



WEEK 8

Daniel 8

THE RAM & THE GOAT

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MAIN TEXT: Daniel 8

OBSERVATION: *What is this text saying?*

1. In this vision there is a battle between a ram and a goat. How is this vision similar and different from the vision of the four beasts in Daniel 7?
2. Daniel's vision is surprisingly detailed (the ram is Persia, the goat is Greece). Does this lend credibility to Daniel's prophecy, or harm it?

INTERPRETATION: *What does this text mean?*

1. If the vision shows the progression of evil empires in Daniel's time, why does it matter for Daniel to share this with his people?
2. Many question the legitimacy of Daniel's prophecy because of its great detail. But if it's true, what does that teach us about the power of God's Word?

APPLICATION: *How should we now live?*

1. Are there parts of your story where it seems that evil is having its way? What can you take from this story to help you reconcile those hardships with God's good plan for you?
2. If God's Word is this accurate in it's foresight historically, then how should we apply its authority to our lives?

