

## GOD REVEALED AND HIDDEN

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Daniel 8:1-27

Daniel's second vision focused more closely upon a portion of his first vision (ch. 7) and of Nebuchadnezzar's dream (ch. 2). Each of those visions foretold the coming of four successive world empires. This vision focused upon the second and third of those empires.

### 1. The Vision Described (1-14)

The time & place (1-2), the ram (3-4), the goat (5-8) and the little horn (9-14)

### 2. The Meaning Revealed (15-25)

The ram = Median-Persian (20)      The goat with the "great horn" = Greece (21-22)  
The little horn = "a king of fierce countenance" (23-26)

### 3. The Prophecy Fulfilled

331 B.C. - Alexander (the "great horn") completes his conquest Persia near Nineveh  
323 B.C. - Alexander dies in Babylon at age 33: ". . . the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones" (8, 21, 22); "four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation" (22)

Cassander assumed rule over Macedonia and Greece  
Lysimachus ruled Thrace, Bithynia and most of Asia Minor  
Ptolemy ruled Egypt, and possible Palestine and Arabia  
Seleucus ruled Syria, the eastern empire and Babylonia

175-164 B.C. - Rule of Antiochus Epiphanes, 8<sup>th</sup> king of the Syrian dynasty, the "little horn" (9) "a king of fierce countenance" (23) who "shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (24)

### 4. The Mystery Concealed (26-27)

"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." (Deuteronomy 29:29). "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. . . . For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (I Corinthians 13:9, 10, 12)

### Applications:

1. God is sovereign over nations, over history and over the future.

2. God's Word is absolute truth.
3. God's view of men is far different than man's view of men.
4. God reveals and conceals divine truth according to His own will and purpose.