

DANIEL 8 - "THE INDIGNATION"

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*"...Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the last end of
the indignation:..." (v. 19)*

AN INTRODUCTION

The prophetic revelation given to Daniel in chapter 7 left him with a troubled mind, a changed countenance and an occupied heart. (7:28) What he sees and hears in chapter 8 leaves him faint, sick, faithful, astonished, and without understanding.

Daniel 8 introduces us to "the indignation," one of Israel's most horrendous experiences. Our study of chapter 8 will introduce us to several aspects of this revelation and will conclude with an historical analysis of how that which was prophetic in Daniel's time is history in ours. We will then, in chapter 9, begin to explore the question of what yet, according to Daniel's prophecy, awaits the world. And so here begins our study of "The Indignation."

I. THE PROCESS OF ITS REVELATION – v. 1-2

1. It Is Precise – v. 1
2. It Is Personal – v. 1-2
3. It Is Progressive – v. 1-2

II. THE DETAILS OF ITS REVELATION – v. 3-14

1. The Ram – v. 3-4
2. The Goat – v. 5-12
3. Two Saints – v. 13-14

III. THE EXPLANATION OF ITS REVELATION – v. 15-25

1. The Prophet's Desire – v. 15A
2. The Messenger's Assignment – v. 15B
3. The Vision's Meaning – v. 17-25
 - (1) Its Historical Placement – v. 17-19
 - (2) Its Historical Powers – v. 20-21
 - (3) Its Historical Personalities – v. 20-25

IV. RESPONSES TO ITS REVELATION – v. 26-27

1. The Messenger's Response – v. 26
 - (1) Confident of its Truth
 - (2) Patient with its Time
2. The Prophets Response – v. 27
 - (1) Shaken in his Body
 - (2) Faithful to his Duty
 - (3) Open in his Astonishment
 - (4) Honest about his Understanding

V. THE VISION IN HISTORY: THE REVELATION AND ITS FULFILLMENT

(A brief historical analysis of how this portion (chapter 8) of Daniel's prophecy has subsequently manifested itself, thereby leading us to confidence in the prophecy yet to be fulfilled. This chapter, with its historical fulfillment, is a key to the confidence we may have in Daniel's prophecy yet to be fulfilled.)