**4-21-24 and 4-28-24 Sunday Night STUDY**

***Details on Medo-Persian and Greek Empires – Geopolitical NEAR Future Prophecy – Daniel 8***

***Introductory Comments:***

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ described in this chapter came to Daniel around 550-549 BC. Although Daniel was in Babylon (present day Iraq), the vision took him to an outpost called Susa (present day Iran).
2. We will see that Daniel receives this vision while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was King of Babylon. This is the same man, through his blatant disregard for Yahweh and the Jewish temple articles, lost the kingdom of Babylon to the Medo-Persians (See Daniel 5).
3. Chapter eight marks a couple of important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. ***(1st)***: Daniel changed from writing in Aramaic back to writing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He wrote in Hebrew to deepen Israel’s understanding about the *times of the Gentiles* and to give specific information about Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. ***(2nd)***: Daniel changed from a general Gentile perspective to a precise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perspective. He answered an unasked question: “How would the coming empires impactDaniel’s people, Israel?”
6. Written in 550 BC, Daniel accurately and amazingly predicted, by name, empires that would battle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years later (334-331 BC). This is one of the reasons liberal scholars discount the book of Daniel.
7. This chapter also includes a description of a Greek king (400 years before his time) who very accurately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the coming antichrist. Daniel did not give his name, but looking back in history, we can now identifyhim as Antiochus Epiphanes.
8. Antiochus Epiphanes was a small-scale \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the future global-scale Antichrist.
9. The little horn of the third empire (Greece) mentioned in this chapter closely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the coming little horn of the fourth empire (Rome).
10. A simple reading of Gabriel’s words in verse 19 gives us some important insightand help in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this passage. *He* [Gabriel] *said, “Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation* [end of the Greek empire]*, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end* [the end of the final empire].
11. We might understand this as follows: The prophecies in this chapter were specifically fulfilled in Antiochus Epiphanes, but they also *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* to the Antichrist.

***Daniel 8:1-2 – Daniel’s Second Vision:***

1. Daniel 8:1 – If you remember from Daniel 5, Belshazzar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Babylon with his father, King Nabonidus.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years before this vision, Daniel had experienced the prophetic dream of chapter seven.
3. Whereas in chapter 7, Daniel gained additional detail on the fourth kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in this vision, God expanded Daniel’s knowledge of the kingdomsof Persia (2nd kingdom) and Greece (3rd kingdom).
4. God also gave important information about an evil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king who would appear in the latter days of the GreekEmpire. This information would be important to the people of Israel at that time so they would not utterly despair.

***Daniel 8:3-4 – A Ram with Unbalanced Horns:***

1. Daniel 8:3 –In this vision, God used a ramwith two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to symbolize the Medo-Persian empire. The angel Gabriel makes this clear later (8:20).
2. Why the RAM? - The ram was a fitting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Medo-Persian Empire since its kings wore golden ram headdresses, instead of crowns, when marching into battle.
3. In the statue of Daniel two, Medo-Persia was represented in the arms and chest of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2:32), and later in Daniel’s vision in chapter seven as a lopsided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7:5). Now God used a ram with unequalhorns to represent Media and Persia. The longer horn represented Persia, the dominant partner of the two states.
4. Daniel 8:4 –The butting of the ram in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ directions symbolized Persia’s conquestof the world.

