

Commentary Notes from John Walvoord

THE DEATH OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

An unexpected development took place in reference to the goat. The great horn between his eyes was broken just when the goat had reached the pinnacle of his strength. Out of this grew four horns described as being "toward the four winds of heaven." Expositors, both liberal and conservative, have interpreted this verse as representing the untimely death of Alexander and the division of his empire into four major sections.²⁵ Although Alexander conquered more of the world than any previous ruler, he was not able to conquer himself.

Partly due to a strenuous exertion, his dissipated life, and a raging fever, Alexander died in a drunken debauch at Babylon, not yet thirty-three years of age. His death left a great conquest without an effective single leader, and it took twenty years for the empire to be successfully divided.

Practically all commentators recognize the four horns as symbolic of the four kingdoms of the Diadochi which emerged as follows: (1) Cassander assumed rule over Macedonia and Greece; (2) Lysimachus took control of Thrace, Bithynia, and most of Asia Minor; (3) Seleucus took Syria and the lands to the east including Babylonia; (4) Ptolemy established rule over Egypt and possibly Palestine and Arabia Petraea. A fifth contender for political power, Antigonus, was soon defeated. With remarkable accuracy Daniel predicted that Alexander's empire would be divided into four sections.

MY NOTES



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THIS IS THE FIRST HANDOUT FOR DANIEL, CHAPTER 8.
IT COVERS DANIEL 8:1—12

1. Did you read chapter eight in advance? Y / N
2. The events in chapter eight were _____ to Daniel and his readers, but _____ to us today.
3. Jews would start returning to Israel about _____ years later.
4. Shushan (present-day *Susa*) is in the country of _____ .
5. The RAM in verse 3 had two horns, representing the kingdoms of _____ and _____ .
6. Medo-Persia pushed west, north and south, enlarging the empire. T / F
7. The HE GOAT came from the _____ .
8. The goat moved slowly and carefully in his conquests. T / F
9. How many years did it take Alexander to conquer his empire?
_____ .

10. When he became strong, the goat's great horn was broken. The horn was:
 1. Julius Caesar
 2. Alexander the Great
 3. Cyrus the Great
 4. Xerxes

11. The goat was "moved with choler" (ANGRY/FURIOUS) against the ram.

Why was this true? _____

12. Alexander died at the age of _____ .
13. After the horn was broken, the Greek empire was divided into _____ parts.
14. The "Little Horn" prophecy in verse 9 is partially fulfilled (the near fulfillment) in _____ .
15. The "far fulfillment" of the Little Horn will be in _____ .
16. "The glorious land," "The pleasant land," and Israel are the same. T / F
17. The Little Horn comes from one of the (1) Ten (2) Four horns? (Dan 8:8-9)
18. Antiochus' persecution of the Jews was during the time of the
M _____ .
19. The angelic leader of God's forces in the war in heaven was _____ .
20. Satan is cast out of heaven:
 1. When Adam and Eve are forced out of Eden.
 2. At the crucifixion of Christ.
 3. At the rapture.
 4. When the Great Tribulation begins.

21. Satan's wrath is against _____ (Revelation 12:17)
 1. The _____ .
 2. The remnant of her _____ .
22. This is because they _____ (Revelation 12:17)
 1. Keep the _____ .
 2. Have the testimony of _____ .
23. Who takes away the daily sacrifice? _____ .
24. According to Daniel 11:31, who set up the Abomination of Desolation during Antiochus' time? _____ .
25. Antichrist's armies will surround Jerusalem. T / F

THE HE-GOAT AND THE RAM

Daniel 8:5-7

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.

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.



ANTICHRIST THE LITTLE HORN

Daniel 8:8-12

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.

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 his 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.

