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The dream of the ram and the goat interpreted



Daniel doesn't interpret his own dreams himself. Gabriel, an angel, explains to him that the ram is an illustration of the empire of the Medes and Persians, and the male goat an illustration of Greece. Under the "great horn" Alexander, Greece will conquer the Medo-Persian empire and, after Alexander's death, will divide into four parts (roughly Egypt, Macedonia, Thrace and Syria) (vv21-22). Syria will soon become especially strong and show animosity towards Israel; under Antiochus IV Epiphanes Jerusalem will be conquered and sacrifices forbidden (chapter 8:9-14).

As Gabriel explains, the dream is more far reaching, ie into the "time of the end"; which is the time just before the establishment of the Millennium. Then the Syrian Empire will once again have the characteristics Daniel dreamed about. It will rise up against Israel, and even against Christ Himself, the "Prince of princes" — and will be broken "without human means", that is, by God Himself.



35. How many years shall go by until the prophecies of verses 23-26 are finally fulfilled?

The return of the Lord Jesus in power and glory is, after the rapture of the Christians, the second phase of His return. Christ will then end the time of tribulation ("the time of the end") and conquer Israel's enemies. With that the Millennium will begin (Revelation 19:11-20:6). When He appears then, the Lord Jesus will be accompanied by the believers, visible to all people (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).



God has the last word.
Always!

35. No one can answer that. The prophecy refers to the "time of the end" which has clock has stopped ticking for the time being, until the rapture of the believers.

not started yet.