

The Ram and the Goat

“The Book of Daniel” (Ch. 9)

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- 1. Ram with Two Horns—Medo-Persian Empire**
 - A. Short Horn—Media came first
 - B. Long Horn—Persia under Cyrus the Great
 - 1) North—Babylon
 - 2) West—Lydia
 - 3) South—Egypt

- 2. The Goat with a Horn—Greek Empire**
 - A. Alexander the Great
 - 1) Toward the east—Greece
 - 2) Not touching ground—swift conquest
 - 3) Conquest of Persia in three years
 - 4) Died at the age of 33

- 3. The Four Winds—Alexander’s four generals (Diadoche—“successors”)**
 - A. Seleucus—Syria (east)
 - B. Ptolemy—Egypt (south)
 - C. Lysimachus—Asia Minor (north)
 - D. Cassander—Greece (west)

- 4. The Little Horn—Antiochus**
 - A. South—Conquers Egypt in 170, attacks again in 168
 - B. East—Defends the east against the Parthians
 - C. Beautiful Land—Judea, starts Maccabean War in 167

- 5. The Host of “Heaven”—people of Jerusalem**
 - A. Stars—priests and Levites murdered
 - B. Prince of the Host—establishes the fortress of Acra
 - C. Daily sacrifice taken away—sacrifice pigs instead
 - D. Sanctuary desecrated—statue of Zeus
 - E. Lord’s people given over—sends an army
 - F. Truth thrown to the ground—Torah forbidden

- 6. 2300 Mornings and Evenings (mornings and evenings)**
 - A. Maccabees retook Jerusalem and Antiochus died in 164