

DID YOU KNOW?

The Babylonian kingdom was distinguished by power and the speed, for the Babylonian kingdom dominated the whole world in a very short period. The kingdom flourished under the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar who was very boastful of his glory against God. His glory was destroyed, when he was expelled from his kingdom. However, he returned to himself and realized that he was a mere man, giving God the glory.

The kingdom of Babylon was captured by the Medes and Persians (Daniel chapter 5-6). The Persians were the cruellest of all the barbarians when it came to punishments. The kingdoms of Medes and Persia did not conquer by military skill nor by swift motion, but through invading the countries by large numbers of army. The Persian Empire gained dominion over the Medes, Assyrians and Babylonians.

In the year 333 BC Alexander the Great, the founder of the Greek Empire, conquered all the Persian powers. Although the Greek empire was less than the Babylonian Empire, Alexander the Great was swifter than the Babylonian emperors, and in four years he ruled all Asia and part of Europe. After the death of Alexander the Great, arose four kings - king of Syria, king of Egypt, Israel and Palestine, the third leader over Macedonia, and the fourth over Thrace.

The Roman Empire was established in the year 63 B.C., and extended until it occupied the kingdoms of Babylon and Persia and Egypt in the year 47 B.C. All the countries of the Mediterranean, including Egypt, submitted to the Roman taxes, and all the Roman laws. Nothing could be more violent and brutal than this empire, it ravished and raided all other countries and took all their possessions for themselves. Under this empire were ten colonies. The Roman Empire never cared about the needs of the colonies but on the contrary, it crushed them. It was this empire that ruled at the time of Jesus.

Monday (Read Daniel 7: 1-8 and the box on the left -Four beasts= Four kingdoms) God reveals to Daniel the future rulers which are to come.

1. Match the Kingdoms with their corresponding Beasts

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| The Persian Kingdom | the first beast |
| The Roman Kingdom | the second beast |
| The Babylonian Kingdom | the third beast |
| The Greek Kingdom | the fourth beast |

2. Chose one feature from each beast and relate this to a characteristic of its corresponding kingdom/king

Tuesday (Read Daniel 7: 9-18)

1. Read verses 9-10. Who do you think these verses refer to?

2. Read verses 13-14. To whom was given dominion power and a kingdom? What is the difference between this kingdom and others?



Wednesday (Read Daniel 7: 19-28)

1. Unlike the vision of king Nebuchadnezzar (chapter 2), God reveals to Daniel another king (the little horn). What does this ruler do to the saints of the Most High? What other intentions does he have? (v21, 25)

2. This kingdom is fighting against the kingdom of the God. Who do you think this ruler is (Hint: who does Jesus warn us about that will rise in the end of Days and turn people away from Him)

3. Who in the end is victorious?

Friday (Read Daniel 8: 9-14)

Again we see the occurrence if a small horn. Unlike Chapter 7 which refers to the Antichrist, this horn refers to Antiochus Apiphanus of the Roman Empire. (Also known as the antichrist of the Old Testament

1. What did he do to the Holy Sanctuary? And the daily sacrifices? (v11-12)

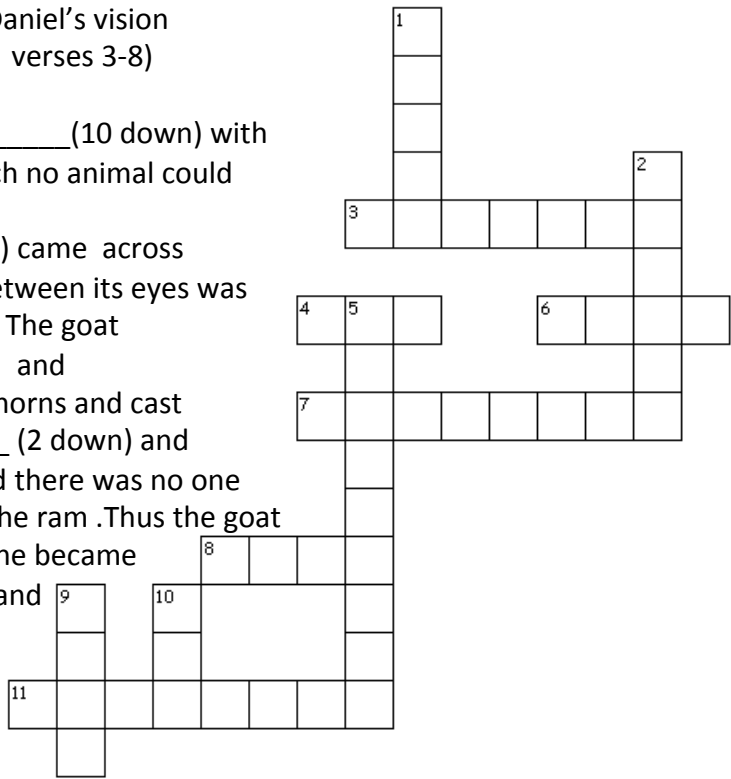
As Antiochus attacked the church of the Old Testament and killed many, likewise the antichrist will exert all his efforts to attack the stars of the New Testament. The Lord Jesus said about His second coming, "Whether the Son of Man will find the faith on earth?" And that the anti-Christ will deceive even the chosen ones.

Thursday Read Daniel 8:1-8)and complete the cross word

Complete this summary of Daniel's vision (hint all the words are from verses 3-8)

Standing by the river was a _____ (10 down) with _____ (4 across) horns, which no animal could _____ (5 down).

Suddenly a _____ (8 across) came across the surface of the earth . Between its eyes was a notable _____ (9 down). The goat _____ (7 across) the ram and _____ (1 down) his two horns and cast him to the down to _____ (2 down) and _____ (11 across) him; and there was no one who could _____ (5 down) the ram .Thus the goat grew very great and when he became strong his horn was broken and in its place grew _____ (6 across) horns.



Saturday (Read Daniel 8: 15-27)

1. Who helped Daniel understand the vision?

2. In this vision what do the ram and goat represent? Do you see any similarities with this vision and Daniel's first vision (chapter 7)

3. Another king shall rise up (referring to king Antiochus- the antichrist of the Old Testament). Complete these verses

v24 ...He shall _____ fearfully, and shall _____ and thrive; He shall _____ the _____ people and also the _____ people.

v25... He shall _____ many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the _____ of princes...