

VISION OF THE RAM AND THE GOAT (DANIEL 8)

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INTRODUCTION

Date-Stamps and Daniel 4

Daniel 1:1	The third year of Jehoiakim	605 BC	1
Daniel 2:1	Neb's second (accession) year	603-602 BC	2
Daniel 5:31	Darius conquered Babylon	early 539 BC	<u>5</u>
Daniel 7:1	First year of Belshazzar	553 BC	3
Daniel 8:1	Third year of Belshazzar	551 BC	4
Daniel 9:1	First year of Darius	late 539 BC	6
Daniel 10:1	Third year of Cyrus	536 BC	<u>8</u>
Daniel 11:1	First year of Darius	late 539 BC	7

Chiasm of the Aramaic section of Daniel (Daniel 2-7)

A. Nebuchadnezzar's vision	2
B. The fiery furnace	3
C. Humiliation of Nebuchadnezzar	4
C'. Humiliation of Belshazzar	5*
B'. The lions' den	6
A'. Daniel's vision	7* *Daniel 7 preceded Daniel 5

Common features between Daniel 2, 7, and 8

Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8	
Head of gold	Winged-lion	—	Babylon
Silver upper torso	Lopsided bear	Ram going west	Media-Persia
Bronze lower-torso	Winged 4-headed leopard	Goat from west	Greece
Iron/clay legs/feet	Monster	—	Rome

VISION AT SHUSHAN

(8:1-2)

TWO-HORNED RAM PUSHING WEST

(8:3-4)

HE-GOAT FROM THE WEST

(8:5-7)

THE GREAT HORN BROKEN

(8:8)

THE LITTLE HORN EMERGES

(8:9-10)

Excursus: The Greek OT (Septuagint) and the Battle of Baniyas (198 BC)

After Alexander's death (323 BC), the Ptolemies (Greeks in Egypt) controlled Israel

The Ptolemies had a soft-sell approach, so they funded translating OT into Gk (250 BC)

The 198 BC Battle of Baniyas gave control of Israel to the Seleucids (Greeks in Syria)

They had a hard-sell approach; they never would have funded the Septuagint

Therefore, the Septuagint was produced prior to 198 BC (around 250 BC)

The Septuagint includes Daniel, so Daniel was written before 250 BC

Daniel was written soon after 536 BC (the book's last date-stamp: Daniel 10:1)

Daniel predicts the rise of Greece and names it (8:21)

THE SANCTUARY DESOLATED

(8:11-14)

GABRIEL'S INTERVENTION

(8:15-18)

INTERPRETATION OF THE RAM AND THE GOAT

(8:19-22)

EVEN LATER

(8:23-26)

THE VISION'S IMPACT ON DANIEL

(8:27)

CONCLUSION