



**1. DANIEL'S VISION OF TWO COMING KINGDOMS.
(Daniel 8:1-8)**

A. There was a Ram.

Daniel 8:20 *“The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia.”*

1. The ram was the national symbol of the Persian Empire.

2. The Medo-Persian Empire was a fusion of two nations.

B. There was a Goat. (Daniel 8:5-7)

Daniel 8:21 *“The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king.”*

1. The Goat was the national symbol of the Grecian Empire.

**2. THE ANTICHRIST THEN AND IN THE LAST DAYS.
(Daniel 8:9-25)**

A. There was probably never a personality in history who so hated the Jewish people as did the Grecian Emperor Antiochus IV Epiphanes. He was the Antichrist of the Old Testament era.

B. Antiochus Epiphanes slew a pig on the altar of the Temple of God.

Daniel 8:17, 19 *“As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. ‘Son of man,’ he said to me, ‘understand that the vision concerns the time of the end.’ He said: ‘I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end.’”*

C. Antiochus Epiphanes was a foretaste of what the future Anti-Christ will be in the last days.

1. Daniel 8:23-25 describes the Antichrist as a stern-faced king.

2. He will be a master of “intrigue” meaning a person capable of solving problems others are incapable of solving.

3. He will be powerful but not by his own might.
(Daniel 8:24)

4. He shall destroy the holy people.

Daniel 8:25 (NKJV) *“Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without human means.”*

5. He will be a master of deception.

6. He shall directly defy Christ but he will be defeated by Christ Himself.

