

## No Fear! Even as Evil Spreads, God is Still Sovereign

Daniel 8: 1-27

Message 8

*“When you realize that nothing happens apart from God’s awareness, direction and loving purpose, it becomes possible to lay down worry and fear and truly experience His peace.”*

*~Charles Stanley*

- Daniel envisions himself in the citadel of Susa.  
\*Present-day Shush, Iran
- He sees a two-horned ram standing by the Ulai Canal.  
\*Present-day Karun River
- The two-horned ram is the Medo-Persian Empire.
- The he-goat with the single horn is the Grecian Empire.
- The single large horn is Alexander the Great.
- The “little horn” who oppresses Jewish people is Antiochus Epiphanes.

*These prophetic images came to Daniel to encourage him as well as prepare him and others for the changes coming to usher in the Kingdom of God with Messiah as King.*



There are several truths to remember as we learn about the End Times.

**1st Truth: God allows consequences to follow the lack of obedience by His people and the sin of the world.**

A pattern of sin and disobedience has costly consequences in this life and in the next.

📖 2 Chronicles 36: 8 NLT

*“The world has lost its power to blush over its sin; the church has lost her power to weep over it.”*

*~Leonard Ravenhill*

**2nd Truth: When evil is allowed to thrive, it becomes powerful and consumes its victims through strongholds in their lives.**

📖 Daniel 8: 23-25a; 2 Timothy 3:1-4

*“Christian, beware of thinking lightly of sin. Take heed in case you fall little by little.”* ~Charles Spurgeon

**3rd Truth: God is Sovereign and works out His plan for our lives and in the world.**

📖 Daniel 8:25; Revelation 19: 11, 19-20

*“Our world is filled with fear, hate, lust, greed, war and utter despair. Surely the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the only hope of replacing these depressing features with trust, love, universal peace, and prosperity.”* ~Billy Graham