

**“The Ram, the Goat, and the Little Horn!”**

(Daniel 8:1-27)

**I. Introduction:**

A. The **structure** of the writing (Jeremiah 10:11)

1. The text
2. The theme

B. The **setting** of the vision (8:1-2)

1. The situation (v. 1)
2. The scene (v. 2)

**II. Exposition: Daniel 8:3-27**

A. Daniel’s vision of **the ram** (8:3-4)

1. The description (v. 3)
2. The domination (v. 4)

B. Daniel’s vision of **the goat** (8:5-8)

1. The description (v. 5)
2. The domination (vv. 6-7)
3. The digression (v. 8)

C. Daniel’s vision of **the small horn** (8:9-14)

1. The description (v. 9a)
2. The domination (vv. 9b-10)
3. The desecration (vv. 11-12)
4. The duration (vv. 13-14)

D. Daniel’s vision **interpreted** (8:15-27)

1. The request (v. 15)
2. The response (v. 16)
3. The reassurance (vv. 17-19)
4. The revelation (vv. 20-26)
  - The identity of the ram
  - The identity of the goat
  - The identity of the small horn
    - Antiochus IV Epiphanes
    - Antichrist – Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28
5. The result (v. 27)

**III. Conclusion:**

- The **sure fulfillment** of prophecy
- The **sovereignty** of God over good and evil
- **Secularism** will lead to its perfect man – Antichrist
- **Security** of believers

**Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:**

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What’s your keeper?)
2. What did you learn about the ram and the goat in this chapter of Daniel? Why do you think they were highlighted by Daniel/God?
3. What did you learn about the small horn in this chapter of Daniel?
4. What lessons can we learn and apply from the life Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the historical legacy that he left?
5. In what ways does Antiochus Epiphanes prefigure the Antichrist?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: “In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ...” (What is your action point?)