

Daniel 8:13 Then I heard two holy ones talking to each other. One of them asked, “How long will the events of this vision last? How long will the rebellion that causes desecration stop the daily sacrifices? How long will the Temple and heaven’s army be trampled on?” 14 The other replied, “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the Temple will be made right again.”

15 As I, Daniel, was trying to understand the meaning of this vision, someone who looked like a man stood in front of me. 16 And I heard a human voice calling out from the Ulai River, “Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of his vision.” 17 As Gabriel approached the place where I was standing, I became so terrified that I fell with my face to the ground. “Son of man,” he said, “you must understand that the events you have seen in your vision relate to the time of the end.” 18 While he was speaking, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground. But Gabriel roused me with a touch and helped me to my feet.

19 Then he said, “I am here to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath. What you have seen pertains to the very end of time. 20 The two-horned ram represents the kings of Media and Persia. 21 The shaggy male goat represents the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes represents the first king of the Greek Empire. 22 The four prominent horns that replaced the one large horn show that the Greek Empire will break into four kingdoms, but none as great as the first.

23 “At the end of their rule, when their sin is at its height, a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. 24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. 25 He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power.

26 “This vision about the 2,300 evenings and mornings is true. But none of these things will happen for a long time, so keep this vision a secret.”

27 Then I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for several days. Afterward I got up and performed my duties for the king, but I was greatly troubled by the vision and could not understand it.

God’s Providence

Big Idea: Our Father, Son, & Spirit is very involved in our world & lives. Yahweh has been working through Daniel’s life. God is also working through your life day to day. His unlimited providence incorporates your limited providence. His program & promise will not fail.

The Purpose of Prophecy vv15-18

551BC when Daniel is old, God uses him

2 years after Daniel 7 vision

This is a totally different vision than the Dan 7 vision

The Proofs of Prophecy vv19-25

1. The 2-horned Ram is Media & Persia
2. The single horn, more powerful, is Greece under Alexander
3. It happened exactly as God predicted!
4. God will accomplish this prophecy again in our future vv25

The Promises of Prophecy vv26-27

Look & See How Long: The Time of “Wrath”

1. Wrath
2. Great Wrath in the Tribulation Period

The A.I. Empowered Robots Are Coming

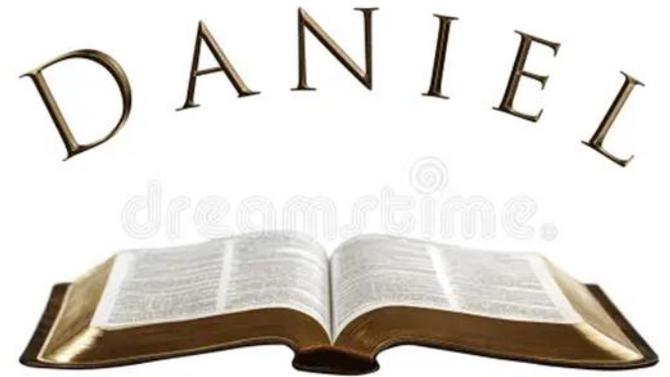
It is no longer in the mere imagination that we see the coming of robots. They will be as ubiquitous as our pets. Will we invite them in? Will we give them names? Will we come to love them? Will they become our friends as well as our slaves? Already we have autonomous vacuums and mowers, cars and smart phones: precursors of the humanoid robots.

But what kind of things are these servants of us? It seems they have very high intellect as do our smart phones, intellect of a sorts. It is more than the intellect of a dictionary. It is multidisciplined. It will not only *be* but will also learn. It has input and output, seeming life-like. These *beings* will not only *be* but will also *do*.

Will we dress them, name them, give them rights? Will we humanize these humanoids? What will be the nature of its creativity? Will they be more than tools and slaves?

What they will not be is *human*. Humans are made in the image of God. Humans are created personalities with mind, will, and emotion. These attributes are godlike. The robots will have artificial intelligence, limited to the bounds of what humans know. They will have artificial volition (willfulness) with 'if and then' abilities within the limits we give them. They may have emotional words to use. Can they experience love, faith, hope?

Robots are tools without conscience. They cannot have eternal life. Just as we imagine personality in our pets we will, no doubt, attribute to our robot's personality. What we can create we can make our god. That is not new. We tend to worship created things instead of The Creator. What I give myself to becomes my god as I sacrifice to it my time, talents, treasures, and trust.



Daniel 8