PERSONAL REFLECTION

Attention | What caught my attention tonight?

Connection | How does this connect with my life right now?

Invitation | What is God inviting me to do in response?

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wed, Oct 28 | *Prophecy's Greatest Promise*
Fri, Oct 30 | *Revelation's War in Heaven*
Sat, Oct 31 | *The Greatest Issue in the Book of Revelation*
Tues, Nov 3 | *Understanding the Antichrist*
Wed, Nov 4 | *America in Bible Prophecy*

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DISCOVERY TIME

1. Share about a recent time you had to wait for something longer than you expected. Was it worth the wait?

2. **READ Psalm 74:2-3** and verses **9-12** and ask…
   a. What was the psalmist waiting on God to do?
   b. Is there something you are waiting on God to do in your life?

In Psalm 74, Asaph expresses his lament over the destruction of the Jerusalem temple, and he longed for some prophetic communication from God to give a sense of definite time and assurance that that wasn't the end of the story. Though the prophet Daniel received a hopeful revelation about God's judgment in Daniel 7, his thoughts were still troubled (Dan. 7:28). What more would God reveal in Daniel 8 about the little horn's activity and the specific timing and process of God's judgment?

MORE PROPHETIC PARALLELS

- ☐ Daniel 8:3-8 (see also vv. 20-21) — Once again, Daniel is shown the history of familiar nations and their conquests.
- ☐ Daniel 8:13-14 — Eventually, those earthly conquests are met by a heavenly response.

WHAT'S NEW IN DANIEL 8

- ☐ Clean animals — a motif that frames the significant events of this vision in temple terminology, i.e. as they relate to God's sanctuary.

- Swift transition to the Little Horn — placing emphasis on the very power that held Daniel's attention in chapter 7. This blurring of lines underscores the Little Horn's close identification with Rome AND its duo-directional exercise of power: horizontally in human conquests and vertically in _____ conquests.
- Specific target — an enlargement upon the aim of the Little Horn's exploits. This power doesn't just attack God's "saints" (Dan. 7:21, 25) but God's _____.
- Heavenly response — clarifying that God's intervention is tailored to the Little Horn's specific schemes. The heavenly judgment of Daniel 7 should also be understood as the cleansing of God's sanctuary.

SALVATION IN THE SANCTUARY

- Exodus 25:8-9 (see Heb. 8:1, 2)—The earthly sanctuary
  - was patterned after God's tabernacle in _____,
  - and its purpose was two-fold: 1) to _____ us from sin, and 2) to restore _____ with God
- Psalm 77:13 — The sanctuary concretely illustrated God's "way" of salvation using two main characters that prefigured Jesus: the lamb and the high priest (see Jn. 1:29; Heb. 7:25; 8:1).
- This redemptive plan was also illustrated by the furniture and services of the sanctuary's 3 major compartments:
  - **Outer Court**: deliverance from the _____ of sin
  - **Holy Place:** deliverance from the _____ of sin
  - **Most Holy Place** deliverance from the _____ of sin altogether!
- The phases of God's "way" of salvation were foreshadowed through the 2 cycles of sanctuary services:
  - **Daily**: to transfer sin from sinner to the sanctuary
  - **Yearly**: to remove/cleanse sin from the sanctuary and Israel's camp (the Day of Atonement, Lev. 16).

INTENTIONAL INTERVENTION

- When the abuse of spiritual authority eclipsed the story of salvation revealed in the sanctuary services in Jesus' day, the Son of God was compelled to cleanse the temple (see Mt. 21:12-13).
- Daniel 8:13-14 — When the Little Horn's abuse of power casts down God's sanctuary in "the time of the end," how would God respond?
  - Definite _____ — God promises that the trampling of His sanctuary (though long!) would not last forever.
  - Intentional _____ — God promises to put an end to the destructive schemes of the Little Horn via cleansing the sanctuary.

MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE JUDGMENT

- God has appointed a set time for judgment (see Ps. 75:2-5; Acts 17:31).
- In this light, the final judgment is first and foremost God's saving act to cleanse the world of sin, not to condemn the world of sin. God has pledged to do all in His power to restore our oneness with Him (see Rev. 21:3-4).