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The Beginning of the End

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A Vision with More Beasts

"I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal." Daniel 8:3

"While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes." Daniel 8:5

"I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him." Daniel 8:7

"Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven." Daniel 8:8

"Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land." Daniel 8:9

The Little Horn

"It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down. It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down." Daniel 8:10-11

"How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled? He said to me, 'For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.'" Daniel 8:13,14

"Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end." Daniel 8:19

Meaning of the Beasts

"The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia." Daniel 8:20

"The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece,

and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. The broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power." Daniel 8:21-22

Chapter 2	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Meaning
Chest	Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Thighs	Leopard	Goat	Greece
		Large Horn	Alexander
		Four Horns	Four Generals
Legs	Dreadful Beast	Little Horn-Land	Rome
Ten Toes	Ten Horns		Europe
	Little Horn	Little Horn-Heaven	Papal Rome
Rock	Court Sits	Sanctuary Cleansed	Judgment

"Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king's business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it." Daniel 8:27

Daniel Fasts and Prays

"So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes." Daniel 9:3

The Vision is Explained

"O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision." Daniel 9:22-23

"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place." Daniel 9:24

"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks." Daniel 9:25

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering." Daniel 9:27

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Discussion Questions

1. Compare the descriptions of Medo-Persia and Greece in Daniel 8 to the descriptions of those two empires in Daniel 2 and 7. In what ways are they similar? In what ways do they differ?
2. The little horn persecutes God's people. Persecution is an unfortunate by-product of following God (see John 16:33). How can we stay strong during times of persecution?
3. Read Daniel 9:1-19. Who does Daniel pray for? How does he pray? How does Daniel's prayer encourage us to pray?
4. How should we spend our time while we wait for God to answer our prayers?
5. How do we know Daniel 9 is related to the 2300 days of Daniel 8?
6. According to Pastor Tim, 1844 was when we began the "Last Days." Do you agree? What significance does that have for us in our day?

Next Steps

1. Is there something you know God wants you to do that you need to obey?
2. Take some time to go through Daniel 8 and 9 and see if you can replicate the chart listed below on your own.
3. Choose to take time for prayer every day. Identify others that you can include praying for.
4. If you believe that we are living in the last days, identify ways that God can use you to prepare others for His return.

The 2300 Days (Years)

