

DAY 6: DANIEL 8

I. THE TWO INTERPRETATIONS

- A. There are two primary interpretations of [Daniel 8](#)
 1. Classic Interpretation: historical, unfolding of history bleeding into future
 2. Consistent Futurist Interpretation: the vision relates to End Times events

II. THE WORDS OF GABRIEL

- A. The messenger angel interprets the vision for Daniel ([Daniel 8:15-17](#))
- B. “At the final term of the indignation” (v. 19) comes from [Deuteronomy 33](#)
- C. Gabriel says that the vision is about the End Times three times
- D. States that the vision is about the “last days” ([Daniel 10:14](#))
- E. This is clearly rooted in historical events, he begins with current times ([Daniel 11:1](#))

III. GREECE

- A. Talking about Alexander the Great and historical Greece ([Daniel 10:20](#))
- B. The goat comes from the region of Greece (modern day Turkey)
- C. The classic interpretation allows the prophecies of Daniel to flow better
 1. [Daniel 2](#) introduces the idea of the different empires (including Greece)
 2. [Daniel 7](#) gives more detail, but is essentially the same prophecy
 3. [Daniel 8](#) provides even more detail about events to come
 4. [Daniel 11](#) ties the prophecy back together into itself

IV. THE DIADOCHI

- A. These are Alexander the Great’s successors
- B. There is disagreement in who these successors are
- C. The Bible references four successors, but historically there were five ([Daniel 8:8](#))
 1. Four families emerge after Alexander; however, one family split

V. THE FIRST KING OF GREECE

- A. Alexander the Great is not the first king of Greece
 1. However, he was the first to arise, and to make a name for Greece

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VI. IMPLICATIONS

- A. [Daniel 8](#) has much more merit as a passage that is historical and bleeds into End Times prophecy
- B. The coming of the Antichrist could be much closer than we believe
- C. “To come suddenly” doesn’t necessarily mean at any moment
 - 1. Ex. Coronavirus came on quickly but was not completely unexpected
- D. “Repent for the Day of the Lord is at hand” doesn’t mean that Jesus is coming overnight, but it it does communicate a sense of urgency ([Matthew 4:17](#))
 - 1. Live with urgency that the kingdom of God could come soon
 - 2. However, don’t avoid planning in the meantime