

Identity Of The Little Horn

(Daniel 8:9-14, 23-27)

Intro: This morning we return to Daniel's vision in chapter 8. The remaining verses in Daniel 8 are extremely difficult to understand because they describe two of history's most vile dictators—Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who lived from 215 BC. to 164 BC., and the Antichrist, whose diabolical reign is yet future. The tyrannical reign of Antiochus Epiphanes, the small horn who rose up from Alexander's general Seleucus, is detailed in verses 9-14. The closing verses of the chapter, verses 23-27, provide additional details concerning Antiochus' brutal reign, but also foreshadow the future reign of the coming man of sin, Antichrist.

I. Vision Of The Little Horn (8:9-14)

A. Identity of the little horn (vv. 9-12)

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Antiochus IV Epiphanes

B. Duration of the little horn's persecution (vv. 13-14)

II. Angelic Interpretation Of The Little Horn (8:23-27)

A. 7 characteristics of the little horn (vv. 9-12)

- (1) He will achieve great power by subduing others (v. 24).
- (2) He will rise to power by promising false security (v. 25).
- (3) He will be intelligent and persuasive (v. 23).
- (4) He will be controlled by another (v. 24), that is, Satan.
- (5) He will be an adversary of Israel and subjugate Israel to his authority (vv. 24-25).
- (6) He will rise up in opposition to the Prince of princes, the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 25).
- (7) His rule will be terminated by divine judgment (v. 25).

B. Daniel's reaction (v. 27)