***Daniel 8:5-8 – A Gliding Unicorn Goat:***

1. Daniel 8:5 –As Daniel contemplated the significance of the ram’s actions, a unique one-of-a-kind male \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_suddenly appeared on the horizon. The angel Gabriel identifies this goat as Greece later (8:21).
2. Without touching the ground, the male goat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assailed from the west. This symbolizes the explosive entranceof the Greek Empire on the world scene.
3. The conspicuous and intimidating horn between the eyes of the goat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the military geniusof Alexander the Great in defeating the far-superior Medo-Persian army.
4. Daniel’s vision of a zooming goat aptly depicts Greece’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_eastward invasion. What took Cyrus of Persia twenty-five years to conquer, Alexander did in less than \_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Greece, the male goat from the west, was the belly of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Nebuchadnezzar’s statue (2:32) and the winged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from Daniel’s vision (7:6).
6. Daniel 8:6-7 –The goat attacked in great fury. The phrase “he was moved with rage against him” aptly describes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the Greeks had for the Persians.
7. The Greeks held strong hatred for the Persians because the Persians had, on several occasions, tried (unsuccessfully) to overpower the Greeks and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_their lands.
8. Shattering the two horns appropriately describes the abruptbreakup of the Medo-Persian Empire by Greece.
9. Daniel 8:8 – *“*The male goat grew very great” - Under Alexander the Great, Greece acquired a very large empire, and did so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Because of the quick expansion of a vast swath of land, and being multicultural across their kingdom, the Greek Empire needed strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_leadership.
11. Predictably, the Greek Empire did not stay intact long. Unfortunately, soon after conquering the world, at the youthful age of 33, Alexander died and since he had no legitimate heirto his throne, his death left a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the empire.
12. This explains the next phrase in 8:8 – “The large horn was broken (Alexander died), and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.”
13. The haphazard growth of the four replacement horns fittingly describes how the Greek Empire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Alexander’s top four generals’ competition for control, resulted in a four-part breakup of the empire. (See Daniel 8:22)
14. We are privileged to be able to study this prophecy long after its fulfillment. Looking back in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we can easily identify these kings and their corresponding kingdoms.
	1. ***(1st)***: General Cassander gained rule of Macedoniaand Greece proper.
	2. ***(2nd)***: General Lysimachus controlled Thrace, Bithynia, and most of Asia Minor (Turkey).
	3. ***(3rd)***: General Ptolemy took Egypt, Palestine, Arabia, Cyprus, and Israel. (Ptolemy was a forefather to Cleopatra.)
	4. ***(4th)***: General Seleucus ended up with Syria, Babylonia, southern Asia Minor, along with many lands to the east.
15. Unfortunately, since Israel lay in the path \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Egyptian Ptolemaic Empire and the Middle Eastern Seleucid Empire, it became a natural battlefield for these two rivals.

