

“Gabriel Interprets The Dream”
Daniel 8: 15-27

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Verse 15 - 17

Daniel is introduced to Gabriel

Gabriel = *mighty one of God*

This is the first mention, *by name*,
of an angel in the Bible

Angel facts:

- 1) Angel is a term for celestial beings
- 2) Angels are called sons of God - *“benei elohim”* in Job
- 3) Angels (the unfallen angels) are called *“holy ones”*

Angel facts: (cont.)

- 4) Watchers - emphasis on observing humanity
- 5) Ministers - servants of God
- 6) Hosts - are an army of angels
- 7) Angels have intellect, emotion and a will

In a time of distress, God sends Gabriel, an angel, to help Daniel

You never know when God will send one to help you -

Hebrews 13: 2 - angels unaware!

Gabriel's message - the vision refers to the time of the end

Double reference: the end of Persia, Greece, Antiochus, and the future antichrist!

Verse 18 - 22
Time of the end -
Phase 1

Deep sleep = “*radam*” = sleep or death, like:

- Abraham - **Genesis 15: 12**

- Adam - **Genesis 2: 21**

Phase 1 - Gabriel clarifies the appointed time for each kingdom

Four Generals

Daniel 7:6; 8:8,22

Cassander
Macedonia

Ptolemy
Egypt

Lysimachus
Thrace &
Asia Minor

Seleucus
Syria
(including Israel)

FOUR DYNASTIES AFTER ALEXANDER



God removes kings and raises up kings - Daniel 2: 21 - ***GOD IS IN CONTROL!!***

We may not understand why, but God raises up world leaders for His purposes

Life is not random chance -

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3: 1)

Verse 23 - 26
Time of the end -
Phase 2

This speaks of a near fulfillment in Antiochus and a future fulfillment with antichrist

God desires that humanity knows what to expect from a future deceiving antichrist

Notice who is behind him - *SATAN!*
2 Thessalonians 2: 9

“The dragon gave him (antichrist) his power, his throne, his great authority.” (Revelation 13: 2)

power = *“dunamis”* = the power to do

authority = *“exousia”* = permission, authority, right, executive authority

He shall destroy the mighty =
possibly nations who rebel
against him; possibly the 3 he
subdues of the 10 nations

He shall destroy the holy people =
a killer of Jewish people!!

He will exalt himself in his heart =
self-deification

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4

Satan will indwell the antichrist and demand worship as God, something he has always wanted -

[Isaiah 14: 12-15](#)

In his arrogance, the antichrist will rise (fight) against the Prince of Peace (Jesus Christ)

He will be broken without human means (not Judas Maccabee);

Jesus, Himself, crushes antichrist -

[Revelation 19: 19](#)

Verse 27
Daniel's response

Daniel fainted and was sick for days - *GRIEVING!!*

Daniel did not understand it all, especially the coming antichrist.

Yet he:

- 1) He did not withdraw into seclusion**
- 2) He did not become fixated on what was coming, preoccupied with what's next**

- 3) He did not throw up his hands and say what's the use
- 4) He did not cower in fear
“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”
(a disciplined, controlled mind)
2 Timothy 1: 7
- 5) *HE DID* get up and carry out the king's business - *he lived out his life with no fear!*

Bible Prophecy should not make us live in fear, withdraw, and give up on life.

On the contrary, it should make us more involved in our King's business!

DON'T DO THIS!

We are:

- To live out our lives -
be productive in the mundane
tasks of life
- To be a great example to those
we come in contact with
- To be faithful in the little things
of life - *this glorifies our Lord!!*

**CONCLUSION: *Gabriel Interprets
the Dream***

**The reason that we study Bible
Prophecy is:**

- So we can know what is coming
- To not be shocked by world events
- To know that our God is in control

***THIS JESUS EXPECTS FROM
EACH OF US!***

“All we need to know is that He is our God, and that He is in control.

This is the essence of Chapter 8:

We know our future is in God’s hands and that suffering must precede glory. Knowing this is enough.

***If we know Him, we know all we need to know.* (Bob Deffenbaugh)**

This we call trust - for
troubled times and
troubled lives,

***I WILL TRUST IN THE
LORD UNTIL I DIE!!***