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SIGNS of the TIMES



Another grievous sign is the love of self. When the masses dethrone God as the supreme Lord, humanity defaults to self-as-god. The self-life then becomes our first love; thus, we cannot be told what to do or believe by God. There once was a day when the secular was the propagators of self-life. However, today we see the self-proclaimed “Christians” taking the lead. Today we see believers hacking the identity of God and taking ownership of who He is as a way to prove our opinionate selves.

RAM AND THE GOAT

TWO FORCES



Since the “Ram” represents the Persian empire in our passage, it stands for structure or governance led from the top down. The “Goat” represents Greece or a culture-driven system ruled from the bottom-up - democracy. In Daniel’s vision, we see these two forces show up in the form of a ram and the second as a goat.

REVIEWING OUR SCRIPTURES

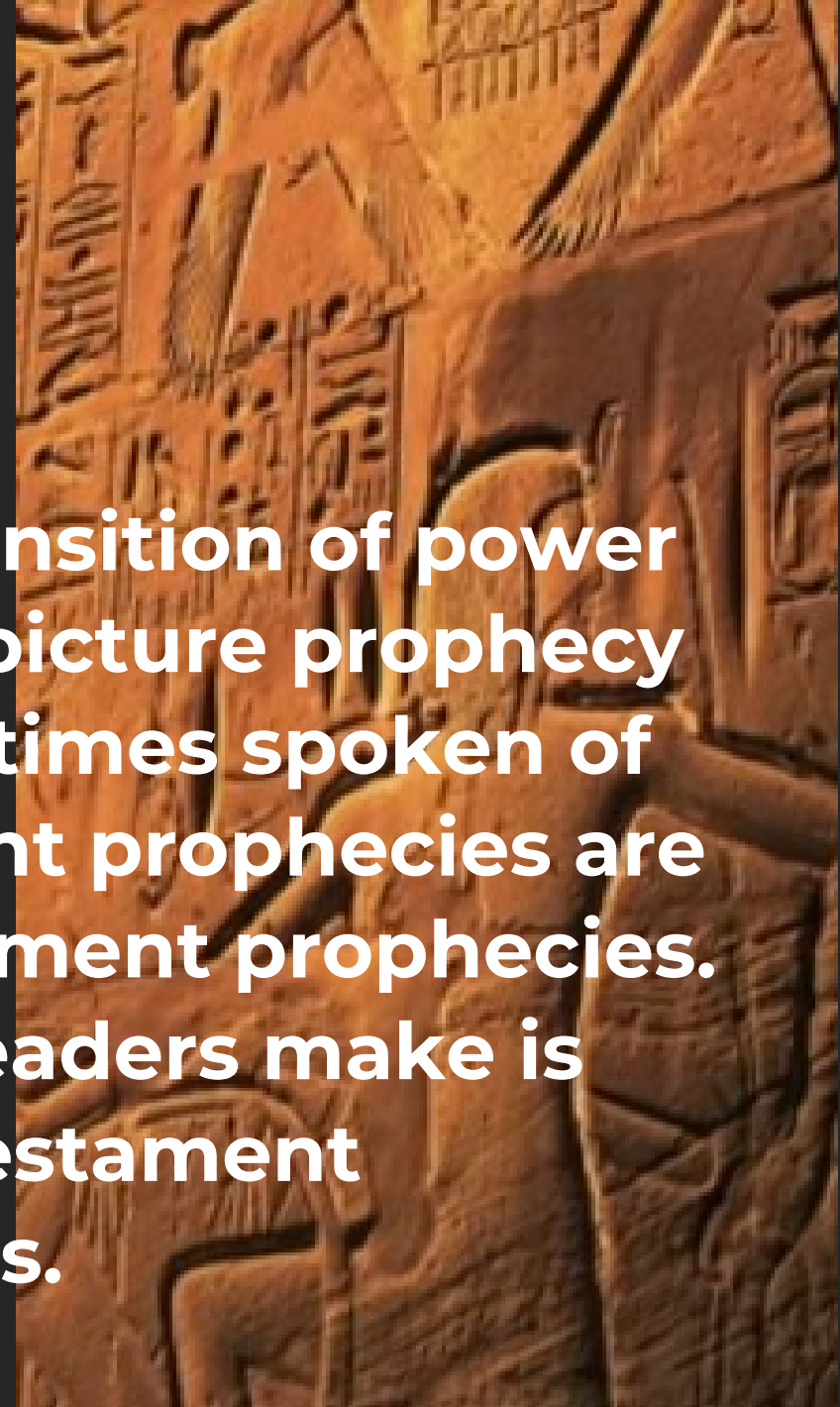
STUDY
CHAPTER EIGHT
KEY VERSES
8:1-6

In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously. I looked in the vision, and while I was looking I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal. Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last. I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified himself. While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

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PATTERNS OF EVIDENCE

While Daniel is speaking of the transition of power during the days of Daniel, a word picture prophecy is offered to us regarding the end times spoken of in Revelation's book. Old Testament prophecies are patterns of evidence of New Testament prophecies. The common mistake that Bible readers make is attempting to "pigeonhole" Old Testament prophecies into fulfilled prophecies.



