I. VISION OF THE RAM AND GOAT (Read Dan. 8:1-8)

A. Compare Dan. 7:1 with 8:1. How long had it been since Daniel had his previous dream? What year is it now?

B. According to vs. 2 what landmark did Daniel see in his vision?
   1. Where is the province of Elam?
   2. Where was Daniel himself standing in the vision? Where is this?

C. Daniel describes a ram in vss. 3-4.
   1. What does the ram represent?
   2. Where was the ram standing? What does this mean?
   3. What were the ram’s horns like? What does this mean?
   4. The ram was butting in what three directions? What does this mean and why was the fourth direction not mentioned?
   5. What beast was able to stand against the ram? What does this mean?
6. The text mentions two things that the ram did at the end of vs. 4. What are they able to do, what are they and what do they mean?

D. In vs. 5 we read about a male goat.

1. What is the difference between a ram and a male goat?

2. From where did the male goat come and in what direction was it going? What does this mean?

3. How was the goat traveling? What does this mean?

4. How far did the goat travel? What does this mean?

5. What was conspicuous about this particular male goat? What does this mean?

E. In vs. 6 we learn about the male goat. What did the male goat do in relation to the ram according to vs. 6? What does this mean?

F. According to vs. 7 the male goat came beside the ram and we are told several things.

   a. What was the male goat’s temperament towards the ram? What does this mean?

   b. What did he do to the ram at first, what happened, and what does this mean?
c. How did the ram respond? What does this mean?

d. After that, what did the male goat do to the ram? What does this mean?

G. After the male goat conquered the ram, what did he do according to vs. 8?

1. What happened to the male goat’s horns after it magnified itself? What does this mean?

2. What came up on the head of the male goat and what does this mean?

II. LITTLE HORN DESCRIBED (Read Dan. 8:9-14)

A. What came up among the four horns on the head of the male goat according to vs. 9? What does this mean?

1. What did the little horn do? What does this mean?

2. In what directions did the little horn grow? What does this mean?

3. Where is “The beautiful land?”

B. According to vs. 10 how high did the little horn grow?
1. What are “The host” and “stars of heaven?”

2. How did the little horn cause some of the host and stars of heaven to fall to the earth so he could trample them under foot? What does this mean?

C. In vs. 11 it mentions the “Commander of the host.” Who is this?

1. What did the little horn try to do in relation to the Commander of the host? What does this mean?

2. What two things happened to “Him” and “His” as a consequence? Who and what are being referred to?

D. In vs. 12 we are told the reason why several things come upon the host. What is the reason and what does this mean?

E. What five things are we told that the little horn does and what do these things mean?

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F. In **vss. 13-14** there is a conversation between the holy ones.

1. What is a holy one?

2. What is a regular sacrifice?

3. What is the transgression that causes horror?

4. What is the holy place?

5. What question did one holy one ask the other?

6. What was the answer to the question and what does all of this mean?

III. **INTERPRETATION OF THE VISION** (Read Dan. 8:15-27)

A. In **vs. 15** who is the one "*who looked like a man*?"

B. In **vs. 16** where was the one who looked like a man and where was his voice coming from?

1. Who is Gabriel?
2. What was Gabriel told to do by the one who looked like a man and had the voice of a man?

C. According to **vs. 17**, when Gabriel approached Daniel how did Daniel respond? Why?

   1. Who is being called “Son of man” in **vs. 17**? Is this the same “Son of Man” we were introduced to in **Dan. 7**? Why or why not?

   2. What does the phrase “time of the end” mean?

D. In **vs. 18** it says that Daniel "fell into a deep sleep with his face to the ground." What does this mean?

   1. What did Gabriel do?

   2. What does this teach us?

E. Gabriel tells Daniel in **vs. 19** that he is going to let him know what will occur “at the final period of indignation” which “pertains to the appointed time of the end.” What time is that and what does it mean?

F. According to **vs. 20** what does the ram represent?
G. According to **vs. 21**, what does the shaggy goat represent? Is this the same as the male goat?

H. According to **vss. 21-22** write down what the various horns represent.
   1. First and second horns that were broken off –

   2. The third horn that remained –

   3. Four horns that arose in place of the third horn that was broken off –

I. In **vss. 23-25** we learn the fate of the four horns and the king who will arise after them.
   1. What does the text mean when it speaks of the kingdoms represented by the four horns as having “run their course?”

   2. Write down the meaning of the phrases below in reference to the king that is described in **vss. 23-25**.
      a. (**vs. 23**) He will be “insolent” –

      b. (**vs. 23**) He will be “skilled in intrigue” –

      c. (**vs. 24**) “His power will be mighty but not by his own power” –
d. (vs. 24) “He will destroy to an extraordinary degree” –

e. (vs. 24) “He will prosper and perform his will” –

f. (vs. 25) He will exercise “shrewdness” –

g. (vs. 25) “He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence” –

h. (vs. 25) “He will magnify himself in his heart” –

i. (vs. 25) “He will destroy many while they are at ease” –

j. (vs. 25) He will oppose the Prince of princes” –

k. (vs. 25) “He will be broken without human agency” –

J. What two things, in vs. 26, does the angel Gabriel tell Daniel about the vision he has just seen? Why?

1. 

2. 

K. According to vs. 27:

1. What affect did the vision have on Daniel? Why?

2. Why does Daniel say “there was none to explain” the dream, when Gabriel explained the dream to him?
L. What are the similarities and differences between Nebuchadnezzar’s vision of the great statue in **ch. 2**, Daniel’s vision of the four great beasts in **ch. 7**, and Daniel’s vision of the ram and goat in **ch. 8**? See if you can fill in the chart below with verse references and comparative details and comments.

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