



**Lesson 2 – “Empires”**  
**Daniel 8:1-27**

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Prophecy is history told in advance. The prophecy in the Book of Daniel is amazing. The details of the prophecy we will study in this lesson are so complete that it has caused some liberal scholars to question the date of Daniel’s writing.

In Daniel 2 and 7, God has already revealed to Daniel the four great world empires of the Gentiles and a future one that will emerge in the end times under the authority of the Antichrist.

In **Daniel 8**, God narrowed Daniel’s prophetic focus to two of the coming empires and to a man who prefigured the Antichrist.

**Main Lesson:** The God we serve is in complete \_\_\_\_\_ of our current world affairs and authorities.

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Empires (v. 1-9)**

- *The \_\_\_\_\_ of Media and Persia (v. 1-4, 20)*
- *The \_\_\_\_\_ of Greece (v. 5-9, 21-22)*

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Foreshadowed (v. 9-14, 23-26)**

*“Antiochus Epiphanes” (175-163 BC)*

- *His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-14; 11:31)*
- *His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23-26)*

1 John 2:18; Matt. 24:15-18

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Gabriel (v. 15-22)**

- *The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Name (v. 15-16)*
- *The \_\_\_\_\_ from God (v. 17-22)*

Hebrews 1:14

**4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Considered (v. 27)**

- *God’s \_\_\_\_\_ are Literally Fulfilled (v. 27a)*
- *God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is Wonderfully Comforting (v. 27b)*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8