

DANIEL PART 2
LESSON 4
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HE HOLDS THE FUTURE IN HIS HANDS

Rev. 21:6

Daniel 8

Three sureties you can have:

1. The Surety of God's Word – No human being can add to it or take it away. John 8:44 it is a light that shines...
2. God loves Israel with an everlasting love because it is a Covenant love. Jer. 31:3, Gal. 3:29, I Cor. 11:23-25 & John 10:28
3. The surety of God's righteous indignation against sin. His righteousness demands judgment against sin.

Heb. 12:6-8

Jer. 1:12

Judgment must always begin at the house of God.

Eph. 2:8-9

Daniel 1 Daniel writes in Hebrew

Daniel 2-7 Daniel writes in Aramaic

Daniel 8 He begins to write in Hebrew again. Why? His audience changes.

Daniel 8-12 God's righteous indignation against His people, but not without love.

Daniel 8-12 God is showing them things in the future regarding Israel

Amos 3:7

God tells us what **WILL** happen.

Israel is in Babylon because of sin.

Daniel 2-7 A Gentile is having a dream. Daniel writes in Aramaic because it is the common language. (remember where he **LEARNED** it?)

He is talking to the outside world to let the whole world know what will happen.

Daniel 8 Now he is going to talk to them in **their** language – Hebrew.

2 Peter 1:19

John 16:1

Daniel 8:1

Division between Daniel 6 & 7

Daniel 1-6

Daniel 7-8 Visions Daniel had.

Daniel 8:1 **Third** year of Belshazzar

Daniel 7:1 **First** year of Belshazzar

According to the book of Maccabees:

Nabonidus 556 B.C. - father of Belshazzar

553 B.C. Belshazzar becomes co-regent with his father.

Daniel 7 553 B.C.

Daniel 8 551 B.C.

Twelve years before Daniel 5 (writing on the wall) Demise of Belshazzar

Daniel 5:30-31 End of Belshazzar

Darius received the kingdom at age 62

Daniel 8 **Written TWELVE YEARS BEFORE THIS HAPPENED!!**

Cyrus cuneiform Chronicle - 1st declaration of human rights 539 B.C.

Is. 44:28- 45:7 170 years beforehand, Isaiah prophecies this very event.

We don't need to be afraid of the future because we have the surety of His Word.

Daniel 8:2 Citadel of Susa

Daniel is transported 150 miles north of Babylon. Susa becomes the capitol of Persia – not Babylon. Susa had no significance at this time.

Ulai Canal is a canal built between two rivers – Choaste and Coprates, but the canal did not exist at that time.

Esther lives in Susa.

Jeremiah lives in Susa under the Persian reign.

Susa was where the code of Hammurabi was found which listed, in writing, the rights of the people for the first time.

Daniel 8:3 Standing at the citadel

PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS

Daniel 8:4 ...butting North, South and West

550 B.C. Cyrus arose. Cyrus is a Persian king who had a dream to unite the Medes and the Persians because Babylon was wearing them down and they were not strong enough to defeat them separately.

Susa is EAST of Babylon so "westward" would be Babylon.

Northward is Turkey

Southward is Egypt

West is Babylon and even farther west is Macedonia – Greece.

Macedonia is a group of city-states that are not joined together. Philip of Macedonia sees the threat of the Medes and Persians, so he tries to unite them. Here begins the conflict of the Medes/Persians with the Greeks.

Philip is in the process of uniting the Greek city-states when he is murdered.

His son – Alexander the Great – takes over and he is the **FIRST KING OF GREECE. (ram)**

Now enter the Goat. Goats have TWO horns, but this one has one horn.

Daniel 8:4-8 This goat butts the ram and shatters him.

Daniel 8:19-20 Indignation because of Israel's sin.

Ram's two horns = kings of Media and Persia

Goat = Kingdom of Greece

Horn = 1st King of Greece – Alexander the Great

Twelve years before Cyrus ever comes!!!

God is telling us this in Hebrew.

Daniel 7:3 (Aramaic) Beasts are coming up out of the sea.

Sea = mass of mankind. Represents the Gentile nations.

In front of the gates of Babylon were winged lions.

Lions = king of beasts Eagles = king of birds

Daniel 7:4 Wings plucked, lifted up made to stand like a man.

Daniel 4: 29-37 Describes what happened to Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 7:5 Who is the bear? Synonymous with the ram.

Ram = one horn is higher than the other.

Daniel 7:5 Three ribs = 3 directions North, South, West

Daniel 2:31-32

Bear = inferior to lion Silver = inferior to gold

"Arise and devour much meat"

Daniel 7:5-6 Leopard had four wings of a bird

Leopard had four heads and dominion was given to it- by God!

Daniel 8 Leopard is equal to the goat with horn

When Medo-Persian king went out to battle he wore a **ram's** head when he stood before the army before they went out to battle.

Greeks had the **goat** as their symbol.

Zodiac attributed signs to the nations:

Aries-Persia-Ram

Capricorn – Greece – goat with the horn

Horn is broken.

Daniel 8:8

When Alexander was 13, Aristotle was his teacher and he taught him that anyone who is not a Greek was a barbarian.

At 21 years old, he got 35,000-50,000 men in his army and he conquered the entire Medo/Persian empire in 10 years. He left behind him 20,000 miles of war and bloodshed, but he brought the Koine Greek to the land. The entire New Testament is written in Koine Greek.

May 29, 323 B.C. Alexander was at a party and he didn't feel well. He drank a whole challis of full strength wine at one time. He went home to bed with a fever.

June 5th Still sick

June 6th He takes off his ring and hands it to Perdiccas.

June 10th He dies but he has no named successor.

20 years – no king

Daniel 8:8 Five generals are vying for the kingdom but one goes away.

Daniel 8:9 Out of ONE of them came a rather small horn.

One of them- them four...toward East, South and the Beautiful Land

Antiochus Epiphanes rises to power.(a rather small horn) He gave himself
“god epiphanies”

He comes out of one of the four.

Dan. 7:7-8 Little horn comes out of the 4th beast NOT the 3rd.

Little horn comes out of the 10, NOT the 4.

Dan. 8:9 S = Egypt

E =.....later ☺

Beautiful Land = Israel

He turns his mind toward Israel.

Dan. 8:10 Host = “saba” armies of angels, stars of heaven and people of
God

Exodus 12:41 All the host of the land went out – Jews

Host = those holy people God loves

Stars = Leaders among the holy people. Daniel 12:3 “Those who lead many
to righteousness are like the stars of heaven.”

Daniel 8:11 it even compared itself to the Commander of the host = God

171 B.C. Antiochus Epiphanes goes into the Temple, the Holy of Holies,
and sets up a statue of Zeus and he offers a pig on the altar.

Numbers 28:3-4 Regular sacrifice

Daniel 8:12 On account of the transgression the host is given over..

He SOUNDS like the little horn in Daniel 7, but he's not.

Similarities are there because of what is to come.

Daniel 8:13-14 2,300 evenings and mornings

Antiochus began in 171 B.C. and ended in 165 B.C.

Exactly 2,300 evenings and mornings ended.

Stay tuned! Same time! Same day! Same channel!

NEXT WEEK

Surety of God's Word – It is always true.

Surety of God's Love – He will never leave me. Phil. 1:6 He will complete it
“My righteous indignation will come”

Dan. 2:34-35 The end is good!

Dan. 7:27 One who makes desolate will be destroyed!!