

Grace Group Discussion Guide

The Interpretation of the Vision

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Daniel 8:15–27

Synopsis:

Daniel Has Two Major Directions for His Vision in Chapter 8

- A. The Prophecy of the Ram, Goat, and Little Horn
 - 1. The Prophecy of the Powerful Ram (8:3–4)
 - 2. The Prophecy of the Male Goat (8:5–8)
 - 3. The Prophecy of the Little Horn (8:9–14)
 - a. Prophetically He Opposes God's People
 - b. Prophetically He Opposes God
 - c. **Prophetically He Opposes Truth**
- B. **The Interpretation of the Ram, Goat, Little Horn (8:15–27)**

Questions:

Warm Up:

- 1. What is one way that Sunday's sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
- 2. Pastor Scott said, "What was future to Daniel is history to us today." How does this statement strike you?

Discussion:

- 1. Who was Matthias? What about the Maccabees? What did they do? Why?
- 2. How did Pastor Scott describe the "dual fulfillment view" of this chapter? In what way was this fulfilled historically? How will it be fulfilled in the future?
- 3. How does Daniel describe Antiochus in verses 23–25? In what ways is Antiochus defiant, a destroyer, deceitful, and defeated?

Application:

- 1. Consider that everything God has said in the past is true. How does this impact your view of what He says about the future?
- 2. Pastor Scott said, "the Word has never been wrong, has never erred, and has never been contradicted." How does this impact you beyond just the future? What about your daily life? How do you live in relation to the Word?
- 3. Read Daniel 8:25 and consider what happened to Antiochus at the end of his life. How can this bring confidence to you today?
- 4. Pastor Scott exhorted us to trust Him today. Where do you need to do that? How can you do that today? Tomorrow? This week? This month? This year?

Prayer Suggestion: This week, pray for the hope of the reigning God to impact the faithful in Christ.

Missions Prayer Requests

This month, we are praying for our two short-term missions trips in January:

1. Pray for Team Mexico as they are supporting Hector and Indira Ortega at the Portavoces Pastors conference.
2. Pray for Team Albania in their support of Cory and Kristine Cramer in marriage counseling, a marriage conference, and a program for children and students.

Pray specifically in these areas for both teams:

1. Pray for Team Albania as they meet and prepare for their upcoming trip and Team Mexico as they are already there.
2. Pray for each member of the team as they seek out opportunities to share the gospel with each person that they encounter.
3. Pray for their health and safety as they travel abroad.