

Daniel Dialogue 8

Reading Guide for Daniel 8

God Restores - He will fix it, yes He will!

Group Discussion

Have you ever broken a bone? Share with the group how it happened.

Kids Activity

See if you can fix the broken puzzle. (The kids are familiar with Bob the builder—and he can fix anything!)

Jesus pointed to this prophecy!

In many ways this is the unique chapter of Daniel. Jesus Christ pointed to this prophecy and its expansion in later chapters. (See Daniel 9:25-27; 11:14-45; 12:11,12.) He admonished people facing the destruction of Jerusalem and “the end of the age” to “understand” what was written by Daniel concerning “the abomination that causes desolation”. Matthew 24:15. This chapter emphasises the intense interest of the heavenly hosts in the plan of salvation.

DETAILS OF THE DANIEL 8 VISION verses 1-14

1. The RAM — with two horns. Vs. 1-4

2. The GOAT — overthrows the Ram. Vs. 5-8

A prominent horn between his eyes. Vs. 5

When broken, 4 horns take its place. Vs. 8

3. Another HORN. Vs. 9-12

Attacks the Prince of the host, the sanctuary and the people of God. Vs. 10-13

The attack will continue for some time. “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated.” Vs. 14

INTERPRETATION OF THE DANIEL 8 VISION verses 15-27

4. Who was Daniel’s guide to explain the vision? Vs. 16

ANS: “ _____ , tell this man the meaning of the vision.”

5. What were the guide’s first words? Vs. 17

ANS: “Son of man ... understand that the vision concerns the _____.”

6. What explanation was Daniel given of the vision?

ANS: 1. Ram Vs. 20 _____

2. Goat: Vs. 21 _____

Prominent horn: Vs. 21 _____

The four horns: Vs. 22 _____

3. Another Horn Vs. 23-25 _____

His attack will come to an end ...

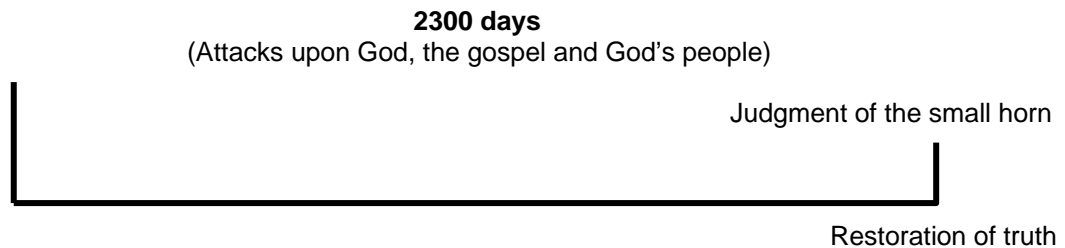
“Yet he will be _____, but not by human power.” Vs. 25

His attack will last for a considerable time —

“The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the

_____.” Vs. 26

After the 2,300 days of attacks upon God, the gospel and God’s people – the judgement of the small horn will commence and God’s truth will be restored!



THE STERN-FACED KING

7. HIS CHARACTER:

Vs. 23 1. “A _____ king.”

2. “A master of _____.”

Vs. 24 3. “He will become _____.”

4. “He will cause astounding _____.”

Vs. 25 5. “He will cause _____ to prosper.”

6. “He will consider himself _____.”

