

Daniel's dream of the ram and the goat



Two years later, Daniel dreams again of animals. This time there are only two, a ram and a goat. First, there is the ram with two horns, the strongest animal around. Along comes a male goat, running without touching the ground, having one great horn, and conquers him. The great horn of the male goat breaks, and four horns come up. One of them is rather special, it grows great against Israel, takes away the permanent sacrifice, throws the truth to the ground and in all this is very successful.

Tomorrow you will read the interpretation of the dream. So far: The ram is the same as the bear of the previous dream, the male goat is the leopard.



- 33. Which parallels can you see between the ram and the bear?
- 34. Which parallels can you see between the male goat and the leopard?



The coming of the Lord Jesus, His return, is in two phases. The first phase is the coming of the Lord Jesus to take the Christians to heaven. The Lord Jesus will come again, invisible to the world, the dead believers will rise and will, together with the living believers be taken into glory (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). After that, the time of tribulation will start, from which the assembly, or church, will be kept as they have been taken to heaven (the rapture) (Revelation 3:10).



The Lord Jesus is coming soon – a reason to rejoice!



33. For example, both bear and ram are described as mighty and powerful. The ram has two great horns of different size, because the empire consists of Medes and Persians, and the Persian people are more influential than the (older) Medes; for the same reason the bear rises up on one side (the Persian). 34. For example: the leopard with his wings, and the male goat which doesn't touch the earth when running, are both a picture of the speed in which Alexander the Great would conquer the world then known to the Chaldeans. The four heads of the leopard correspond to the four horns of the male goat. After the death of Alexander, his empire would be split into four.