***Daniel 8:9-14 – A Greek Little Horn:***

1. Daniel 8:9 –The little horn in this chapter is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the little horn in Daniel seven. How do we know that?
2. This little horn came up out of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Empire (Daniel 8:23), whereas the “little horn” mentioned in Daniel seven came up out of the Roman Empire (Daniel 7:8).
3. This little horn in Daniel 8 does not displaceexisting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whereas the little horn of Daniel 7 will uproot three out of ten horns (Daniel 7:8, 20-21).
4. The text of Daniel eight indicates that this little horn will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in its scope of influence. The little horn in Daniel seven will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its influence (Daniel 7:23-24; Revelation 13:3, 7-8).
5. Since this little horn came from the now defunct Greek Empire, we can identify him from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC), the eighth kingfrom the Seleucid line of rulers. How do we know that?
6. Historically Antiochus Epiphanes had a strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Jews of Jerusalem and persecuted them relentlessly. He also sought to control the priesthood.
7. Once, during a three-day rampage in Jerusalem, he indiscriminately killed 80,000 Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (including women and children) and took thousands away captive.
8. As we have seen, this little horn grew out of the Greek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capital in Syria. It grew eastward toward Persia and southward toward Egypt and the Beautiful Land (Israel).
9. Daniel 8:10 –In Scripture, the hosts, or stars, are sometimes associated with Israel, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel. Genesis 15:5, 22:17, 37:9; Daniel 12:3
10. This is likely a reference to the fact that God would allow the saints at that time to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, just as God will allow the saintsduring the Tribulation to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the Antichrist (the little horn of Rome). Revelation 11:7, 12:17, 13:6-7
11. Prophetically this little horn would bring much bloodshed and heartache to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nation of Israel, but the future Antichrist will do even worse.
12. We can conclude that the Greek little horn in this chapter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Roman little horn (the Antichrist) in Daniel seven. This passage graphically shows these **similarities**.
13. Daniel 8:11 –We have already established that the little horn of this passagereferred to Antiochus Epiphanes. *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the host* is the God of Israel. 2 Kings 19:22, Isaiah 37:23
14. Historically we know that Antiochus put himself on the level of God. He minted coins with the words “THEOS EPIPHANES” which meant “god \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” believing himself to be God made visible.
15. Antiochus also sought to erase the knowledge of God by burning all copiesof the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scriptures he could find.
16. In approximately 171 BC, he erected a statue of Zeus in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sacrificed pigson the altar, making the temple unusable for more than \_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
17. Antiochus Epiphanes did not actually tear down the temple, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, by his **actions**, the temple was *thrown down* just as he would symbolically *fling truth* to the ground in Daniel 8:12. The temple became a place for occult worship and God was blasphemed.
18. Daniel 8:12 –God gave this wicked little horn authority to do these atrocities against righteous(*the host*) and unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even though the judgement came on account of unrighteous Israel’s *transgression* (rebellion) against God.
19. This prophecy would encourage Israel during the future time of great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under Antiochus Epiphanes.
20. “To oppose the daily sacrifices” - The wicked actions of the little horn would put an end to the regular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for six years.
21. The little horn will “cast truth to the ground and prosper” - Antiochus would seek to destroy the *truth* about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
22. Daniel 8:13 - While viewing the vision, Daniel overheard a conversation between two entities, quite possibly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
23. One being asked an important question as to how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_this judgment would last. An important question, that Israelites would want to know the answer to during that future time period.
24. This conversation is interesting because at the time Daniel saw this vision there was no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It had been demolished by the Babylonians. This prophecy assumes the re-building of the Temple, as does future prophecy in the Book of Revelation.
25. This event that would leave the temple desolate would strike \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_into the hearts of the Israelites. How long would it last?
26. Daniel 8:14 - Using the ancient 360-day year calendar, 2,300 evenings and mornings equals 6 years, 4 months and 20 days. Here’s the **math**: 360 days X 6 years = 2160 days + (4 months is 30 X 4) 120 days + 20 days = 2300 days.
27. As prophesied, history tell us that daily sacrifices did end in 171 BC when Antiochus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the altar, but they resumed six years later on December 25, 164 BC, the same year Antiochus Epiphanes died. The reopening of regular sacrifices is still celebrated worldwide among Jews in a yearly holidaycalled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dedication). (See John 10:22)
28. The fact that the time prophesied by Daniel matchesperfectly with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ record of Antiochus’ desecration of the temple, helps distinguish between this event and a similar event during the Tribulation when the Antichrist commits the *abomination of desolation* mentioned in Daniel 9:27.
29. The Antichrist will desecrate a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yet-to-be-built Jewish temple – this will be the *abomination of desolation* referred to in Daniel 9:27 which will happen at the midpoint of the Tribulation.
30. In Matthew 24:15 Jesus repeated the prophecy of Daniel 9:27, speaking of the time when the temple will be desecrated by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus showed how that trial would lastthrough the final 1260 days (31⁄2 years) of the horrifying second half of the Tribulation.

