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Bible Band

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DANIEL'S VISION OF THE
RAM, GOAT, AND HORN

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Job 33:15
- ❖ Joel 2:28
- ❖ Proverbs 29:18
- ❖ Habakkuk 2:2
- ❖ Daniel 8:1-14
- ❖ Acts 2:17

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Matthew 24:15
- ❖ Mark 13:14

Guided Questions

1. Why was Daniel given this vision of the ram, the goat, and the horn?
2. How does vision help the Church?
3. Why did God give visions to young men and dreams to old men?
4. How can each believer apply this lesson to their life?

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Background Reading

Job 33:15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Habakkuk 2:2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Background Reading

Daniel 8:1-14

- 1** In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.
- 2** And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.
- 3** Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.
- 4** I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.
- 5** And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

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Background Reading

Daniel 8:1-14

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

Background Reading

Daniel 8:1-14

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.

12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

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Devotional Reading

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mark 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

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Central Verse

Daniel 8:25 (KJV)

“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of Princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”

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INTRODUCTION

Vision makes a difference in how believers approach their lives. Jesus knew what His priority was when He was just 12 years old and had already embraced a vision-led life. When believers identify God-inspired visions, it produces multiple positive effects in their lives. God did not create His children to live without direction, but to walk with a clear vision and a precise purpose.

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INTRODUCTION

So, believers must align themselves with His vision, knowing that it is an act of obedience. In doing so, their lives will bear good fruit and advance the Kingdom of God. Believers' gifts weren't meant to stay hidden, marginalized, or buried. But they were given so people, communities, and even nations, could reap the benefits of those God-given visions. They were meant to become exposed to a world beyond their private circle.

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DISCUSSION

Vision is the single most important factor that differentiates good leaders from great leaders. Vision has power when it is applied correctly. When the vision that has faith, wisdom, and obedience speaks, it becomes a powerful guide that can unlock and manifest God-given purpose. It reveals how to see, believe, and speak the vision that God has placed within the believer. Vision blends Biblical truths with real-life lessons. It equips leaders, entrepreneurs, and believers to overcome fears, walk in divine timing, and steward vision with clarity and conviction. By God's grace, every believer should be able to turn their dreams into destiny and boldly declare the future God has prepared for them and the body of Christ.

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DISCUSSION

Daniel had shown his love and commitment to God since his early days of captivity. He had shown that God could trust him with wisdom and understanding. Now during this third-year reign of King Belshazzar, a vision appeared to him. Standing before the river of Ulai in the providence of Elam, he saw a ram with two horns: the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. The ram was pushing in three directions – westward, northward, and southward-so that no beasts might stand before him nor be delivered out of his hand. He did according to his will and became great.

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DISCUSSION

As Daniel was looking at the ram, a male goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth and didn't touch the ground. The goat had a notable horn between his eyes. He came up to the ram that had two horns and ran into him in the fury of his power. He moved close to the ram and broke his two horns, and the ram became powerless against the goat. The goat became very great.

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DISCUSSION

The angel Gabriel told Daniel that the ram with two horns represented the Kingdoms of Media and Persia. Persia was always the dominant power of the Medo-Persian Empire. The angel Gabriel told Daniel that this goat represented the Kingdom of Greece, and the large horn its first king, Alexander the Great. The large horn being broken represented Alexander's untimely death at the age of 33, shortly after conquering all the lands from Greece to India. His kingdom was divided into four weaker kingdoms ([Daniel 8:8, 22](#)). The four divisions were: 1) Greece and Macedonia, ruled by Cassander; 2) Asia Minor, ruled by Lysimachus; 3) Egypt and Palestine, ruled by Ptolemy Soter; and 4) Syria, Babylonia, and east India, all ruled by Seleucus Nicator. The remainder of the prophecy focused on an event that was fulfilled once, before the First Coming of Jesus Christ and will be repeated on a far greater scale before His Second Coming.

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CONCLUSION

Through Biblical insights and practical wisdom, believers can learn how to adapt, solve problems, and serve others creatively and faithfully. Vision helps turn obstacles into opportunities. It's important that believers are aware of the times that they live in and have some knowledge of what is to come.

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CONCLUSION

Jesus only spoke of the Book of Daniel when He talked of the future "abomination of the desolation" which was fulfilled in the 160s B.C. But according to Daniel's prophecy and Jesus's reference, there is expected to be more than one abomination. Believers must prepare themselves for whatever shall come upon the earth, knowing that God will take care of them. For His Word tells believers that, in the time of trouble, God will take care of them. Saints of God, be not dismayed, because God will take care of you.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

God wants believers to know that He is the greatest power in this world, and He will take care of His children.

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