

Message Notes

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No Matter What: Hope & Confidence
Daniel 8
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Principles for Reading Prophecy:

- ◆ Don't miss the main _____ by getting stuck on _____.
- ◆ Most predict great _____ followed by God's deliverance.
- ◆ Given to provide _____ & _____ that God is in control.
- ◆ Rather than predicting the future, it helps us _____ faithfully _____.
- ◆ Language is highly _____. Be careful about wild speculation.
- ◆ Chapter 8 is _____ prophecy. Prophecy to Daniel / History for us.

Daniel's Vision & Interpretation:

"Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end..." He said, "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end." (Dan. 8:17b & 19)

- ◆ Time of the end does _____ mean the end of the world. (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17)
- ◆ _____ = Media-Persian Empire. (Dan. 8:3, 4, 20)
- ◆ _____ = Greece & _____ is Alexander the Great. (Dan. 8:5-7, 21)
- ◆ _____ Horns = Seleucid, Ptolemy, Lysimachus, Cassander. (Dan. 8:8, 22)
- ◆ _____ Horn that grows in strength – Antiochus Epiphanes IV. (Dan. 8:9-14, 23-25)
 - ◆ Started small but grew in power (9); grew in power to the South, East and "the beautiful land (Israel) (9); set himself up to be God (10); took away the daily sacrifice & threw down the sanctuary (11); truth was thrown to the ground (1 Maccabees); will be destroyed but not by human power (25); will last 2,300 morning & evening sacrifices (14).

Our Hope & Confidence:

- ◆ Why Chapter 8? ❶ Like Daniel, we are _____ home yet. ❷ So we can have _____ and confidence in God's faithfulness to His _____.
- ◆ God _____! The final word will not be given by a ram or a goat, but by a _____. Jesus Christ is the hope of the world! (Rev. 22)
- ◆ Homework: Take time this week to identify God's faithfulness in your past.