

DANIEL, VOLUME 2: GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

THE LIVING END

DANIEL 8



The Heart of the Matter

Two years elapsed between Daniel's first vision in chapter 7 and his second vision in chapter 8. Like the first, this vision involved animals. Unlike the first, this vision provides great detail about one of the most famous men in history, about one of the least known men in history, and about one who will appear in the future and will be the most nefarious man in history. To Daniel, it was all future. To us, most of it is history—a history worth studying to prepare us for the future.



Discovering the Way

1. The Vision (Daniel 8:1–14)

In a second vision, Daniel saw a ram and a goat engaged in furious combat.

2. The Interpretation (Daniel 8:15–26)

Daniel was unable to understand the vision, but Gabriel explained to him the rise of Alexander the Great and Antiochus Epiphanes.



Starting Your Journey

The vision and interpretation left Daniel exhausted, sick, and astounded (Daniel 8:27). The vision and interpretation should leave us confident in God's Word. But it might also leave us afraid. Not to worry; God will remove His church before the Antichrist comes (Revelation 3:10). However, we might fear for those who don't know Christ, and we should share the gospel with them.



Tools for Digging Deeper



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