

Lesson 12 The Ram and the Goat: Chapter 8

STUDY GUIDE

1. This chapter gives Daniel's vision of the Ram and the He-goat. Because it is a relatively brief vision, we will give only one period to it. Read vs. 1-3 to get the setting of the vision. How does the time of this vision compare with that of the other two?
2. The vision is given in vs. 5-14. Read this quickly to see the material as a whole. Now go back and list all the symbols related to the Ram and the He-goat. Which one of these seems to get the greater emphasis? What detail of the he-goat gets special attention? Be sure you get the main facts of this item.
3. The interpretation of this vision is given in vs. 15-27. Read this through hurriedly. Now go back to your list of symbols and place these interpretations beside the appropriate symbols.
4. Did you notice any symbols that you feel need further interpretation? What details of the Ram are not dealt with? How would you interpret these? Do any of the kings need to be identified specifically in history? Does he identify specifically any nations? Has this been done before?
5. There are several important matters of general interpretation which remain. Place the Ram and the He-goat on the rough sketch of your chart. Under which of the four kingdoms do these come? Do you see likeness between the Ram and He-goat and the two beasts under which you placed them? Do you see anything that chapter 8 adds to chapter 7 these points? Is the little horn of chapter 8 the same as the little horn of chapter 7? Review the facts of each before you make a conclusion. Do they come in the same block in your chart? What light do verses 17, 19 and 26 throw on the problem of relating the little horn of chapter 8 to that in chapter 7?

NOTES

This chapter occurred two years after the vision of the four beasts.

1. Ram
 - a) 2 horns
 - b) 1 horn longer than the other
 - c) longer horn came up last
 - d) 3 ribs in mouth: extending out westward, northward, and southward
2. He-goat
 - a) notable horn between the eyes (Alexander the Great)
 - b) came from the west
 - c) destroyed the ram
 - d) The large horn was broken when the goat became mighty (Alexander the Great dies)
 - e) 4 horns came in place of the one horn (division of the empire)
 - f) Out of the 4 horns came forth a little horn: Antiochus Epiphanes.
 - g) It waxed great against the host of heaven: saints of the Most High.
 - h) Some fall and he steps on them: truth cast down.
 - i) It magnified itself against the prince of the host
 - j) It removed the regular sacrifice in the sanctuary: killed God's people
 - k) Host be given to him
 - l) Will last for 2300 days