

“Preview of the Antichrist”
Daniel 8

Vision of the ram, goat, and terrible horn (8:1-14)

- ❖ This vision occurs in 551 BC in Susa, and Daniel is around 70.
- ❖ The visions build on each other, as this one clarifies beasts #2, #3.
- ❖ Predicted Greek conquest (331 BC) is spot-on 200 yrs. in advance!
- ❖ Antiochus IV (175-164 BC) = vs. 9 horn. He sure is like ch. 7 horn!
- ❖ Main features of Antiochus = silver-tongued, opposes God, and he explicitly attacks Jews and their religious institution. See Josephus and I,II Maccabees for details of his brutal oppression.
- ❖ Rededicating the temple (Kislev 25, 14BC) is the result of a series of stunning victories led by Judah Maccabee.

Vision interpreted by an angel (19-27)

- ❖ Note 3x this vision is interpreted as referring to the “time of the end.”
How can this 3rd of 4 empires be “the end”? (cf. 11:35,40,12:4,9).
- ❖ Antiochus = an OT Antichrist (a type foreshadowing ch. 7 horn).
The
Abomination of Desolation = here (cf. 11:31, 12:11 plus Mtt. 24:15).
Note: The Jews will miss two comings of two important people!
- ❖ What happens when people try to wipe out the Jews?



