

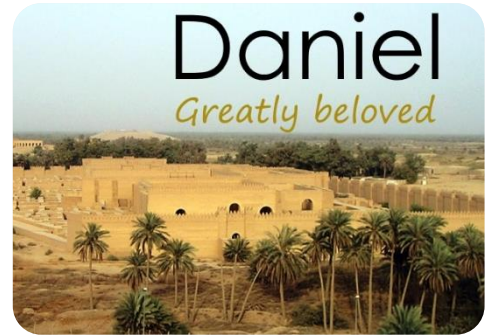
DANIEL 8 vs 15

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The visions and prophecies of this chapter look only at the events that were shortly to come to pass in the monarchies of Persia and Greece, and seem not to have any further references at all – so wrote Matthew Henry in the early 1700s.

Respectfully, we disagree; we know prophecies often have a dual fulfillment, for the people 2500 years ago, and a final completion in the last days of the Gentiles. The prophecies contained in chapters 2–7 were written in Aramaic, and address the broad global community, particularly those 4 govt's who once controlled Jerusalem. The prophecies in chapters 8–12 are in Hebrew, so they are directed to the people of God in **both** houses of the northern House of **Israel**, and those of the southern House of **Judah**; including their progeny wherever they are... in the last days leading till when Messiah comes again in power and great glory.



15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, saw the vision,

and sought for the meaning, then,

behold / Daniel paid attention, there stood before me as the appearance of a *mighty* man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between the *canal* banks of Ulai,

who called, and said, Gabriel, make this one to understand the vision / *instruct this one.*

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell on my face / I'm sure all of us would:

but he said to me,

Understand, O son of man: the vision is for **the time of **the end** /** starting in this verse, Daniel uses these 2 Hebrew words: **eth**, the time, the occasion; and... **gets**, the end or the extremity... Daniel uses these 2 words 15 times always referring to: the time of the end of the Gentiles.

18 Now as he was speaking with me,

I *fell into* a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

19 And he said, Behold / so Daniel paid attention,

I will make you know what will be in **the last end /** in Hebrew: *acharyith*, in the last time... in the last and final days.

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of the indignation / of the *za'am*, this word is used in the OT only describing God's anger, God's wrath towards mankind's sin and the misuse of our freedoms... as we ignore Him and are no longer thankful to Him. **This is the 6th day**, a bloody *day of afflicting souls*, a day that belongs to the Lord -- **Leviticus 23**. It's a day for a world which did not embrace Messiah's first coming... who substituted His life for us.

To the church, Paul wrote: **God has not appointed us unto wrath, but to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord** -- **1 Thessalonians 5**. And here, Daniel is to know...

the last end of the indignation: for 'at the time appointed' / the dreaded day of wrath; God's Day of Wrath at a specific time; in Hebrew: *moed*. It is why we have appointments; it is an appointed time. Leviticus 23, the Lord says to Moses, **Say to them, these are the LORD's feasts**; the specific days on the LORD's calendar that He intends to keep with those He created. Paul says... **shadows of things to come**; and JESUS Christ will someday complete all those appointments. It is a time for us to annually rehearse.

There are only 3 specific days on His calendar at the in-gathering of the harvest: starting in September: **the Day of Trumpets**, **the Day of Atonement**, and **the Day of temporary Shelters**.

And somewhere among these appointments...

the end of the time of the Gentiles will be / and maybe, a new beginning too! Here Daniel understands: there is a Day of Wrath coming; and it will arrive; and that is serious... when you think about it; although it is really NOT bad news. Daniel wants us to understand this final generation.

²⁰ **The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia** / that kingdom of **MEDO-PERSIA** is in the area of modern day Iraq and Iran.

²¹ **And the rough goat** / this *saiyr*... goat, or this can mean: devilish, demonic goat,

the rough goat is the king of Grecia / the kingdom of **GREECE**:

and the great / enlarging horn... that *gadol*-ing horn of power,

that is between his eyes is the first king / history tells us... that is Alexander, the *gadoler*. You know, Alexander, the great. And doesn't God our Father have a great sense of humor? We rather delicately and quickly step over... all that greatness!



²² **Now that being broken** / since that enlarged, inflated horn of power was wrecked,

whereas four stood up in its place, four kingdoms will stand up out of his nation / four sectors or regions of this kingdom; Daniel sees: GREECE will be divided in 4 parts; and history tells us that is what happened,

but not in his power / not in this rough goat, Alexander's demonic power.

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And we come to a gap in history...



²³ And **in the latter time** of the kingdom / again, the word is: **acharyith**, in the last time, when the kingdom of this world is in opposition to the kingdom of heaven,

when the transgressors are come to the full / when the rebellion, the apostasy, the falling away... those guilty rebels and their rebellions... have their fullest measure,

a king...

and I hate to interrupt Daniel, but we don't have many kings in the 21st century. Oh, we have lots of chief politicians who think they are royalty; and in the West, many seem to be descendants of royal Europe... and imagine they are above the law. The word is: **melek**. In other visions, Daniel sees the 11th horn... a horn of power at the end of time. Daniel sees... **a political leader**, the head of some people.

a leader... with a powerful façade / with a powerful face; or simply, a dashing, dynamic presence. Daniel noticed this guy's face, his superficial facade. I bet this guy will be young and charismatic, often grinning for the cameras,

and understanding dark sentences will stand up / in Hebrew: **chiydah**... meaning: **puzzling**, tricky, perplexing, enigmatic; he is discerning and skillful in speech. This political leader gives great speeches. Remember we already learned... he throws truth to the ground; he rewrites truth. Whatever is true, he will walk all over. And he has great contempt for GOD and GOD's people; he will arise in the last days.

