

The Ram and the Male Goat

Daniel 8

This is the First Vision Written in Hebrew

- **THE LANGUAGE CHANGE IS SIGNIFICANT NOT BECAUSE THERE IS A CHANGE IN AUDIENCE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE NARROWING OF THE SUBJECT MATTER.**
- **FROM THE BROAD SCOPE OF CHAPTERS 2 AND 7, CHAPTER 8 NARROWS TO THE EVENTS BETWEEN THE END OF THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD TO NEAR THE END OF THE RULE OF GREECE IN THE PROVINCE OF SYRIA.**

The Vision was Seen by Daniel at a Strategic Time

- **THE VISION TOOK PLACE DURING THE REIGN OF THE LAST RULER OF BABYLON, APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS BEFORE THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON IN CHAPTER 5.**

Daniel was Transported in his Vision to the Capital of the Next Empire, Medo-Persia

- **SHUSHAN (SUSA) IS MENTIONED 21 TIMES IN THE OT, ONCE IN NEHEMIAH, ONCE IN DANIEL, AND THE REST IN ESTHER.**
- **BY THE TIME OF DANIEL'S VISION, THE PEOPLE OF SHUSHAN HAD BEEN DEPORTED TO SAMARIA. THESE WERE THE GENTILES WHO INTERMARRIED WITH JEWS TO MAKE UP THE SAMARITANS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT PERIOD.**
- **CALLED SUSA IN MODERN VERSIONS, SHUSHAN WAS ONE OF THREE ROYAL CITIES OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE.**
- **DARIUS I BUILT HIS PALACE THERE, THE RUINS OF WHICH REMAIN ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PERSIAN ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES OF THE 5TH CENTURY BC.**