

Daniel 8

Chapter 8 is directly connected to chapter 7 and at the same time _____. It is connected in that we are dealing in greater detail with two of the kingdoms mentioned in chapter 7. However, it is distinct in that the imagery changes a little and there is a change in language.

8:1-2-Here, we are 2 years _____ the vision of chapter 7 and just _____ the events of chapter 5.

Daniel is given a vision in which he is transported (in spirit) to Susa (an important ancient city especially for the coming _____ empire)

8:3-4, 15-20- A coming _____

A ram is seen with big horns (with one bigger than the other). This ram is _____ and everywhere it goes it rams and destroys all. None could stop its power.

This ram represents the Mede/Persian empire (with the _____ part being bigger and greater).

8:5-8, 20-21 -A greater _____

The goat represents the kingdom of _____, and the one big horn represents the first king of Greece (Alexander the Great)-**8:21**.

However, this horn is _____ and 4 horns grow up instead. This symbolizes the dividing of this empire into 4-which is what historically happened with the Grecian empire after Alexander's death-**8:22**.

8:9-14, 23-25-Another _____ ruler

Using similar imagery to chapter 7, we find here another little horn but with some differences. This little horn becomes very great and uses his greatness to do terrible things. The little horn of chapter 8 is not the same as chapter 7. Chapter 7 is a reference to the end times _____ and chapter 8 is a reference to Antiochus _____.

"This refers in the first instance to an activity of Antiochus Epiphanes, but that activity is the embryonic form of an evil that all antichrists perpetrate in one form or another."-Ferguson

Some of the terrible things he did were:

-Threw _____ some of the host and some of the stars and trampled on them

Here we have a reference to his attacks and _____ of the people of God (referred to as the host of the Lord and stars).

"The figure is used of the people of God, the saints. These saints are the true believers under the Old Dispensation, members of the holy nation."-Young

“The little horn here is singled out because its evil is directed with demonic hatred against the people of God and all that they represent.”-Ferguson

-Took away regular burnt _____

Antiochus _____ and would not allow the lawfully prescribed sacrifices to be offered anymore.

- _____ the sanctuary

He erected a statue of Zeus inside the Temple and offered pigs on the Lord’s altar. He also plundered the temple taking all the gold and fine linen curtains.

“Antiochus did not actually tear down the temple, although evidently he desecrated it to such a point that it was hardly fit for use.”-Young

- _____ considered himself equal with God

“He felt that he and his Greek gods were above Yahweh, and he blatantly attacked Yahweh and His worshippers.”-NAC

This horrendous situation will span roughly 6 years (170-164 BC).

However, this evil ruler will come to a quick end by the _____ of God. His death is very mysterious and was some form of illness. One Greek historian of that time wrote that he suffered from delirium and was crippled with terrifying visions and eventually died an agonizing death filled with internal pains.

Application

- 1. Consider again the rising and falling of human _____**
- 2. Evil has always and will always be in the world _____ Christ comes back**
(satanic attacks follow this same pattern: _____ the saints, _____
the worship of the saints, strive to take the saints _____ off of the sacrifice of
Christ, and to promote _____ glory instead of the glory of God)
- 3. God is not _____ and He is the Great Judge**
- 4. The Lord is the One is in _____ of all things**