DOMINANCE & CULTURE

The Greek empire was established by Alexander the Great. Alexander was trained and tutored by Aristotle, who inspired him with an interest in the philosophy of democracy – advancing kingdom work through the people. While Aristotle was an advancer in enslaving the people, Alexander moved beyond this ancient form of rule by using public opinion to position the leader as a public servant.



DOMINANCE THROUGH **FORCE**

The ram is the symbol of imperialism at its best. Today's leftover modern-day Persian imperial countries are the Islamic-ruled territories surrounding Israel today. The Persian leadership style is a dictatorship, usually ruled by religious leaders. The original group of Persians was established in the modern-day Iran area.



A large, stylized illustration of Satan with horns and wings, holding a globe. The background is dark with a fiery, orange glow. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

SATAN BLENDS TWO SYSTEMS

Satan will cleverly blend the two rule systems in his final attempt to control the world. In his first three and a half years, he will make use of the methods of the Goat – democracy and global peace. In his second half, he will abruptly shift to the methods of the Ram, dictatorship, with a twist of a demonic monarchy. While Satan presents himself as the Christ of the Jews, he will be the “Christ” figure of the Ram, the people of Ishmael.

IN CONCLUSION

We have learned about the symbolic and literal meaning of the Ram and the Goat in Daniel's vision. When Daniel was fearful and troubled about the meaning of his vision, Gabriel, the archangel of God's messages, told him this – *"So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end."* What is the "end" that Gabriel is referencing? That would be none other than the "end" Revelation's book denotes.

COMING UP NEXT

#23 GOAT, THE ANTICHRIST

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Since the goat in Daniel's vision unveils the first and last king of the western forces, it would be wise for us to spend some time sorting out the details of the final superpower Gabriel explains to Daniel. As Gabriel says, *"His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will destroy mighty men and the holy people."* Who is this mighty global leader who will destroy humanity – not using his own power? Who's power does he use? And why is this leader obsessed with destroying the Holy people? We will answer these questions.



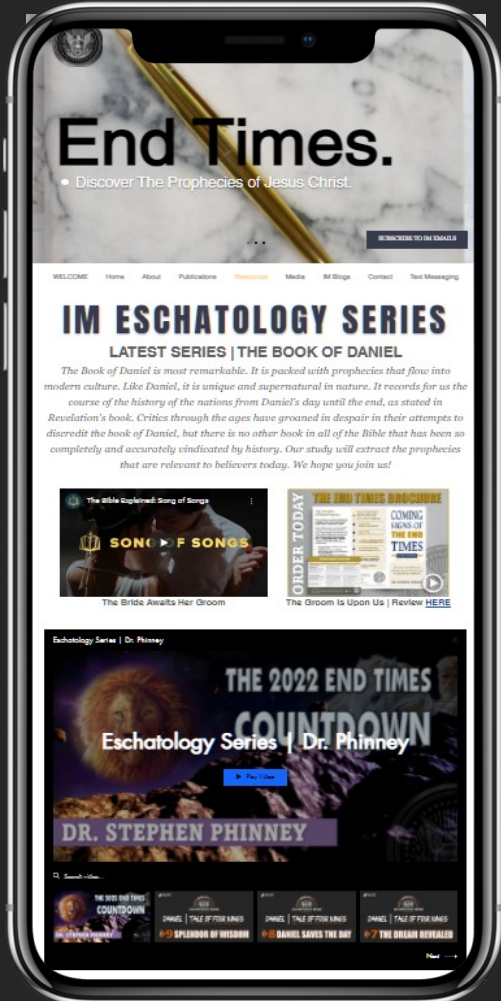
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- **First is the loss of rewards.** All ministry done by the power of the flesh and for the glory of the individual self will be carefully examined. For those things, there will be no rewards (Matt. 6:1-5).
- **Next, the reception of rewards.** This moment is not negative. The New Testament states five rewards – the Victor’s Crown (1 Cor. 9:25-27), the Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19), the Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8), the Crown of Life (James 1:12), and the Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:1-4). These rewards are NOT based on performance but rather on loyalty and love responses. Furthermore, the crowns awarded will not stay in possession of those who received them. According to Revelation 4, the recipients in the act of worship will lay them at the feet of Jesus.

