**Daniel 8: Where have we seen this man before?**

**God allows evil to build as the world in rebellion gets what they want. The world will experience a time of evil, but it will be broken by the Most-High.**

**Summary: Chapters 7 and 8 focus on these things:**

**1) Kingdoms and rulers that are future to Daniel, both near and distant futures**

**Each of these kingdoms mentioned take parts of previous kingdoms. In that sense, they resemble one another and build on one another.**

**2) The eternal kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, emphasizing the distant future.**

**3) The coming evil world ruler**

* **Chapter 7 focuses on the kingdom he is associated with.**
* **Chapter 8 focuses on an evil, near-future king the future ruler resembles**
* **The future world ruler will be defeated, just like his earlier counterpart.**

**THE TEXT**

**1. The Vision 8:1-2**

**2. The Ram with Two Horns 8:3-4**

**3. The Male Goat from the West 8:5-7**

**4. The Large Horn is Broken 8:8**

**5. The Growing Power of the Little Horn 8:9-10 (Antiochus Epiphanes)**

**6. The Sanctuary defiled 8:11-14**

**7. Gabriel’s interpretation of the Ram and the Goat 8:15-22**

**8. Interpretation: The distant future and the coming world ruler 8:23-26**

**9. Daniel’s reaction 8:27**

**Ch. 7: Daniel begins to focus on the person and career of a coming world ruler.**

* **A prophecy of a future both near and far to Daniel.**
* **Four great kingdoms will come. The fourth kingdom is different.**
* **Ten kings will come out of this kingdom.**
* **From which kingdom comes another king different than the others.**
	+ **He comes after the ten kings – 8**
	+ **He uproots three of the ten kings - 8**
	+ **He will be intelligent (eyes like a man) - 8**
	+ **He will be arrogant and boastful – 11 (2 Thess. 2:4)**
	+ **He will persecute the saints for 3 ½ years – 21, 25**
	+ **He will overcome Israel – 21**
	+ **He will be judged by God - 22**
	+ **He will oppose God’s authority – 25**
	+ **He will introduce an entirely new era, changing laws and instituting His own system – 25**
	+ **He will be destroyed with his kingdom - 26**
* **The Fourth Kingdom will be destroyed by the “rock”**
* **The Son of Man will rule an eternal kingdom**
* **He will share it with His saints.**

**Ch. 8: Focus on a near-future ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes, and a distant future ruler. This the coming world ruler:**

**(From Pentecost in the Bible Knowledge Commentary)**

* **Will achieve great power by subduing others 24**
* **Will rise to power by promising false security 25**
* **Will be intelligent and persuasive 23**
* **Will be controlled by another (v. 24), that is Satan.**
* **Will be an adversary of Israel and subjugate Israel to his authority 24-25**
* **Will rise in opposition to the Prince of princes, the Lord Jesus Christ 25**
* **Will see his rule terminated by divine judgment 25**





**Overview of the Book of the Revelation**



