

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — July 16, 2023

Sermon Notes

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Breakdown of Daniel 8:1-27

- [Introduction, v. 1-2](#)
- [The Vision, vv. 3-14](#)
- [The Interpretation, vv. 15-26](#)
- [The End, v. 27](#)

In what language was this chapter of Daniel written? To whom then is this message given?

Was there any connection between this vision and that of the four beasts from the sea?

Can you place on a map the city of Susa by the Ulai canal in the province of Elam?
(bibleatlas.org/Susa;bibleatlas.org/Ulai)

What do you think is the meaning of “It grew until it reached the host of the heavens,”

What is the spiritual state of a king that would claim to be as great as the commander of the army of Yahweh?”

Where was the daily sacrifice performed?

Daniel does not ask why, but how long. Why might he not ask why this great destruction would take place?

[Daniel 8:16](#) is the first time an angel’s specific name is given? Why here?

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What are When is this angel's name mentioned again? ([Luke 1:19](#); [Luke 1:26-38](#))

The vision concerns the “time of the end.” When is this vision to be fulfilled?

The angel Gabriel give Daniel the interpretation of the dream:

Two-horned ram == kings of Media and Persia

One horn bigger == Persia later dominates Media

Shaggy goat == king of Greece

Large horn == first king *Alexander the Great* ([biblestudies.net](#))

Four horns == Four generals ([biblestudies.net](#)) that rule
after Alexander

Macedonia and Greece—*Cassander*

Thrace and Asia Minor (Turkey)—*Lysimachus*

Northern Syria, Mesopotamia and regions to the east—
Seleucus

Southern Syria, Palestine/Israel and Egypt—*Ptolemy*

Fierce-looking king== *Antiochus IV Epiphanes*

Master of intrigue

Gave himself the title “epiphanes” or god manifest

Outlawed worship of Yahweh in Jerusalem

Stole the treasures and valuables of the Temple

Erected a statue to Zeus on the altar

Sacrificed unclean animals (pigs)

Forced the priests to eat the meat

Approximately how long was it until the events of the dream are culminated?

Daniel was asked to seal up the vision. What do you think was meant by that command?

What was Daniel's physical and mental reaction to the dream and its interpretation?

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