

Chapter 12 — "The Ram, the Goat, and the Horn" (Daniel 8:1-27)

"He said to me, 'It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.'" — Daniel 8:14

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT

1. The Vision of the Ram and the Goat

What two kingdoms do the ram and the goat represent, and what dramatic shift occurs when the goat's prominent horn is broken off (Dan. 8:1–8)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

2. The Growth and Hostility of the Little Horn

How does the "little horn" in this vision differ historically from the one in Daniel 7, what actions does it take against God's sanctuary and daily worship, and what does the vision reveal about the power behind it (Dan. 8:9–12)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

3. The 2,300 Evenings and Mornings

What question does Daniel overhear in the conversation between the two holy ones, and what are the primary interpretations given in the sermon for the "2,300 evenings and mornings" (Dan. 8:13–14)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

4. Gabriel's Explanation of the Vision

How does the angel Gabriel instruct Daniel regarding what he has seen, and how does he identify the nations and rulers represented in the vision (Dan. 8:15–22)?

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5. The Stern-Faced King and Daniel's Reaction

Who is the historical "stern-faced king," how will his destructive reign come to an end, and how did this overwhelming revelation affect Daniel (Dan. 8:23–27)?

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PART II: APPLYING THE MATERIAL

6. Strengthening Faith Through Predictive Prophecy

Seeing how precisely God's prophetic word unfolds hundreds of years in advance demonstrates His complete sovereignty over history. How does seeing fulfilled prophecy in Scripture build your trust in the reliability of God's Word today?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

7. Recognizing Spiritual Warfare Behind Earthly Power

Scripture notes that corrupt earthly power often grows strong through forces beyond human strength. How does keeping the reality of invisible spiritual warfare in mind help you respond with wisdom and grace when facing opposition?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

8. Standing Firm When Truth is Thrown to the Ground

Daniel 8:12 describes a time when "truth was thrown to the ground." In what ways do you see God's truth being pushed aside in culture today, and what practical steps can we take as believers to stand firm?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

9. Finding Comfort in God's Limits on Suffering

Even during dark seasons of opposition, God sets strict boundaries on how long trials can last before restoration comes. How does knowing that God holds the ultimate timeline give you hope and endurance in difficult times?

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10. Faithfully Returning to Daily Service

After witnessing such an intense vision, Daniel simply got up and went about the king's business. Reflecting on John Wesley's story in the sermon, how can we avoid becoming paralyzed by anxiety or speculation about the future and instead remain faithful in our daily callings?

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