Daniel's Vision of The Ram And The He-Goat

(Daniel 8:1-22)

Intro: As noted last week, the Books of Daniel and Revelation employ images from the animal kingdom to present prophetic truth. Animal metaphors present God's viewpoint of the beastly nature of various Gentile rulers. Daniel's next vision recorded in chapter 8 focuses attention on two of the kingdoms introduced in chapter 7: Medo-Persia and Greece.

I. The Revelation Of The Vision To Daniel (8:1-14)

A. Historical background (vv. 1-2)

B. The vision of the ram (vv. 3-4)

C. The vision of the he-goat (vv. 5-8)

II. The Angel Gabriel's Interpretation Of The Vision (8:15-22)

- A. Gabriel's intervention (vv. 15-18)
- B. Gabriel's interpretation (vv. 19-22)
 - 1. The two-horned ram (v. 20)
 - 2. The he-goat (v. 21)
 - 3. The four horns that arose from Alexander's kingdom (v. 22)
- C. Daniel's response (v. 27)