8. HIS CAMPAIGNS:

1. Against the Prince of princes. Vs. 11,12

2. Against God’s sanctuary and services. Vs. 11

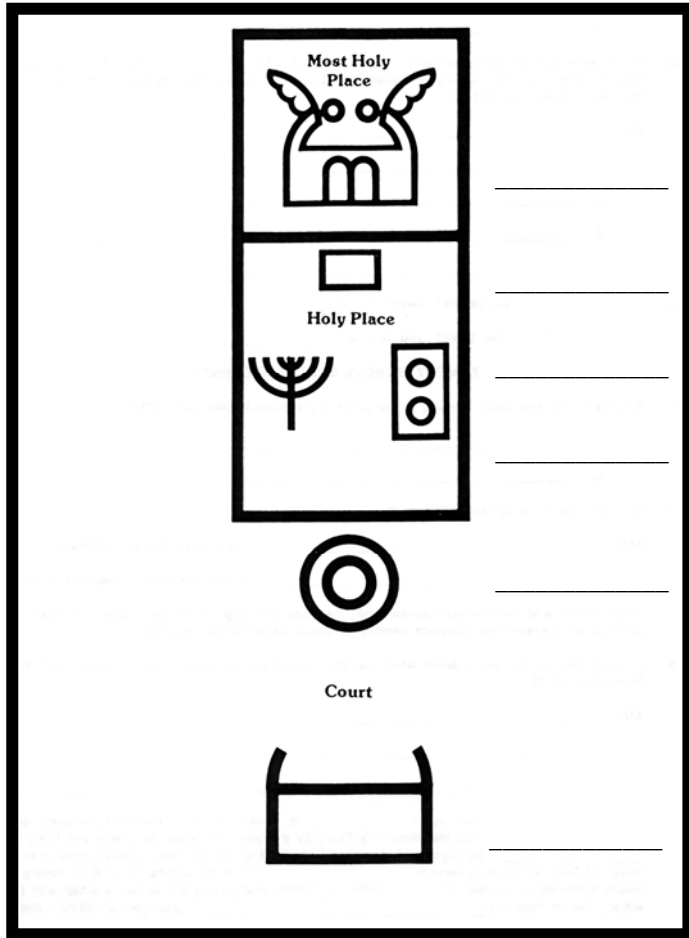
3. Against truth. Vs. 12

4. Against God’s people. Vs. 24

9. HIS DEFEAT

“A stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper,

and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.” Vs. 23-25



THE SANCTUARY

THE OLD TESTAMENT SANCTUARY:

THE OLD TESTAMENT SANCTUARY SERVICES:

10. When a person sinned how was forgiveness obtained? Leviticus 4:27-35

- ANS: 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

11. There were special yearly services. (See Leviticus 23.) Some of the most significant yearly services were those on the Day of Atonement. List some of the steps involved in the services of that day. Leviticus 16:1-34

- ANS: 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

12. What did it mean to the people? Leviticus 16:30

ANS: "Then, before the LORD, you will be _____."

WHAT DID THE OLD TESTAMENT SANCTUARY REPRESENT?

13. There were the two main symbols in the sanctuary services. Hebrews 7:23-27. What did these represent?

ANS: 1. _____ = the High Priest. Hebrews 8:1,2

2. _____ = the Sacrifice. Hebrews 9:11-15

Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice that died and the High Priest who lives. It takes both symbols to represent the complete ministry of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

14. In your own words, write down what the Old Testament sanctuary really represented. Read Revelation 21:22

ANS: _____

Although written 1,900 years ago this inspired call is relevant to us. "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he that promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:19-25

DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think the *stern-faced king* is so anxious to demolish the sanctuary services? What does this mean to us?
2. How does Jesus Christ's unique role as High Priest reveal His attitude towards us?
3. **Kid's DISCUSSION:** What does your puzzle look like? What does fixing a broken puzzle tell you about God? Can you remember some other things that we have learnt about God?
4. **Daniel 8:13 & 14 are key verses.** In the book of Daniel we see a number of pictures of God. He is the umpire on the field of life—championing justice. He is the rescuer who reaches into our lives in the most creative ways. He knows us—and cares and protects. All these pictures provide a picture of who He is and why we can trust Him. The picture of God as a builder who lovingly restores and renovates broken things, is a further dimension to the character of God. What do you want Him to work on in your life?

FINAL PERSONAL WORD ...

The prophecy we read next is one of the most amazing in the Bible. In Daniel 9 we find that the precise year of the baptism of Jesus the Messiah was foretold.

We will learn of God's supreme answer to sin and oppression—and also find one of the longest prayers recorded in Scripture. From Daniel's life and prayer we learn much about the key elements of Christian living - faith, confession and forgiveness!