


# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

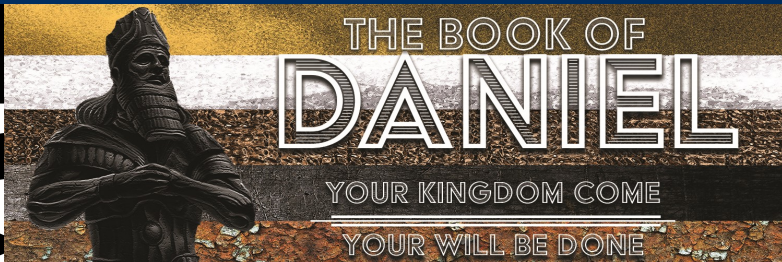
1. Read Daniel 8:1-2. Discuss how even the setting given in the first couple of verses is amazing and accurate prophecy.
2. Read Daniel 8:3-4. Why do you think a ram is used for Medo-Persia instead of the bear in Daniel 7?
3. Why does the vision focus so much on the horns?
4. How is Cyrus the Great like the end times Antichrist?
5. Read Daniel 8:5-8. How is Alexander the Great like the end times Antichrist?
6. Satan always has a man in the wings. Who are possible antichrists in our generation?
7. How should the church respond when trials and persecutions come? How should individual Christians respond?

# SMALL GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS



March 27, 2022

"Confident of this very thing, that He which had begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:6**




**WEEK ELEVEN:  
PORTRAITS OF THE ANTICHRIST,  
PART ONE  
DANIEL 8:1-8  
Pastor Phil Newby**

WELCOME

**A. Painting a \_\_\_\_\_ - Daniel 8:1-2**

1. At the beginning of chapter eight until the end of Daniel the language returns to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the Aramaic used from 2:4 - 7:28 representing the change in focus from the Gentile nations to Israel.
2. Chapters 7 and 8 occur before chapter 5 and Belshazzar's feast (539 BC), with Daniel's vision in Ch. 7 in the first year of Belshazzar's reign (553 BC) and Daniel's vision in Ch. 8 in the third year (551 BC). This would be 12 years \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon fell to the Medo-Persians.
3. Susa (Shushan) is 230 miles east of Babylon and had no significance when Daniel wrote this, but it became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Medes and the Persians.

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It was here that Esther sat on her throne as queen over 70 years later (479 BC).

4. Archeology located a man-made canal diverting the Ulai river in the ruins of Susa, showing the accuracy of Daniel's prophecy. They have also uncovered the palace and \_\_\_\_\_ that Daniel wrote about.

5. Daniel's second vision concerns the kings of Medo-Persia, \_\_\_\_\_, and the future Roman Empire.

6. Critics of the Bible do not attempt to deny the accuracy of the prophecy, but try to make it history instead of prophecy, claiming a \_\_\_\_\_ date of writing for the book of Daniel.

7. In Chapters 7,8,9, and 11 the focus is the coming world ruler known as the \_\_\_\_\_. The term is used 5 times in 1 and 2 John (1 John 2:18 [twice],22, 4:3, and 2 John 7).

8. Paul also speaks of him as the man of \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). A major source for John and Paul about the Anti-christ was Daniel.

World Empire	Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8
Babylon (Iraq)	Head of Gold	Lion Eagles Wings/Became Human	
Medo-Persia (Iran)	Chest and Arms of Silver	Bear Three Ribs in Mouth/Raised on Side	Ram Two Horns
Greece	Belly and thighs of Brass	Leopard Four Bird Wings/Four Heads	Goat Big Horn/Little Horn
Rome (Historical)	Legs of Iron	Terrible Beast Iron Teeth	
Rome (Future)	Feet and Toes of Iron and Clay	Ten Horns and the Little Horn	Ruthless King
Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ (Future)	Stone/Mountain that filled the whole Earth	Everlasting Kingdom	

# CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Friday 6:15 a.m. @ Grace Bible: Current Sermon Series Study

Friday 6:30 a.m. @ Grace Bible: Louis Giglio Sermons

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesdays 9 a.m. @ Grace Bible: "Seamless" by Angie Smith

Wednesdays 6 p.m. @ Grace Bible: "Seamless" by Angie Smith (childcare provided)

Thursdays 9 a.m. @ Grace Bible: "With Us In The Wilderness" by Lauren Chandler (childcare provided)

Thursdays 1:15 p.m. @ Grace Bible: "Blessed Are The Chosen."

## COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 7:30 p.m. @ 3127 Cedar Street: Taught by Pastor Dan Lutz

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday morning during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service in the new classrooms downstairs. They are currently studying 1st & 2nd Peter.

## COLLEGE & CAREER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday morning during the 10:30 Sunday service in the new classrooms downstairs.

## TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

6:00 P.M. @ Grace Bible



Mission of Motherhood

The MOM Group - GBC Miles City

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH



Our Mission of Motherhood group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m.

*Childcare is provided*



## THE CORNERSTONES Spring Dinner

Our Cornerstone group  
*(for Senior Adults)*  
is holding a  
Spring Dinner on  
Friday, May 6th  
at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner is free, but free  
will donations will be taken  
to build up a scholarship  
fund for a graduating senior  
who plans on attending a  
Bible College in the fall.

