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Daniel 8:15-19, 26

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At my lowest, God is my Hope. At my darkest, God is my Light. At my weakest, God is my Strength. At my saddest, God is my Comforter. At my neediest, God is my Provider. At my sickest, God is my Healer.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NASB) ⁵ Thus says the LORD, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ "For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant.

⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD. 8 "For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit.

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Daniel 8:15-22,27 (NASB)

I. Vision of the Ram

Daniel 8:1 (NASB)

¹ In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously.

Daniel 8:2 (NASB)

² I looked in the vision, and while I was looking I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal.

Daniel 8:3 (NASB)

³ Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up

Daniel 8:4 (NASB)

⁴ I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased Overwhelming and magnified himself.

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Daniel 8:20 (NASB)

The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

- I. Vision of the Ram
- II. Vision of the Goat

Daniel 8:5 (NASB)

⁵ While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a When Life is conspicuous horn between

Overwhelming his eyes.

Daniel 8:6 (NASB)

⁶ He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

Daniel 8:7 (NASB)

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⁷ I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

Daniel 8:8 (NASB)

⁸ Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward Overwhelming the four winds of heaven.

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Daniel 8:21 (NASB) ²¹ "The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Daniel 8:22 (NASB)

²² "The broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

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Daniel 8:9 (NASB)

⁹ Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.

Daniel 8:10 (NASB)

10 It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.

Daniel 8:11 (NASB)

11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was When Life is thrown down.

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Daniel 8:12 (NASB)

12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and

When Life is pertorm Overwhelming prosper.

Daniel 8:13 (NASB)

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?"

Daniel 8:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

Daniel 8:23 (NASB)

²³ "In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, A king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue.

Daniel 8:24 (NASB) ²⁴ "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy

When Life is mighty Overwhelming people.

Daniel 8:25 (NASB)

²⁵ "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without human agency.

Daniel 8:26 (NASB)

²⁶ "The vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, For it pertains to many days in the future."

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Daniel 8:15 (NASB)

15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man.

Daniel 8:16 (NASB)

16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, "Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision."

Daniel 8:17 (NASB)

17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Son of man, understand When Life is that the vision pertains to Overwhelming the time of the end."

Daniel 8:18 (NASB)

18 Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright.

Daniel 8:19 (NASB)

19 He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.

Daniel 8:27 (NASB)

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WHEN A TRAIN GOES THROUGH A TUNNEL AND IT GETS DARK, YOU DON'T THROW AWAY THE TICKET AND JUMP OFF...

YOU SIT STILL AND TRUST THE ENGINEER.

- Corrie ten Boom

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Questions

- 1. Do you think you would want to know your future, if you could find it out? Share with the group why or why not.
- 2. Share with the group how you feel about all the symbols, animals and numbers in these prophetical (apocalyptic) chapters of Daniel. Do you believe they were fulfilled in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes around 168-164 BC, or are they primarily about the Antichrist who is to come? Share why you think your view is true.
- 3. What other "little horn" does the emerging horn in Daniel 8:9 bring to mind (see Daniel 7:8,11)? How is this one different in origin, nature and destiny? How is it similar in its overwhelming pride?

Questions (continued)

- 4. What do you make of Daniel specifying the time frame for the fulfillment of this vision i.e. 2,300 evenings and mornings (Daniel 8:13-14,26)? Why do you think God allows the transgression of his moral law for such a long time?
- 5. What impact does this vision have on Daniel (Daniel 8:15,17,27)? Do you have the same desire to have a vision from God or a visitation by an angel?
- 6. Does Daniel's prophecy strike you as history written beforehand or after the fact? Why?

Questions (continued)

- 7. The study of Daniel's prophecies often produces more heat than light. How do you relate to other Christians who favor an interpretation that differs from yours?
- 8. Where have you seen God active in violent world affairs?
- 9. As you look over the trajectory of your life, does tragedy and suffering bring you closer to God or cause you to drift away from Him even further? How can suffering bring you closer to God, like the TV Rock (Ulexite) in Pastor Randy's children sermon?

Questions (continued)

10. How does knowing that God eventually deals with evil and suffering and bring it to end encourage you? If you are going through a "tunnel" now, how does this chapter and the message help you to endure?