

This week we will study about how God showed Daniel more detail about what would happen in the future, right up to now!



# Torchlight

*"The prophecies of Daniel demand our special attention because they relate to the time in which we are living. We should read them along with the last book of the New Testament. The promise is plain that special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies. 'The wise shall understand.'"*  
– Royalty and Ruin p. 193

# Daniel Sees Our Day



# SUNDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Lord please help me to understand the correct interpretation of the prophecies of Daniel.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:1–2

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 8:1

“In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time.”

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are currently living in the period of the little horn's reign, which is the period of the toes in the metal image.

Before Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah, the Old Testament sanctuary was used to illustrate what Jesus would eventually do to remove sin from this world. It showed there will be a judgment in heaven where the books of heaven will be opened and every record of sin, confessed or not, will be dealt with. Then the earth will finally be cleansed of all sin.

This cleansing will begin ‘in two thousand three hundred days’ during the cleansing of the sanctuary. We will be studying more about this time prophecy in future lessons.

The Old Testament sanctuary helps us understand that, if we confess our sins and turn away from them, Jesus will represent us in the judgment. So, if we choose to believe God, and do what He wants us to do, we don't need to be afraid of the judgment. Isn't that wonderful news!

## IN THE TOES OF TIME — STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

What steps do we need to take to follow Jesus? Fill in the blanks.

**Mark 1:15** – “and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. \_\_\_\_\_ [hate sin and turn away from it], and \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel [the good news that Jesus died for our sins].””

**1 John 1:9** – “ If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**Revelation 22:14** – “Blessed are those who \_\_ [obey] \_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

**Colossians 4:2** – “Continue earnestly in \_\_\_\_\_, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”



# SABBATH

**LET'S PRAY** Father in Heaven, thank You for the lessons I have learnt this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:26–27

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 8:26

“And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

God is not a God of confusion. In fact, God makes it as easy as possible for us to understand the things of the Bible.

The statement, “In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar”, immediately gives us a reliable reference point in history. History confirms that King Belshazzar died in the third year of his reign.

We now know that Chapter 8 of Daniel begins at a time just before the death of King Belshazzar and the end of Babylon as a kingdom. And therefore, we can accurately predict that Medo-Persia is about to rule the world.

## EMPIRE BUILDING

Match the Empires with their image parts & animals. Use a different coloured pencil for each Empire.

BABYLONIAN Empire	Belly of BRASS/BRONZE	FOURTH BEAST with iron teeth
MEDO-PERSIAN Empire	Legs of IRON	10 Horns & LITTLE Horn
GRECIAN Empire	Head of GOLD	LEOPARD with wings/4 horns
ROMAN Empire	Feet of IRON and CLAY	BEAR with ribs
DIVIDED ROMAN Empire	Chest of SILVER	LION with wings





# MONDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Father in heaven, thank you for giving us the Bible, and allowing us to understand the deep meanings of the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is \_\_\_\_\_ God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

## THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:3–4

KEY TEXT: Daniel 8:3

“Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.”

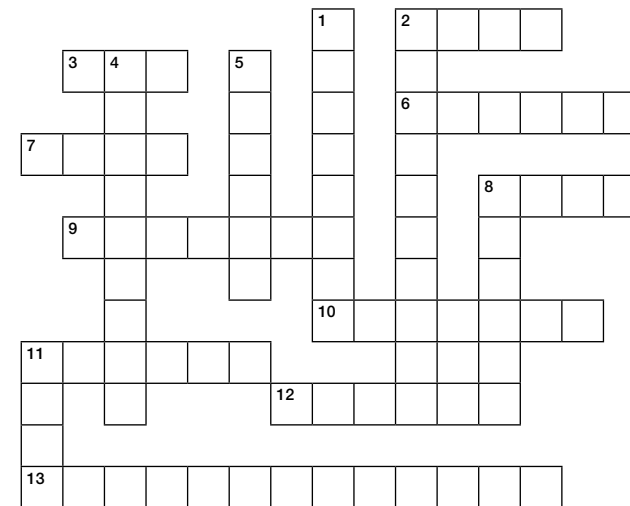
## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Can you imagine it! The angel Gabriel is sent by God Himself to give Daniel the interpretation of the vision. What a loving and kind God He is.

Gabriel told Daniel twice that this vision would last until the time of the end. He also said plainly that the ram represents the kings of Media and Persia, while the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. Four kingdoms would rise out of the Greek Empire, but none would be as strong Alexander the Great.

