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Daniel 8 – An appalling vision of the future

Daniel 8:27

1) God gave Daniel a vision of the future which focused on events which would take place between _____ BC to _____ BC

Daniel 8:1-2

In verses 3-8, Daniel's vision focused on:

- A two horned r_____ which charged toward the west, north and south and became great (v3-4)
- A one horned g_____ that became very great after defeating the two horned ram, but the goat's one horn broke off and was replaced by four horns (v5-8)

Daniel 8:20-22

- P_____ was the dominant superpower between 539BC to 331BC
- G_____ was the dominant superpower between 331BC to 148BC
- Alexander the G_____ died in 323BC
- The G_____ empire was divided into f_____ after Alexander's death

2) God revealed in Daniel's vision that one G_____ ruler would set himself up against God and bring astounding devastation upon God's people

Daniel 8:9-12

Daniel 8:23-25a

- The horn which emerged from one of the four horns is Antiochus IV Epiphanes who ruled over the Seleucid Empire (which now included Israel) from _____ BC
- As God predicted in Daniel 8, from _____ BC Antiochus IV Epiphanes:
 - D_____ the Temple in Jerusalem by erecting an altar to Zeus and sacrificing pigs on the altar
 - Outlawed the Jewish r_____ of circumcision and Sabbath observance

- Outlawed possession of s_____ containing God's law
- K_____ thousands of Jews

Daniel 8:13-14

- The Jews reclaimed and c_____ the Temple in _____ BC courtesy of the Maccabean Revolt

Daniel 8:25b

- Antiochus IV Epiphanes reportedly died of illness in _____ BC

3) The vision in Daniel 8 and its fulfilment raises at least two significant q_____

a) Why did God a_____ Antiochus IV Epiphanes to perform brutal acts of devastation?

Luke 13:1-3

b) Why did God r_____ this catastrophic future to Daniel?

4) God r_____ the future to help his people not to f_____ a_____ when hard times come

Isaiah 46:8-10

John 15:18-21

John 16:1-4a

Luke 6:47-48