So when he speaks, he speaks in riddles and puzzles... probably learned from his father. People will ask, What is this? Why did he say that? It sounded a little contradictory. I mean, we like him! Doesn't he know? This political leader with a powerful façade... who skillfully throws truth to the ground; and speaks in riddles,

²⁴ And **his power will be mighty** / the word is: **koach**; and it means power... good or bad power. Yet, one time in Leviticus 11 it is also translated: **chameleon**. And did you hear that? Pay attention! This word for his power in Leviticus 11 is translated: **chameleon** -- the lizard able to change its colors. So also, this politician depending on the situation... will change his colors? What color is he really?

And... will be mighty; the word is: **atsam**... exceeding mighty, vastly powerful. It also means: able to shut or close the eyes. The prophet Isaiah speaks of those... in a deep sleep with eyes closed from understanding -- **Isaiah 29**. Recently, a preacher speaking on these prophecies said, the roman influence is sleeping but one day will awaken. And with preaching like that we only thought, perhaps he is sleeping too.

Daniel will use the word again in chapter 11 describing this deceitful man becoming strong with a small group -- his advisors, to work their global agenda. So this charismatic politician dazzles his constituents with his dark riddles... while blinding them to his true intentions.



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he will be exceedingly strong, but not by **his** own *chameleon* power / that is what it says in the good old King James version! Apparently, he will be like Alexander the great: young and charismatic... demonic or satanic possessed.

Daniel says...

and he will destroy wonderfully / his power to destroy things causes wonder. It is amazing. What he does best is: destroy. I bet he could win an Academy Award, or even a Nobel Peace prize for his performances. He astoundingly devastates... and mars... and ruins,

and he will succeed at what **he** does / he stylishly moves from one devastation to the next; he has the Midas touch -- well, sort of. Unfortunately, everything he touches turns to fool's gold and ruin; though a novice, this royal jackass will succeed at what he does,

and he will destroy the mighty, and holy people / he will mar and ruin... in chapter 11, this same word describes: **a great army**; a massive number of soldiers in battle. Somehow this slippery politician has gained the upper hand of destruction... over these good and mighty warriors,

and holy people: is that the 144,000? The church will be gone. The holy people are the people of GOD; caretakers of God's word including Daniel's people -- the **House of Judah**, all who are concerned about His word... as well as all the others that Daniel never knew; **did those in Ephesus and Laodicea finally wake up?**

²⁵ **And through his policy he** will deceitfully prosper, in **his** hand / he is a politician, so he is a political whore, owned by someone, what he touches... what his policies touch... starting with his peace policies... and containing weapons policies... because that would be peaceful; he succeeds,

Through his policies he destroys. He throws truth to the ground. He speaks marvelous riddles. I bet he is a Nobel Peace Prize recipient. Ooh! Can you imagine?

Daniel says...

and he will magnify himself in **his** heart / the word is: *gadol*. He will grossly enlarge himself; his ego is obese; he will be one... big... freaky... fat-headed politician... with no shortage of self-esteem,

and by peace he will destroy many / more precisely, he will quietly work his policies... remember: he throws down truth; while they always insist... his signature policy is peace... when there is no peace. But there is just one little problem: there is no truth in him. His father is the father of lies.

This guy with the powerful façade... who says, I come in peace... as he quietly works to destroy. Daniel writes these words to say, be looking for some world leader who embodies all these traits; while this very popular politician peddles peace, grinning as he goes... he also prepares for war.

And Daniel would have us ask ourselves: do we know any leader on the world stage... doing things like that?

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he will also stand up against... the Prince of princes, but he will be broken without hand / he will confront and resist the King of kings... and Lord of lords -- who is the real Prince of Peace! But do not fear, because JESUS Christ himself... will destroy that arrogant SOB! We read about it in 2 Thessalonians.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning devotions which was told is true / those 1,300 days; also referenced in **Daniel 12**, for the sleeping church from Ephesus to Laodicea to wake up -- Philadelphia and Smyrna will be gone; **and** for the armies who thought they did not need to **trust in God**, to discover they did... and who will once again trust in God; for them, the vision: It is truth!

Wherefore / why is all this said?

seal up the vision; for it will be for many days / the latter days; **the last days** of the time of the Gentiles. The vision is for the last generation of theists... who still believe the Lord intervenes in time and history... they will recognize the details... when GOD's appointed Day of Wrath will be at the doors. And all these details... Daniel recorded for us; and one day, I want to thank Daniel, don't you?!

27 And I Daniel fainted, being sick several days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business / Daniel was undone, stunned by what he saw;

and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood.

Daniel, this man greatly loved by GOD, was left speechless at what he saw,

And from these words, it appears even Daniel did not fully understand.

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