

# The Ram and the Goat

## Chapter 8, Discovering Daniel, by Amir Tsarfati

### Battle by the Ulai River

1. What other two Biblical characters does the author mention that also lived in the city where Daniel's vision takes place? What is the name of the city, found in Daniel 8:1-2? Is Daniel's present time before or after the other two characters?
2. What is different with this Ram's attitude according to verses 3-4?
3. What happened to change the ram in verses 5-7?
4. About the goat, the author notes "A little horn appearing and speaking pompously? We've seen that one before." Who does the author identify the goat as?
5. Who does Daniel hear talking in verses 13-14?

### Gabriel—the Angel with the Answers

6. For what time does Gabriel tell Daniel that the vision will take place?

### The Near and Far Nature of Bible Prophecy

7. "It is typical of prophecies to have a near and a far fulfillment." As an example, Luke 20-21 describes a time when Jerusalem is

surrounded by armies. Would the accurately be the “near” or the “far” fulfillment of prophecy?

8. How do we know this is not the “far fulfillment”?  
(See Luke 21:25-28)

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9. What straight forward interpretation does Gabriel give to Daniel in Daniel 8:20-22?
10. Who does the author identify as the goat and also the G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time)?
11. Unfortunately when died at age 32, “Alexander had not established a succession plan. As a result, the Greek Empire was split into four smaller empires.” What other lasting impact did he have on the known world at that time?
12. “for the first time, Gentiles were exposed to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” For what other impact does the author note the common language of the Greeks also brought about?  
(See the last sentence on page 163)

## The Empire Divides

13. The large horn (Alexander the Great) is broken and four smaller ones follow. One page 164, “Of the four new empires, there is only one that the vision now follows.” Who is it?

## **The Vision's Near Fulfillment-Antiochus IV**

14. Was Antiochus IV a good or bad leader?
15. Antiochus IV tried to stop the Jewish people from worshiping at the temple. What is "the abomination of desolation," that occurred in BC 167?

## **The Vision's Far Fulfillment-Antichrist**

16. Who does Paul describe in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 as exalting himself also as an "Epiphanes"?
17. When Jesus refers to this person in Matthew 24:15-16, what does He say people will do the reader to do?
18. "The book of Revelation tells us that the false prophet will have an image made of his boss, the Antichrist" (Revelation 13:15). What are two differences in these two people?
19. What is Daniel's response in Daniel 8:27?