - ◆ 2) Skilled in intrigue (2420, chiydah) (8:23)
 - ◆ 3) Shrewd (7922, sekel) (8:25)

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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)



- ◆ This king's power (8:24)
 - ◆ 1) Mighty but not by his own power (8:24)
- ◆ His evil deeds (24-25)
 - ◆ Destroy exceedingly (8:24-25)
 - ◆ Will prosper (8:24)
 - ◆ Will perform his will (8:24)
 - ◆ Will cause deceit / to succeed by his influence (8:25)
 - ◆ Will magnify himself (8:25)
 - ◆ Will oppose the Prince of princes (8:25)

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO HOLY ONES -8:13,14

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2300 days



Antiochus Epiphanes repressed the Jews for 6.4 years (6 years and 140 days) which would seem to correspond to a **LITERAL 2300 days** (171 to 165 BC).

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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)



- ❖ The fate of this king – He will be broken without human agency (8:25)
- ❖ The death of Antiochus Epiphanes is recorded in the noninspired 1 Maccabees 6:8-16. According to this account, he realized at his death that he had offended the God of heaven. “After suffering several reverses in battle against both the Jews and the Persians, Antiochus died of grief and insanity.” 163 BC

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GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION — (8:15-27)

Daniel 8:26-27 (NKJV)

²⁶ “And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For *it refers* to many days *in the future.*” ²⁷ And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king’s business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

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Kingdom Would Be Established



Babylonian Empire
605 B.C. - 536 B.C.



Medo-Persian Empire
536 B.C. - 330 B.C.



Grecian Empire
330 B.C. - 30 B.C.



Roman Empire
30 B.C. - 337 A.D.

"The days of these kings," Daniel 2:44

a stone was cut out without hands

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**Accuracy of prophecy - and
should remind us of God's power
to fulfill His Word**

God is indeed in control

Four Beasts & Our Mighty King

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ISAIAH 46:8-13 (NKJV)

⁸ “Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors.
⁹ Remember the former things of old, For *I am* God, and *there is* no other; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’

ISAIAH 46:8-13 (NKJV)

¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken *it*; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed *it*; I will also do it. ¹² “Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who *are* far from righteousness: ¹³ I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory.