## God in Command Daniel 8

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## **NOTES**

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion\*



- What is your favorite mascot for a sports team?
- Read *Daniel 8:1-27*. How is this vision given to Daniel similar to the vision in Daniel 7? What are the differences?
- What is represented by the following in Daniel's vision:
  - o The two-horned ram (v. 3-4; 20)
  - o The goat and its large horn (v. 5-8; 21)
  - o The little horn (v. 9-12; 23-26)
  - The 2,300 evenings and mornings (v. 14, 26)
- Who is "the commander of the army of the LORD" (NIV) or "the Prince of the host" (ESV) in v. 11? How is this figure attacked by the small horn? How does this figure respond (v. 25)?
- What atrocities do God's people suffer (v. 11-13; 24)? How would knowledge of Daniel's vision affect you if you heard it before, during, or after enduring this persecution?
- To what might "the time of the end" (v. 17) refer? Given the context and content of Daniel's vision, which option do you think is best?
- How is evil and rebellion against God seen here as both an act of nations and empires, and also of individuals?
- What does Daniel feel and do after receiving the vision? What in his response might be instructive for us?
- What do you hear God saying to you or to the Church through this Scripture? How do you feel led to respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

<sup>\*</sup>Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.