***Daniel 8:15-19 – Daniel’s Vision Interpreted and Expanded:***

1. Daniel 8:15-17 - Gabriel promptly obeyed the man (possibly the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ?) and came near to Daniel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the vision.
2. Throughout Scripture, we see Gabriel sent out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times to deliverimportant messages from God to man.
3. Thirteen years after this prophecy, Gabriel returned to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Daniel about the 70 weeks(490 years) of judgment decreed against Israel. Daniel 9:20-27
4. Five \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years later, Gabriel returned with information for the priest Zacharias, whose son, John the Baptist, was chosen as Messiah’s forerunner. Luke 1:19
5. Six \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after appearing to Zacharias, Gabriel appeared with important news for the virgin, Mary, about her upcoming supernatural pregnancy with the Messiah. Luke 1:26-38
6. Gabriel was the second angelmentioned by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture, and Michael the archangel is the only other angel mentioned by namein Scripture. Daniel 10:13, 10:21, 12:1; Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7
7. Gabriel said Daniel’s vision (of Antiochus Epiphanes and the end of the Greek Empire) pertainsto *“the time of the end*,” still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Daniel.
8. Daniel 8:18 –Daniel suddenly slumped into a deep state of unconsciousness, but Gabriel was able to supernaturally rouse and instantly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him so he could finish receiving the explanations of the vision.
9. Daniel 8:19 –These two phrases help us interpret the following verses.
10. “At the final period of the indignation” (***NASB***) - Any time Israel is mistreated by Gentiles it is referred to as an *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* for God’s people. Lamentations 2:6; Isaiah 10:5, 25; Zechariah 1:12
11. The vision Daniel saw concerned the end of Greek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel. The finalGreek outrage against Israel was Antiochus’ desecration of the temple, which is what Gabriel referred to as *the final period of the indignation*.
12. “For it pertains to the appointed time of the end” *(****NASB****)* -In this context, Gabriel was telling Daniel what would **occur** at the *final period of the indignation* (with Antiochus Epiphanes) because it “*pertains to the appointed time of the end* (with Antichrist).”
13. In essence, Gabriel was saying I’m going to tell you about X (the indignation) because it pertainsto Y (the time of the end).
14. What Gabriel explained concerning localized events surrounding the little horn from the Greek (third) Empire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_greatly (*pertains to*) what will happen on a worldwide scale in the *end times* with the *little horn* (Antichrist) of the Tribulation.
15. “The appointed time of the end”refers to what we call the seven-year Tribulation when God will pour out His wrath on the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the rule of sinful humanity will end forever. After this, the reign of Christ will begin.

***Daniel 8:20-25 – Gabriel’s Interpretation Alluded to the Time of the End:***

1. Daniel 8:20-21 –As noted, the ramsymbolized the two-nation empire of Media and Persia, and the male (literally “shaggy hair”) goathere symbolized Greece. Gabriel is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his identification of these two figures in Daniel’s vision.
2. The big horn between the eyes referred to the first king, who we now know to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Great. He was the greatest leader of the Greek Empire. But we gain some additional details about his empire…
3. Daniel 8:22 –The four horns symbolize the four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_who ruled after Alexander. None of the four kingdoms ascended to the ruling authority of Alexander the Great.
4. Daniel 8:23 – Gabriel predicted that in the last days of the Greek (third, goat) Empire the sinof Israel would have become so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God would send judgment (“when the transgressors have reached their fullness”).
5. How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this must have been for Daniel to hear – he had just spent most of his life in exile due to the sin of his nation. Now, he hears that they will once again turn their back on the Lord in the future.
6. “A king will arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes.” - The king Gabriel predicted turned out to be Antiochus Epiphanes of the Greek(third) Empire.
	1. Dangerous and dark beyond imagination, Antiochus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Antichrist, although the Antichrist will take evilto even greater depths.
	2. Gabriel said Antiochus would be an insidiously brilliant conspiratorand incredibly crafty. In this way, he is a striking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the coming Antichrist.
	3. This description of the final days of the Greek empire *pertains to the ...time of the end*. Gabriel used this prophecy to anticipatehow it would be in *the appointed time of the end*.
7. Daniel 8:24 – “His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power...” - Both Antiochus and the Antichrist would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empowered. We know that the Antichrist will be empowered by Satan himself.
8. “He shall destroy fearfully and shall prosper and thrive;” – Antiochus was an evil and wicked ruler, and yet he appeared to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while doing it.
9. “He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.” - Antiochus Epiphanes was allowed to hurt the people of God. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fashion, the Antichrist will be allowed to defeatthe people of God during the Tribulation. (See Revelation 13:3-7)
10. Daniel 8:25 – We have a lot of additional descriptions and predictions of Antiochus and his reign of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. “Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule;” – “Cunning” means discretion, prudence, and it described a capacity to understand and as a result to act. Antiochus was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his ability to deal with people and lead.
12. “And he shall exalt himself in his heart.” - Antiochus, would be self-deluded and self-inflated. In the same way, the Antichrist will lift himself up with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ superiority.
13. “He shall destroy many in their prosperity.” - On one occasion, history tells us that Antiochus Epiphanes killed 80,000 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish civilians in a surpriseattack on the city of Jerusalem. The Antichrist will do the same kinds of things, only on a much larger scale.
14. “He shall even rise against the Prince of princes;” - In his arrogance, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek little horn, desecrated the temple in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, the Prince of princes. The Antichrist will do the same type of thing.
15. “But he shall be broken without human means.” - The prediction here is that Antiochus Epiphanies would be destroyed, but not by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_power. In other words, it would not be through a conquering army or an assassination.
	1. In 164 BC, Antiochus Epiphanes died. Although there are conflicting reports as to the cause of his death, reports remain consistent that he did not die by murder or through assassination. Some kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or accident led to his demise.
	2. Similarly, God will put an end to the Antichrist’s life. He will not be terminated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Daniel 8:26-27 – The After Effects:***

