

"A Neurotic Ram, a Violent Goat, another Depraved Horn: What is Going On Here?"  
Daniel 8  
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**1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ over history:** Vs. 1-14

**A. The Neurotic \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Vs. 1-4:** ....I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward....

**B. The Killer \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Vs. 5-7:** As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth...

**Vs. 8:** Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

**C. The Depraved \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Vs. 9-12:** Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land...

**James 1:13-14:** ...God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

**D. An Angelic \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Vs. 13-14:** Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, "For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?" And he said to me, "**For 2,300 evenings and mornings.** Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."

**2. The Bible is completely \_\_\_\_\_:** Vs. 15-25

**2 Thess. 2:8:** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

**3. We should be \_\_\_\_\_ for what is coming:** Vs. 26-27

**Vs. 26:** The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

**Matt 24:6-14:** "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars... **And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**"

**John 16:1-4a:** "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes **you may remember that I told them to you.**

**1 Peter 5:6-7:** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

**Discussion Questions:**

- How do the prophecies of Daniel 7 increase our confidence in the divine inspiration and authority of the Bible?
- How might these details have helped faithful Jews in 170 BC? (When Antiochus appeared on the scene)?
- How might the prophetic words of Jesus help us during these days?
- Where do we see Jesus in this text?
- Why do we not long more for Jesus to return?