

## **Meet One Terrifying Politician**

### **Daniel 8 | November 6**

Daniel 1: Babylonian captivity, education,  
courage, insight

Daniel 2: N's dream (statue) & D's interpretation

Daniel 3: N's statue; courage & fiery furnace

Daniel 4: N's dream and humbling as a beast

Daniel 5: B's blasphemous party and defeat

Daniel 6: Persian empire; courage & lion's den

Daniel 7: vision of 4 kingdoms; little horn, Ancient of Days, Son of Man

Daniel 8: vision of 2 kingdoms, 1 terrifying politician

## **Is this the same person as the terrifying politician in the 4th kingdom in Daniel 7?**

*Daniel 7:8 I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.*

*Daniel 8:9 Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land.*

**Probably not,**

**Because they're not in the same kingdom.**

**Because Jesus and the kingdom of God did not come in conjunction with the fall of Antiochus IV.**

**If the terrifying politician of Daniel 8 is not the final terrifying politician of Daniel 7, then why did God spend so much time telling us about him?**

- 1. Because the Jewish people would have to face him in their most horrific persecution yet.**
- 2. Because Antiochus IV is the closest thing history has ever seen to what the terrifying final 4th kingdom ruler will be like.**
- 3. Because God's people will often live under rulers who fit a similar profile.**

Antiochus IV is not just a type of the one final terrifying ruler, but a type of many who will be like him along the way.

God's people must always be prepared to remain faithful to God under the authority of arrogant, successful, deceitful, powerful, and intimidating rulers (8:9-12, 23-25) who:

- a. Oppose the true God (8:11, 25)**
  
- b. Set their sights on faithful worshippers of the true God (8:9-10)**
  
- c. Try to break the regular practices of faith (8:11-12)**
  
- d. Try to silence the Bible (8:12)**
  
- e. Try to violate the purity of the faithful (8:13)**