

**Daniel: Hope that Motivates Faithfulness**  
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**Summary of Chapters 8, 10, & 11:**

Chapter 8:

- Vision (vv. 1-14)
  - Daniel receives a vision by the Ulai canal (vv. 1-2)
  - A ram with two horns appears in great power and triumph (v. 3).
  - A goat with one horn, in powerful wrath, attacks and destroys the ram (vv. 5-7).
  - Following the breaking of the first horn of the goat and its replacement, comes a “little horn” of great and terrible power which will overthrow the sanctuary of God (v. 8-12).
  - Following this scene, two angels discuss the length of time in which the sanctuary will be overthrown—a length of “2300 evenings and mornings” (vv. 13-14).
- Interpretation (vv. 15-27)
  - Gabriel, an angel of God, interprets this vision for Daniel (vv. 15-19).
  - The ram, and its horns represent the Medo-Persian Empire and two of its kings (v. 20)
  - The goat, and its original horn represent Greece and its first king (v. 21).
  - The successive horns of the goat represent the lineage of rulers within the Greek Empire culminating in an especially wicked king who is the “little horn” of verse 9 (v. 22-25).
  - The length of “evenings and mornings” is confirmed yet foretold as a future event and Daniel is left emotionally and physically weakened but resolved to continue his service to the king (vv. 26-27).

Chapter 9: (will be preached Nov. 10 & 17)

- Daniel calls out to God as Israel's representative in anguish over the sins of the people and the impending torment that will take place when they are finally released from captivity [which is made known by the vision of Chapter 8].

Chapter 10: (Chapters 10 + 11 should be taken as one unit)

- Vision:
  - After three weeks (twenty-one days) of mournful fasting Daniel receives a vision by the Tigris River (vv. 1-4).

- An angel (likely Gabriel again) appears to Daniel, explains that God has heard Daniel's prayers, and offers further encouragement regarding Israel's future amidst raging kingdoms (vv. 5-21).

### Chapter 11:

- Vision from Ch. 10 continued:
  - The angel clarifies that the Medo-Persian Empire will see three additional kings rise and fall at the height of great power and wealth (vv. 1-2).
  - The angel then describes how, following the dominion of a "mighty king" (v. 3) the Greek Empire will see great success but then become fractured and divided (v. 4).
  - Amidst this division, the kingdoms of the south and north will enter into a long-lasting war, in which God's people will find themselves woefully caught in the middle (vv. 5-20)
  - The final "king of the north" will rise to power unexpectedly and will manipulate and bring particular persecution to God's people by 1) killing many, 2) destroying the stronghold of Jerusalem, and 3) profaning the temple of Yahweh and burnt offering with pagan worship practices (the "abomination that makes desolate") (vv. 21-31).
  - There will be some Israelites who choose to follow this new king, giving in to his seduction and flattery, but there will be some who follow God and endure "sword, flame, captivity, and plunder" for the sake of being "refined, purified, and made white" (v. 32-35).
  - The final king will magnify himself above all gods and will continue growing in power until he is suddenly brought to "his end, with none to help him" (vv. 36-45).

**Big Idea:** Trust the True King

### **Sermon Outline**

1. God is sovereign over earthly kingdoms (8:3-26; 10:13, 20; 11:2-45)
2. God is just to destroy evil rulers (8:7-8, 23-25; 11:2-4, 18-45)
3. God is merciful to redeem his people (10:2-21; 11:14, 29-35)

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Daniel 2 (Statue)	Daniel 7 (Beasts)	Daniel 8	Earthly Kingdom
Head of Gold	Lion		Babylon
Chest/ Arms of Silver	Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Middle/ Thighs of Bronze	Leopard	Goat	Greece
Legs/ Feet of Iron/ Clay	Terrifying Beast		Rome and beyond

**Daniel 8:3-9.** *<sup>3</sup> I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. <sup>4</sup> I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great. <sup>5</sup> As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath. <sup>7</sup> I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power. <sup>8</sup> Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven. <sup>9</sup> Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land.*

**Daniel 8:23-25.** *<sup>23</sup> And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. <sup>24</sup> His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. <sup>25</sup> By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many.*

**Daniel 10:13-14** *<sup>13</sup> The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes (or angels), came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup> and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”*

**Daniel 10:20** *<sup>20</sup> Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.*

**Psalms 135:6-7.** *Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. <sup>7</sup> He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.*

- 1) Is God Good?
- 2) Will God Do What He Promised?

- 3) Is God in Control?
- 4) Does God Have the Needed Power?
- 5) Does God Care About Me?

2. God is just to destroy evil rulers (8:7-8, 23-25; 11:2-4, 18-45)

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**Daniel 11:36.** <sup>36</sup> *“And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods.*

**Daniel 11:30-31.** *He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant. <sup>31</sup> Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12.** <sup>9</sup> *The coming of the lawless one (the Antichrist to follow in the pattern of Antiochus) is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

**1 Timothy 2:1-4.** *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

**1 Peter 2:13-17.** <sup>13</sup> *Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

3. God is merciful to redeem his people (10:2-21; 11:14, 29-35)

**Daniel 10:2-5.** <sup>2</sup> *In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. <sup>3</sup> I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. <sup>4</sup> On the*

twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) 5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen . . .

**Daniel 10:14.** *[I] came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.*

**Daniel 10:16-19.** *I said to him who stood before me, “O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. 17 How can my lord’s servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.” 18 Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. 19 And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.”*

**Daniel 11:32.** *He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.*

**Daniel 11:33-35.** *33 And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. 34 When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, 35 and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.*

**Revelation 7:13-17.** *13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

**James Hamilton, *With the Clouds of Heaven*.**

“Though antichrists and the Antichrist rage against [God’s people], which tells them it is the last hour, in accordance with Daniel’s teaching (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 7), believers should continue to confess Jesus, loving God and one another.”

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## **Benediction**

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