

E2E- Part 113b

Daniel 8:13-27

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1. Even the angels don't fully understand everything God is doing. Some parts of His plan, especially salvation, leave them amazed and wanting to know more.
2. Antiochus Epiphanes wasn't just another evil ruler. He had a deep hatred for God, God's Word, and God's people, and he did everything he could to stamp them out.
3. What Antiochus did in the Temple became known as the Abomination of Desolation and points forward to an even greater fulfillment in the last days.
4. The destruction and persecution were so shocking that the angels themselves basically ask, "How long is this going to be allowed to continue?"
5. One of the big reminders in this chapter is that God isn't surprised by any of it. Heaven knows exactly what's happening, and God gives Daniel understanding through Gabriel.
6. The prophecy of the 2,300 evenings and mornings shows that God had already set the limits on Antiochus' reign of terror and knew exactly when restoration would come.
7. Gabriel explains that the vision reaches beyond Antiochus and points to the time of the end and events still future to us.
8. Antiochus serves as a preview of the antichrist, who will oppose God, deceive many, and wage war against God's people.
9. Gabriel appears at key moments in God's plan, from Daniel's visions to the announcements of John the Baptist and Jesus, showing the importance of the message being given.
10. The chapter closes with a powerful reminder that God is working His plan even when Daniel, the angels, and we ourselves do not fully understand what He is doing.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Mirmaç (meer-mawce´); abasement (the act or the thing):— tread (down)-ing, (to be) trodden (down) under foot

Shamem (shaw-mame´); to stun (or grow numb), devastate or stupefy :— make amazed, astonish(-ment), be destitute, destroy (self), (make) waste, wonder.

14 Characteristics of the Antichrist (Daniel 8:23-25)		
Vs.	Characteristic	Summary
23	Insolent	Brazen and audacious
23	Skilled in intrigue	Understands complex matters
24	Mighty	Great strength and power
24	Not by his own power	Empowered by another source
24	Extraordinary destruction	Destructive power will be supernatural
24	Will prosper	Accomplishes all he wishes
24	Performs his will	Achieves his plans without interference
24	Destroys mighty men	Targets governmental leaders
24	Destroys holy people	Persecutes God's people
25	Causes deceit to succeed	Uses deception effectively
25	Magnifies himself	Claims to be God
25	Destroys many at ease	Attacks when people feel secure
25	Opposes Prince of princes	Opposes Jesus and His followers
25	Broken by God	Broken to pieces by God personally

TODAY'S WORSHIP

This Is Amazing Grace
 I Know That I Know
 Names
 I Believe

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The angels were amazed by what they saw in Daniel's vision and long to understand God's plan. Why do you think salvation and God's work among people causes such wonder, even among angels? How should that affect the way we view our own relationship with God?
- Antiochus showed intense hatred toward God, God's Word, and God's people. While most of us won't face the same kind of persecution, what are some ways biblical truth is challenged or opposed today? How can believers remain faithful when culture pushes in the opposite direction?
- The angels ask, "How long?" as they witness the suffering and destruction taking place. Have you ever gone through a season where you found yourself asking God that same question? What helped you continue trusting Him while waiting for answers or relief?
- One of the major themes in Daniel 8 is that God is not caught by surprise. Even when events seemed out of control, God had already revealed what would happen and how it would end. How does remembering God's sovereignty help us deal with uncertainty, fear, or discouragement in our own lives?
- Daniel was overwhelmed by the vision and did not fully understand everything he had seen, yet God was still carrying out His plan. Are there situations in your life right now that don't make sense to you? What does it look like to trust God when you don't have all the answers?