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(12) The Ram and Goat Vision

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Dan 8:15-21 ESV

15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, 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, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." 17 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end." 18 And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. 19 He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. 20 As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king.

Daniel's Vision of (2) horned ram...Dan.8:1-4

After telling the time/location, what is the first part of Daniel's vision? 8:1-**3a**; **20**

What specific detail is given about this ram? 8:3b **see 8:20**

What characterized the ram (Media/Persian empire)? **8:4; 7:5; 2:31-32** *Progressive Revelation*

Fulfillment: The joint kingdom of Medea and Persia reigned for ~200 years. Persia was lead.

Daniel's vision of male goat...Dan.8:5-8, 21-22

What characterized the male goat in Daniel's vision? **8:5, 21; see 2:32; 7:6**

What happens to the male goat? **8:6-8a, 21**

But when he (Alexander the great) was at his peak power, what happens? **8:8, 21**

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Daniel sees a ram standing on the bank of the Ulai canal near Susa in the area of Elam.

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It had (2) horns, both high, the higher one came up last. They are kings of Media/Persia

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The ram charged West, North, South. No one could resist him. Did as he pleased...

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Came from west, over the whole earth w/o touching the ground! (1) conspicuous horn.

What happens to the male goat? **8:6-8a, 21**

He struck (enraged) the ram, broke the horns, trampled it. Then he magnified himself.

But when he (Alexander the great) was at his peak power, what happens? **8:8, 21**

He was broken (died at ~30 years old). Greek kingdom was divided into (4) territories.

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In the face of incredible and accurate data, just deny it! Easier than accepting the truth

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The Word of God is proven infallible in history. Confirms all Scripture! Great comfort!