

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

April 11, 2021

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading:

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: *Dana Marcukaitis*

Message: *Daniel and The Book of Books* (Daniel 9:1-14)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

### Announcements:

**LaRose Harrison** entered Ingalls Hospital on Thursday and had surgery on her foot yesterday. Please keep her in prayer.

**Northern Grace Youth Camp** needs volunteer maintenance men, nurses, cleaners & cooks. If free room and board for a week in Wisconsin while serving the Lord sounds good to you, contact NGYC Camp Director Dave Green at [dave@ngyc.org](mailto:dave@ngyc.org), or at (920) 785-4095.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone  
**Daniel 8:15-27** *The Angel Gabriel Lends a Hand*

The "man" here (v.15) is identified as the angel "Gabriel" (v.16 cf. Lu.1:26), and "the man's voice" must have belonged to God, for only He can order angels around. But here we have a dispensational difference. Under God's program for Israel, He taught His truth to angels and used *them* to teach the people of Israel, as Gabriel is about to do here. Under grace, He teaches *us* His truth *through His Word*, then uses us *to teach angels* (Eph.3:10).

Now the *reason* God used a man's voice is that His own voice *thunders* (IISam.22:14; Job 37:4,5; 40:9, etc.), and thunder can be scary. And God knew Daniel was about to be frightened by the mere *presence* of Gabriel (cf.v.17). Angels usually say "Fear not" when someone sees them (Mt.28:5; Lu.1:13,30; 2:10) because they are so awesome looking! If someone tells you they saw an angel, and doesn't mention fear, you know he *didn't* see one. We have Paul's word on it that they are "not seen" in this dispensation (Col. 2:18).

People in the Bible always fall *on their face* when they see an angel or the Lord (v.17). Only God's *enemies* fall *backward* in the Bible (Isa.28:13; John 18:3-6), yet they often fall backward when touched by modern "healers"!

Evidently Daniel fell on his face because he *fainted* (v.18). That means he couldn't hear what Gabriel said! He could tell *us* what he said, for he wrote by the Spirit, and *the Spirit* heard Gabriel. That's one of the many proofs we have that the Spirit wrote the Bible. Gabriel could lift him with just a touch because of his great strength (v.18cf.10:10). He then repeated what he said when Daniel was passed out (v.19).

"Indignation" is anger caused by something someone did that you find *extremely* offensive (Mark 14:3-8; Lu.13:14). Antichrist will do something extremely offensive *to God* (v.19) when he speaks against Him (Dan.11:36) by

claiming to *be* God (IIThes.2:3,4), making God righteously indignant.

The ram Daniel saw in 8:1-3 is here identified as Media-Persia (8:20), and the goat he saw in 8:5-7 is identified as Greece (8:1). “The first king” of Greece, Alexander, was “broken” *when he died drunk* (cf. Jer.23:9). So he didn’t give His “four” generals (8:22) his kingdom “in his power,” but rather in his *weakness*.

That’s when the antichrist was supposed to rise (8:23), and transgressions were to have “come to the full” *in the Tribulation*. When that happened, God was supposed to *judge* Israel (Mt.23:35,36) in the Tribulation. “Understanding dark sentences” probably means he’ll be something of a genius.

Antichrist was supposed to rise out of “one” of those four kingdoms (Dan.8:8,9,11), but the mystery interrupted things. But after the mystery ends at the Rapture, he *will* rise out of the *Syrian* branch to the north, for he is often called “the Assyrian” (Ezek.31:3-7; Micah 5:2-6). The “dragon” (Rev. 20:2) will give him his power (8:24 cf. Rev.13:1,2).

The mighty and holy people he’ll destroy (8:24) is Israel. They’re called mighty because God multiplied them (cf. Ex.1:7) and holy because He set them apart from the world. Antichrist will “prosper” by all the things his church in Babylon will buy and sell (Rev.18), including the “craft” (8:24) of *idolatry* (cf. Deut.217:15; Hos.13:2; Acts 19:24-27).

The beast will also destroy many by peace (8:25), because in the beginning he’ll be a peacemaker (11:21). But when they say “peace and safety” the “sudden destruction” of the last half of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week will fall on them (IThes.5:3), followed by the Lord’s “sudden” coming (Mal.3:1,2). But he’ll be broken “without hands” (v.25), i.e., without human instrumentality (cf. Col.2:11). The Lord won’t need human help to defeat the Antichrist and his armies (Isa.63:1-4).

That all sounds pretty unbelievable, so Gabriel told Daniel it’s all “true” (8:26). He mentions that Daniel had an evening and morning vision because “the evening and the morning” were the first day, etc. (Gen.1), and his vision was about the dawn of a new day—*the day of the Lord*. But it wouldn’t be “for many days” (8:26 cf. 10:14). Finally, after seeing such stupendous things, Daniel just went back to work (8:27), just as we must after seeing them *in Scripture*.

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April 11, 2021

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

*Myrtle Harrison*

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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