

World Empires in Conflict

Daniel 8:1-27

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The prideful desire of one nation to conquer and _____ another nation is a consequence of _____. God gave Daniel a glimpse into the future regarding world _____ and their conflicts. In chapter 8, Daniel gets a _____ as to how Israel will be affected by these empires.

A. The Vision Received by Daniel (vv. 1-14)

1. A ram with one horn higher than the other
 - a. Representing the kings of Media and Persia
 - b. Persians – conquered the kingdoms in Asia Minor (Turkey), and tried to take over parts of Greece.
2. A he goat from the west – represented Greece
 - a. A notable horn between his eyes – Alexander the Great
 - b. Smote the ram, cast him down, and stamped upon him
 - c. Alexander’s conquests were extremely fast
3. The great horn on the goat broke off.
 - a. Alexander died of a fever at age 32.
 - b. Four notable ones – powerful generals divided the empire
4. A little horn came forth – from Antigonus, ruler of Syria
 - a. Antiochus IV (Epiphanes)
 - b. Severely persecuted the Jews from about 171-165 B.C.
 - c. Sacrificed a large hog on the altar and defiled the Temple
 - d. Maccabee family led a revolt against him, cleansed the Temple, and took back sovereignty over Israel

B. The Vision Interpreted to Daniel (vv. 15-27)

1. Signified events that would occur in the _____
 - a. At the time of the _____, and the last end of the indignation
 - b. Similar to the _____ in Daniel 2:44-45 and 7:24-26
 - c. Antiochus Epiphanes accomplished all the _____, and symbolizes the final _____ of God and the Jews.
2. Antiochus Epiphanes would try to _____ the people of God.
 - a. He tried to Hellenize the _____.
 - b. He was cunning and _____, but “broken without hand” by God Himself.
 - c. Symbolic of the anti-Christ and his _____
 - (1). His _____
 - (2). His _____
 - (3). His _____
 - (4). His crafty _____