

**Series: The Book of Daniel**  
**Title: Eternity Will Triumph Over Time**  
**Daniel 8**

**Introduction**

In this chapter, we realize that God is not bound by time; he is eternal and beyond time. God sees the past, present, and future simultaneously and has ordained the length of time. We also see that the events of the future are all known to God, yet His "knowing" (Omniscience) does not negate our free will.

1. This vision occurs \_\_\_\_\_ years after the vision of Daniel in Chapter 7 in the third year of Belshazzar's reign – 551 B.C.
2. This vision occurred while \_\_\_\_\_ was still securely in power.
3. The great horn, which is broken, pictures the death of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Daniel identifies this ram as the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire, which conquered the Babylonian Empire.
5. The Persians emerged as the more prominent and \_\_\_\_\_ in partnership with the Medes.
6. The male goat from the West is \_\_\_\_\_, and the horns represent Alexander's generals.
7. Alexander the Great led the famous war against the Medo-Persian Empire and conquered the known world of that day within \_\_\_\_\_ years.
8. Because of Alexander's influence, *koine* Greek became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the civilized world.
9. We can identify the historical \_\_\_\_\_ of this little horn in Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

10. Antiochus Epiphanes is such an accurate fulfillment of this historical prophecy that liberal critics insist the Book of Daniel *must* have been written \_\_\_\_\_ his time.
11. Antiochus was willing to use murder and violence to \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews to submit to Greek culture and customs.
12. Sacrifices ceased because the temple was \_\_\_\_\_.
13. It was the Jews, and especially their leaders, who invited God's judgment upon them through Antiochus because of their \_\_\_\_\_.
14. If we count back \_\_\_\_\_ days from the temple cleansing, we come to the year Antiochus Epiphanes began his persecution in earnest (171 B.C.).
15. Great prophetic fulfillment like this demonstrates that God knows the future and \_\_\_\_\_ the future.
16. Even though Antiochus Epiphanes fulfilled this prophecy, it also has a \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment in the Antichrist, referring to the time of the end.
17. Antiochus Epiphanes was a ruthless ruler, but he is also a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Antichrist of the end times.
18. It is a prophetic passage that has both a now and later \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The coming Antichrist will also hate the Jews and Christians because he hates \_\_\_\_\_, but the hand of Christ will strike him down.
20. Daniel reacts to the vision with physical \_\_\_\_\_ and astonishment.

## **I. God Knows Everything**

21. When we say that God is all-knowing, we mean He is \_\_\_\_\_ of the past, present, and future.
22. He knows \_\_\_\_\_ there is to know, and \_\_\_\_\_ that can be known.
23. God knows and provides all you need to be a faithful follower and \_\_\_\_\_.
24. God knows that we need \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers and draws us towards those who are righteous.
25. God knows everything about you and can help you \_\_\_\_\_ your weaknesses, shortcomings, sinful habits, and every temptation Satan puts in your path.

## **II. You Have A Choice**

26. You can't always control the \_\_\_\_\_, but you can control how you respond to them.
27. God gave us free will so that we could \_\_\_\_\_ to love Him.
28. You alone are \_\_\_\_\_ for your choices in life.
29. Israel had become so incredibly \_\_\_\_\_ that God' had to expose them to bitter cruelty and suffering to get their attention.

## **III. Eternity Is A Reality**

30. The resurrection of Jesus is the most apparent \_\_\_\_\_ that eternity is real.
31. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, death is not the \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
32. We know that beyond physical death, there is a place more wonderful than we can imagine in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

33. Eternity awaits everyone, but heaven is for those who have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

## Conclusion

34. God is not bound by \_\_\_\_\_; He is eternal.

35. God in eternity past determined the length of time and has given us prophetic \_\_\_\_\_ along the way.

36. God is all-knowing, but that does not \_\_\_\_\_ our free will.

The best and worst of this life will soon come to an end, but the eternal life offered by Christ will never end. We are living in the last of the last days and at the appointed time, the end will come, and God will triumph over it all.

## Answers

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| 1. two          | 13. sinfulness  | 25. overcome      |
| 2. Babylon      | 14. 2,300       | 26. circumstances |
| 3. Alexander    | 15. guides      | 27. choose        |
| 4. Medo-Persian | 16. later       | 28. responsible   |
| 5. stronger     | 17. picture     | 29. selfish       |
| 6. Greece       | 18. fulfillment | 30. evidence      |
| 7. twelve       | 19. God         | 31. end           |
| 8. language     | 20. shock       | 32. presence      |
| 9. fulfillment  | 21. aware       | 33. accepted      |
| 10. after       | 22. all         | 34. time          |
| 11. compel      | 23. disciple    | 35. markers       |
| 12. desecrated  | 24. fellowship  | 36. negate        |

## QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. In what ways are some current world leaders similar to the prophecies of Anti-Christ? In what ways are they different?
2. Is the fact that God knows EVERYTHING a comfort to you or convicting to you (or both)? Why?
3. What choices am I currently making in response to my circumstances that are in line with what God wants from me? What choices are in contraction to what God wants?