He then describes a fierce, sinister king who would war against Jesus Himself (the Prince of princes) and would seek to destroy Jesus' holy people. But, the vision concludes with this fierce king being broken, or destroyed, without human hands. In the vision of Nebuchadnezzar's image the fifth kingdom was destroyed by a stone cut without human hands. The little horn power of Daniel 7 was destroyed forever after the court was seated in Heaven and judgment was made by God. These three visions explain the same order and end to the kingdoms on earth.

## DANIEL 8 CROSSWORD



### Down

- 1. '... the ground and \_\_\_ him' – v7
- 2. whom the ram represented
- 4. the great king of Greece
- 5. '... cause \_\_\_\_\_ to prosper...' – v25
- 8. '... having \_\_\_\_\_ features...' – v23
- 11. the animal with the notable horn – v5

### Across

- 2. he shall destroy \_\_\_\_\_ – v25; 3. the beast pushing west, north and south; 6. the man who had the vision; 7. the large horn was between its \_\_\_\_\_; 8. the number of divisions of Greece;
- 9. the angel sent by God; 10. '... he shall \_\_\_\_\_ the mighty...' – v24; 11. the kingdom the goat represented; 12. '... and fell on \_\_\_\_\_' – v17; 13. who reach their fullness? – v23





# FRIDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Father in heaven, I choose Jesus to be my mediator and I ask You to forgive my sins in Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_, the Man Christ Jesus.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:15–25

KEY TEXT: Daniel 8:16

“And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said 'Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.'”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

A horn in Bible prophecy represents a ruler or king. Remember Daniel 7:24?

Let us consider the evidence thus far:

- We have a definite time frame – Medo-Persia is about to conquer Babylon.
- One horn on the ram is higher than the other – a lopsided ram.
- In Daniel chapter 7 we encountered a lopsided bear – representing Medo-Persia.

If we skip ahead to Daniel 8:20, the angel Gabriel tells us that the ram represents the kings of Media and Persia. The higher horn would therefore represent Cyrus the Great, and the shorter horn would represent Darius. Together, they ruled the kingdom of Medo-Persia.

## SEARCHING FOR THE RAM'S IDENTITY

The words in the list are in the puzzle (see Daniel 8:3-4). Find and circle them. When completed, starting at the top line, and from left to right, write the remaining letters, in order, into the spaces below. This will tell us the identity of the Ram.


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| ANIMAL  | SAW       |
| BESIDE  | SOUTH     |
| DELIVER | STANDING  |
| EYES    | THERE     |
| GREAT   | TWO       |
| HAND    | WESTWARD  |
| HIGH    | WILL      |
| HIGHER  | WITHSTAND |
| HIS     |           |
| HORNS   |           |
| LAST    |           |
| LIFTED  |           |
| NORTH   |           |
| PUSHING |           |
| RAM     |           |
| RIVER   |           |

“\_\_\_\_\_” Daniel 8:20







# TUESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Loving Father in heaven, please make this prophecy clear to me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is \_\_\_\_\_ and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:5–8

KEY TEXT: Daniel 8:8

“Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In the two verses today, plus verses 11 and 12 from yesterday, new language is introduced – new for us but not for Daniel. It comes from the Jewish sanctuary services and is to do with what the little horn does against God.

The little horn power in its papal phase would try to imitate the Jewish sanctuary services and to take the attention away from what Jesus is doing for us, right now, in the Heavenly sanctuary. This power is a counterfeit of God's truth, and would make God's truth of lesser importance to church tradition.

The language in these verses includes such terms as “daily sacrifice”, “His sanctuary”, “cleansing of the sanctuary”, all relating to the temple. The sanctuary structure, services and furniture were to illustrate God's plan of salvation through Jesus. Even the beautiful walls had paintings of angels on them to represent the angels that surround the throne of God in Heaven (1Kings 6:29).

## INTO THE SANCTUARY

Let's look at some sanctuary items to see how they represent God's plan of salvation through Jesus. Find the matching item in each group by drawing a line between them.

