



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Daniel 8:1-27

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DISPLAYS OF DOMINANCE

Introduction:

I. DANIEL'S PROPHETIC INFORMATION (vs. 1-12)

A. When? (vs. 1)

"in the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel"

"subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously"

B. Where? (vs. 2)

"I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam...I myself was beside the Ulai Canal"

C. What? (vs. 3-12)

1. The Ram with Two Horns (vs. 3-4, 20)

"a ram which had two horns...[which] were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last"

"I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power"

"he did as he pleased and magnified himself"

2. The Goat with a Large Horn (vs 5-8, 21-22)

"a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground"

"a conspicuous horn between his eyes"

"rushed at [the ram] in his mighty wrath..enraged at him; and he struck the ram...shattered his two horns...no strength to withstand...hurled him to the ground...trampled on him and there was none to rescue the ram from his power"

"the male goat magnified himself exceedingly...but...the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven"

3. The Small Horn (vs. 9-12)

"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"

"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"

II. DANIEL'S PROPHETIC ILLUMINATIONS (vs. 13-19)

A. How long will it last? (vs. 13-14)

"a holy one speaking and another holy one"

"how long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply?"

“for 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored”

B. When will it happen? (vs. 15-17)

“standing before me was one who looked like a man.... ‘Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision.’ ”

“I was frightened and fell on my face.... ‘Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.’ ”

C. How will it end? (vs. 18-19)

“while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep...he touched me and made me stand upright”

“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.”

III. GABRIEL’S PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION (vs. 20-27)

A. The Last Eastern Power (vs. 20)

“The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.”

B. The New European Power (vs. 21-22) = Alexander the Great

“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”

C. The Future Diabolic Power (vs. 23-25)

“In the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue.”

“his power will be mighty, but not by his own power...he will destroy to an extraordinary degree”

“he will be broken without human agency”

Epilogue (vs. 26-27)

“the vision of the evenings and mornings...is true”

“keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days in the future”

“I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king’s business”

“I was astounded at the vision and there was none to explain it”

Conclusion:

- 1) Throughout human history, evil has often triumphed and, at times, seemed to go unrestrained. But, ultimately, the people of God will persevere and God will accomplish His victory in His time.
- 2) God wants us to understand and apply prophecy, not relegate it to the realm of mysterious and unknowable information.
- 3) Be aware that even a linear history leading to an ultimate goal, there are sometimes cycles of sin, punishment, and repentance for entire nations.

Food for Thought:

- 1) Using the maps at the back of your Bible, identify the kingdoms of Medo-Persia and Greece.
- 2) Where else do we find “2,300 days” (or similar) in Scripture?
- 3) What is the role of angels in transmitting, interpreting, and fulfilling prophecy? Support this from other Scriptures also.
- 4) What clues are there in vs. 17-19 and 23-26 that this prophecy will yet have a future fulfillment?