1. Daniel 8:26 – It is important to remember, that although this vision was a prototype of the Antichrist during the Tribulation, it referred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the time, in the nearer future,when the 2,300 evening and morning sacrifices would be suspended.
2. Gabriel told Daniel to “seal up the vision.” This is best understood as a command to preserve, keep, or seal up the vision rather than a command to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. Daniel never hid this vision from Israel. It was included in his book when first presented to Israel. Therefore, we conclude that Gabriel meant for him to keep the vision \_\_\_\_\_\_\_because it was trustworthy.
4. Daniel 8:27 –Being in the presence of God’s angel and receiving the astounding vision, made Daniel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Daniel had only a general understanding of the prophecy.

***Ten Comparisons Between the Past Greek Little Horn and the Future Roman Little Horn:***

1. Both were prophesied to arisein the latter times.
2. Antiochus Epiphanes came in the latterdays of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ empire (Greece).
3. Antichrist will come in the latter days of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empire (Rome).
4. Both would come on the scene at a time when wickedness was at a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point.
5. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:23a – *In the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course...*
6. Antichrist: Matthew 24:12 – *Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold*. 1 Timothy 4:1-3, Matthew 24:37-38
7. Both would be masters of intrigue, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:23b – *...a king will arise, insolent and skilled**in intrigue*.
9. Antichrist: 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 – ...*that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false**wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish...*
10. Both would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_empowered.
11. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:24a – *“His power will be mighty, but not by his own**power*...
12. Antichrist: Revelation 13:3b – *And the dragon* [Satan] *gave**him his power and his throne and great authority*.
13. Both would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:24b – *“...and he will destroy**to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will, he will destroy mighty men and the holy people.*
15. Antichrist: Revelation 13:7a – *It was also given to him to make war**with the saints and to overcome them*.
16. Both would cause deceitand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to increase.
17. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:25a – *And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed**by his influence...*
18. Antichrist: Revelation 13:14 – *And he deceives those who dwell on the earth – by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast (Antichrist).*...
19. Both would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
20. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:25b – *...and he will magnify**himself in his heart...*
21. Antichrist: Daniel 7:11 – *Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful**words which the horn was speaking*...
22. Both would take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people in times of peace.
23. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:25c – *...and he will destroy many while they are at ease.*
24. Antichrist: Daniel 9:27 – *And he* [the Antichrist] *will make a firm covenant**with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering...*
25. Both would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God.
26. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:25d – *He will even oppose the Prince**of princes...*
27. Antichrist: 2 Thessalonians 2:4 – *Who ...takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God*.
28. Both would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by God, not by man.
29. Antiochus Epiphanes: Daniel 8:25e – *...but he will be broken**without human agency.*
30. Antichrist: 2 Thessalonians 2:8a – *Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay**with the breath of His mouth*...