Lesson Nine - DANIEL 8

Readings:
Daniel 8 – The Medo-Persians and the Grecian empire

Key Verse: “The vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision for it refers to many days in the future.” – Daniel 8:26

Outline of Daniel Eight

I. The date and recipient of the vision (1-2)
II. The vision related (3-14)
   a. The two-horned ram (3-4)
   b. The single-horned he-goat (5-8)
      i. The single horn broken
      ii. The rise of the four horns
   c. The little horn out of one of the four horns (9-14)
      i. The attack on the “glorious land” (9)
      ii. The persecution and sacrilege (10-12)
      iii. The termination of the vision (13-14)

III. The vision interpreted (15-27)
   a. Daniel meets the interpreter (15-17)
   b. The “time of the end” (17)
   c. Daniel’s response (18)
   d. Daniel enlightened (19-26)
      i. The identity of the ram and he-goat (20-21)
      ii. The identity of the four horns (22)
      iii. The identity and success of the little horn (23-25)
      iv. The destiny of the little horn (25)
      v. Assurance of the vision’s truth (26)
      vi. A time-reference for the vision (26)
   d. Daniel works and wonders (27)

Reviewing the text

a) What do the ram and he-goat represent?

b) Who interprets the vision for Daniel?

c) What is prophesied will become of the deceitful king?

d) Why was the vision sealed?
2 Questions for discussion

a) Compare the little horn in Daniel 8:9-12 with the little horn of Daniel 7:8ff. Do they refer to the same thing? Why or why not?

b) Compare Daniel 8:26 with Revelation 1:1,3 and 22:6, 10. Discuss the difference in timeframe between Daniel and Revelation and the events they foretold.

c) According to this vision what circumstances permitted the success of such a despicable person as the little horn?

d) What is the Glorious Land?

e) Why did God reveal these things to Daniel?