### Sanctuary Item

The lamb  
The altar of incense  
The veil  
The shew bread  
The golden lampstand  
The altar of sacrifice

### Plan of Salvation

Jesus is the bread of life  
Jesus is the light of the world  
Jesus, the lamb of God  
Jesus' body  
Christ crucified on the cross  
Saints prayers ascending to God

### Bible Verse

Philippians 2:8  
Hebrews 10:19, 20  
Revelation 8:4  
John 8:12  
John 1:29  
John 6:35





# THURSDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Lord, please write Your laws in my heart so that I will love to follow Your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:13–14

**KEY TEXT:** Daniel 8:14

“And he said to me, ‘for two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.’”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

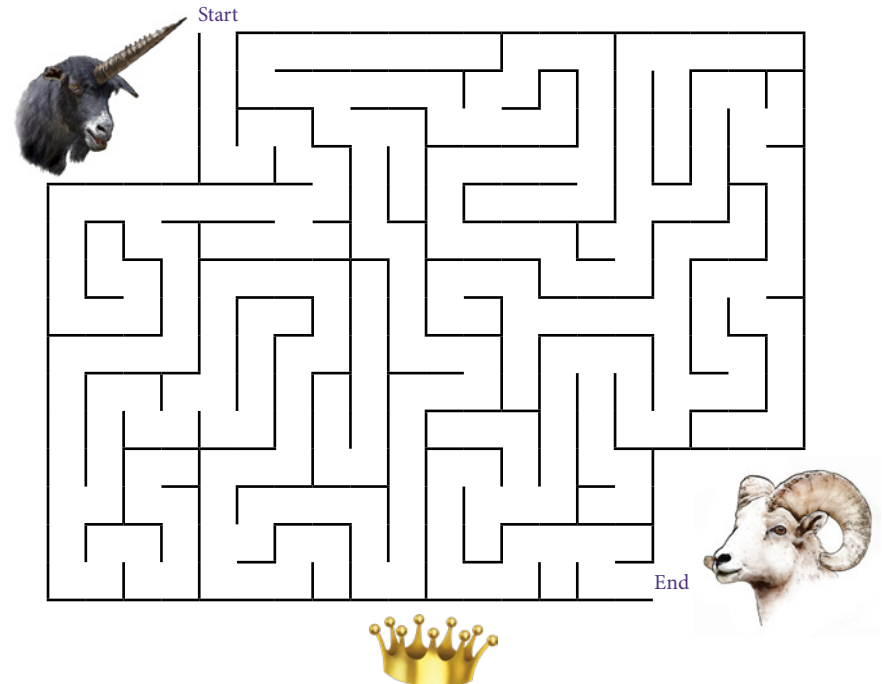
The parallels between the image in Daniel 2, Daniel's vision of the sea beasts, and Daniel's current vision, are being magnified. There are several points about the male goat, which identify it to be Greece under Alexander the Great. Then, in verse 21, God tells us directly that the male goat is indeed the kingdom of Greece and that the first king is the large horn.

History confirms that, at a young age, Alexander the Great conquered the Medes and Persians (Medo–Persia). Alexander is known for how quickly he conquered nations. A leopard with wings in Daniel 7 suggests supersonic speed, as does a male goat that crosses the earth without touching the ground.

Then, when the goat had grown strong, the large horn was suddenly broken. While his empire was at its height, Alexander died suddenly, at around 33 years of age. His four generals divided the kingdom among themselves, but none achieved the greatness of King Alexander. In time, the four divided regions were absorbed into the Roman Empire.

## THE RAM IS AMAZED BY THE GOAT

Help the he-goat find the ram.





# WEDNESDAY

**LET'S PRAY** Lord, give me a pure heart so that I will love always.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

## MEMORY VERSE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

“For there is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mediator between God and men,  
the Man Christ Jesus.”

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 8:9–12

KEY TEXT: Daniel 8:9

“And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.”

## LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

By allowing the Bible to interpret itself, and following logical sequence, the next kingdom must be Rome. We know that the four divided regions of Greece were absorbed into the Roman Empire, which arose “in the latter time of their kingdom” (verse 23), and came out of the western region of the divided Greek Empire.

The inhabitants of the Roman Empire worshipped pagan gods and hence that period of Rome is referred to as pagan Rome. History confirms that pagan Rome was very fierce and cruel.

Out of pagan Rome emerges a religious power which presumes to speak and act on behalf of God. It exalts itself to be as high as God and even casts God's truth, and His sanctuary, to the ground. In other words, this power sets up a false system of worship and tries to take over God's role of forgiving sins, as well as other bad things. This period is known as Papal Rome.

## POMPOUS WORDS AND ACTIONS

Fill in the missing words:



And it (the little horn) grew \_\_ \_\_ to the host of heaven; and it cast \_\_\_\_ some of the host and some of the stars to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them. He (the little horn) even \_\_\_\_\_ himself as high as the Prince of the host (Jesus); and by him (the little horn) the daily \_\_\_\_\_ were taken away, and the place of His (Jesus') sanctuary was cast \_\_\_\_\_. ... and he cast truth \_\_\_\_ to the ground.