**We are having a church work day on Saturday,  
April 9th from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.**

**Grace Bible Church is doing Meals on Wheels for the week of March  
28—April 1st. If you are available to volunteer, please sign up in the  
foyer!**

### B. The 1st Portrait: \_\_\_\_\_ - Daniel 8:3-4

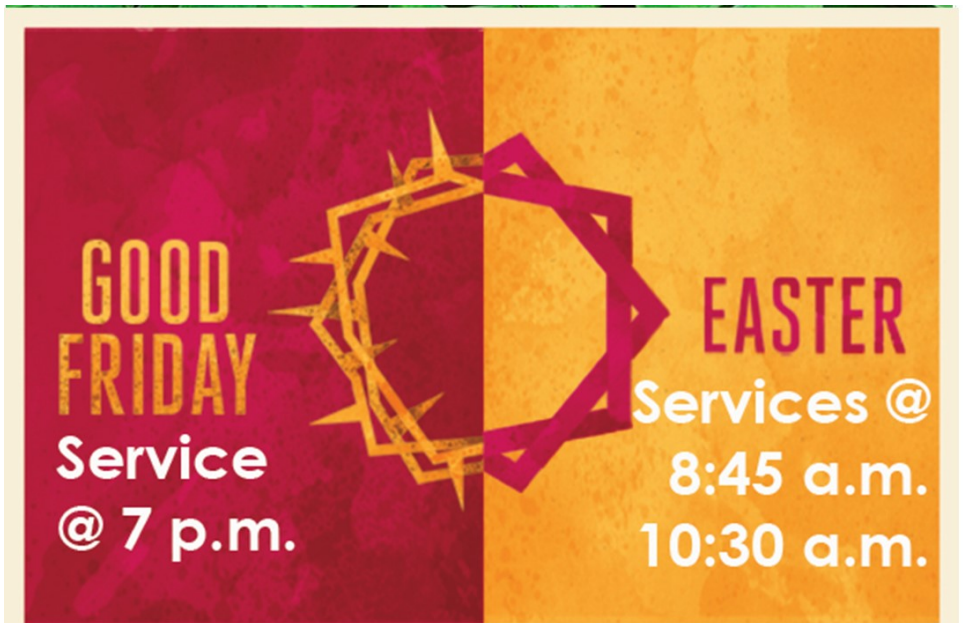
1. Horns, as in the animal kingdom, are symbols of \_\_\_\_\_ and authority. The Medo-Persian rulers and soldiers had a ram, or the head of a ram on their garments or armor when they went to battle.

2. King Cyrus is the longer horn on the ram. When he set up the Medo-Persian Empire, he was an absolute \_\_\_\_\_ and dictator. He was characterized by two things – self-will (did whatever he wanted) and pride (became great, literally magnified himself). (Psalm 2)

### C. The 2nd Portrait: \_\_\_\_\_ - Daniel 8:5-8

1. The male goat with one large horn like a \_\_\_\_\_ represents the first king of Greece, the third Gentile kingdom, which was Alexander the Great.

2. He was born in 356 BC and was the son of a great conqueror, Philip of Macedon, who had united Greece and Macedonia and was planning to





conquer Medo-Persia but was murdered. Alexander picked up where his father left off and at \_\_\_\_\_ became king in 336 BC.

3. Educated by Aristotle, Alexander was arguably the greatest military \_\_\_\_\_ of all human history. Two years after becoming king he attacked the Medes and Persians.

4. The great anger toward Medo-Persia was retaliation for earlier attacks and a hatred of Greek culture for the eastern culture of Persia. Though greatly outnumbered, Alexander's army fought as though \_\_\_\_\_ and devastated them.

5. With great \_\_\_\_\_ and pride, Alexander came to Babylon and while involved in a drunken party he suddenly died just short of 33 years of age. He may have choked on his own vomit.

6. Alexander was a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of the coming antichrist. He will be a conqueror that will take over the world with supernatural speed. The antichrist will be a Cyrus, Alexander, Napoleon, and a Hitler all rolled into one.

#### D. Applications

1. As believers we are not to \_\_\_\_\_ though the world is going to get worse before it gets better. God's kingdom will come!

2. Satan is not all-knowing. He wants to keep the world under his power. He always has a man in the wings in every generation. Believers are to expect persecution and prepare for it. Trials and Persecutions are not an \_\_\_\_\_ to forget our calling to spread the good news of Christ.

3. Biblical prophecy teaches us that if God is accurate about these things, then we can trust Him when he speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ and hell, and the salvation provided through faith in Jesus Christ.



Fill in the Blanks  
A. PICTURE 1. HEBREW 2. BEFORE 3. ROYAL CITY 4. FORTRESS 5. GREECE 6. LATER 7. ANTICHRIST 8. LAWLESSNESS B. CYRUS THE GREAT 1. POWER 2. TYRANT C. ALEXANDER THE GREAT 1. UNICORN 2. AGE 21 3. GENIUS 4. POSSESSED 5. ARROGANCE 6. ILLUSTRATION D. 1. LOSE HEART 2. EXCUSE 3. HEAVEN

A sign for "Easter Breakfast" with a background of a sunrise over a landscape with crosses. The text reads: "Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m. We need volunteers to help provide quick breads, and to help serve breakfast on Sunday morning. Sign up in the foyer!"

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