

***Studies In The Book Of Daniel***  
***“The Resolute Man”***

***Lesson 16***

**Read Daniel 8:1 – 14**

**Introduction:** The first portion of the book of Daniel was written in Hebrew from Daniel 1:1 to 2:4. At which point the original language changed to Aramaic, the Gentile language. As Daniel chapter 8 begins, the visions it contains relates entirely to the Jews and the city of Jerusalem. For that reason, the language of the original text now reverts back to Hebrew and remains so throughout the rest of the book of Daniel.

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1. According to Daniel 8:1 – 2 Daniel saw this vision while he was in Shushan two years after his vision in Daniel chapter 7. What other events took place in Shushan according to Nehemiah 1:1 – 4 and Esther chapters 1 & 2?
  - What was it that was broken and spoke to Nehemiah’s heart?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Have you ever had the conviction of the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart calling you to take action? How did you respond?

- According to Esther 2:17, 3:5– 6, 4:13 – 14 and 7:1 - 10 what action did Esther take to save her people from being destroyed?

2. Give a description of Daniel's vision he saw according to Daniel 8: 3 – 8:

The ram Daniel saw with two horns one bigger than the other represents the Medo Persia Empire and its conquests. It's interesting the emblem of Persia was a ram. This ram had two horns, one higher than the other, symbolizing the Medes and the Persians, with the Persians being the stronger. Just about the time the ram was pushing west, north and south a 'he' goat appeared from the west and leaped swiftly to where the ram was standing. The 'he' goat had one great horn – Alexander the Great. The 'he' goat attacked the ram, broke the two horns, and became very great according to Daniel 8:7 – 8. This represents Greece's victory over Medo-Persia. However we also see the great horn broken (Alexander's death at age 33) and four horns taking his place, which were his four generals who divided Alexander's kingdom and ruled over it.

- Alexander the Great conquered the entire known world yet he died a young man. Goggle Alexander the Great. What was in his personal life that he could not conquer?
- What's in your life that keeps conquering you? Is there something in your life you need to surrender over to the Lord?

