

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live 

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Lesson Title: Gabriel's Interpretation

Lesson Text: Daniel 8:19-27

Suggested Reading Daniel Ch. 6-8

INTRODUCTION

Today's Lesson text focuses on the Angel Gabriel interpreting the second vision the Prophet Daniel received. The vision troubled Daniel for he could not understand it. Daniel sought an interpreter in the first vision. In this chapter, an interpreter was sent to help Daniel. The angel Gabriel appeared to aid Daniel in his great distress. **1. THE LORD PROVIDES HELP.**

INTRODUCTION

The book of Daniel has 12 chapters, the first 6 record God's protection performed for Daniel and his companions. The last 6 chapters of the book describe visions and prophecies. NOTE: In the eighth chapters 8-12 the book returns to the Hebrew language and many parallels to CH. 7.

LESSON CONTEXT

Scripture tells us it is the 3rd year of King Belshazzar's court in Babylon. It is 2 years after Daniels first Vision. Grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, King Belshazzar's reign was short lived due to his arrogance and blasphemy. This vision describes the Babylonian destruction by the Medo-Persian empire and many other images that disturbed Daniel.

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Gabriel's Interpretation Given. (Daniel 8:18 - 22).**
- 2. Antiochus Rises & Falls (Daniel 8:23-25).**
- 3. The Chapter Conclusion (Daniel 8:26-27).**

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- 1. To learn the Power of God's hand at work in past to the present and for the future.**
- 2. Identify how we process and internalize feelings or spiritual confusion.**
- 3. UNDERSTAND the difference between a dream and a vision.**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

- 1. How did Gabriel's Presence affect Daniel ?**
- 2. How did Gabriels interpretation help Daniel, how did Daniel feel afterwards?**
- 3. What can we learn from this lesson of how God speaks to us?**
- 4. How does this lesson help us?**

DANIEL 8:19, 20 NLT

¹⁹ Then he said, “I am here to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath. What you have seen pertains to the very end of time. ²⁰ The two-horned ram represents the kings of Media and Persia.

DANIEL 8:21, 22 NLT

²¹ The shaggy male goat represents the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes represents the first king of the Greek Empire. ²² The four prominent horns that replaced the one large horn show that the Greek Empire will break into four kingdoms, but none as great as the first.

DANIEL 8:23, 24 NLT

23 “At the end of their rule, when their sin is at its height, a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. 24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people.

DANIEL 8:25 NLT

25 He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Daniel never worshipped idols and he was elevated by Kings because of God's favor.**
- 2. The Lord spoke to and through Daniel to deliver significant prophetic messages to Kings & others.**
- 3. The Lord knew Daniel needed help and sent the messenger Gabriel to interpret his dream.**
- 4. Some messages God gives may disturb us.**

LIBERATING LESSON

Daniel was perplexed about the vision he saw, but Gabriel cleared it up for him. What can we learn from today's lesson and what we can do to ensure a better future for our families, the residents of our communities, churches, school systems locally and abroad.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

Do you ask others for help or always try to work things out on your own? The person who does not ask for help is either prideful, suffering from low self-esteem, afraid of rejection. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not of weakness. Consider seeking the counsel of your pastor, parents, financial adviser, friend, or licensed counselor.

BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

- 1. NASB NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE**
- 2. BIBLEREF.COM, BIBLESTUDYTOOLS.COM,**
- 3. GOTQUESTIONS.ORG | PRECEPTS FOR LIVING.**
- 4. HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD. C. STANLEY**
- 5. UNGERS BIBLE DICTIONARY.**