

THE TIME OF THE END, Part 1

(Daniel 8)

Central Idea: *We know God is in control and is faithful to His word. He will bring about the future as surely as He accomplished the past.*

Introduction

1. Purpose

2. Perspective

3. Challenge (27)

4. Structure (1-27)

I. The Vision's Setting (1-2)

II. The Ram and Goat: Vision and Meaning (3-8; 20-22)

A. The vision (3-8)

B. The Meaning (20--22)

❖ two-horned ram: Medo-Persia

❖ one-horned goat: Greece

❖ four horns: Ptolemy, Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus

III. Conclusion

A. God is in charge.

B. Prophecy proves the truth of God's Word.

Fellowship Group Discussion Questions

1. If God offered to show you the future of our nation, would you want to see it? Why or why not?
2. The Bible always links prophecy and godly living (i.e. 1 Jn 3.2-3). Why do you think this is so? What is the relationship between these two?
3. What are the implications of Daniel's actions in 8.27 where he "carried on the king's business" after receiving this prophetic vision? How does it encourage us to live out God's purposes for our lives in light of His plan for the world? (cf. 1 Pet. 2.9 – What does it mean to proclaim His excellencies?)
4. List five or six events happening today in our nation and/or around the world. How does seeing these events, not as random or out of control incidents, encourage us to see them through God's eyes?
5. Since God is a God of His word and always does what He says He will do, which of His promises do you need to focus on due to current circumstances in your life? (i.e. Rom 8.28; Rom 8.39; Phil 1.6)

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VISION	INTERPRETATION
(8.1-2)	
8.3-8 vision of ram and goat	8.20-22 meaning of 8.3-8
8.9-14 appearance/reign of little horn	8.23-26 meaning of 8.9-14
8.15-19 the angel Gabriel	
(8.27)	

The Vision's Setting

1 2 3 4 (7-8) 5 (9) 6 (10-12)

Nebuchadnezzar

Belshazzar

Darius

Cyrus





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Head of gold			Babylon
Chest/arms of silver			Medo-Persian
Belly/thighs of bronze			Greece
Legs of iron/Feet of iron and clay			Rome (historical)

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Belly/thighs of bronze	Leopard with four wings		Greece
Legs of iron/Feet of iron and clay	Beast with iron teeth and ten horns		Rome (historical)

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Head of gold	Lion with eagle's wings		Babylon
Chest/arms of silver	Bear with 3 ribs	Ram with two horns	Medo-Persian
Belly/thighs of bronze	Leopard with four wings	Goat with large horn	Greece
Legs of iron/Feet of iron and clay	Beast with iron teeth and ten horns		Rome (historical)



BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

TIGRIS RIVER

EUPHRATES RIVER

Babylon

Susa

ULAI RIVER

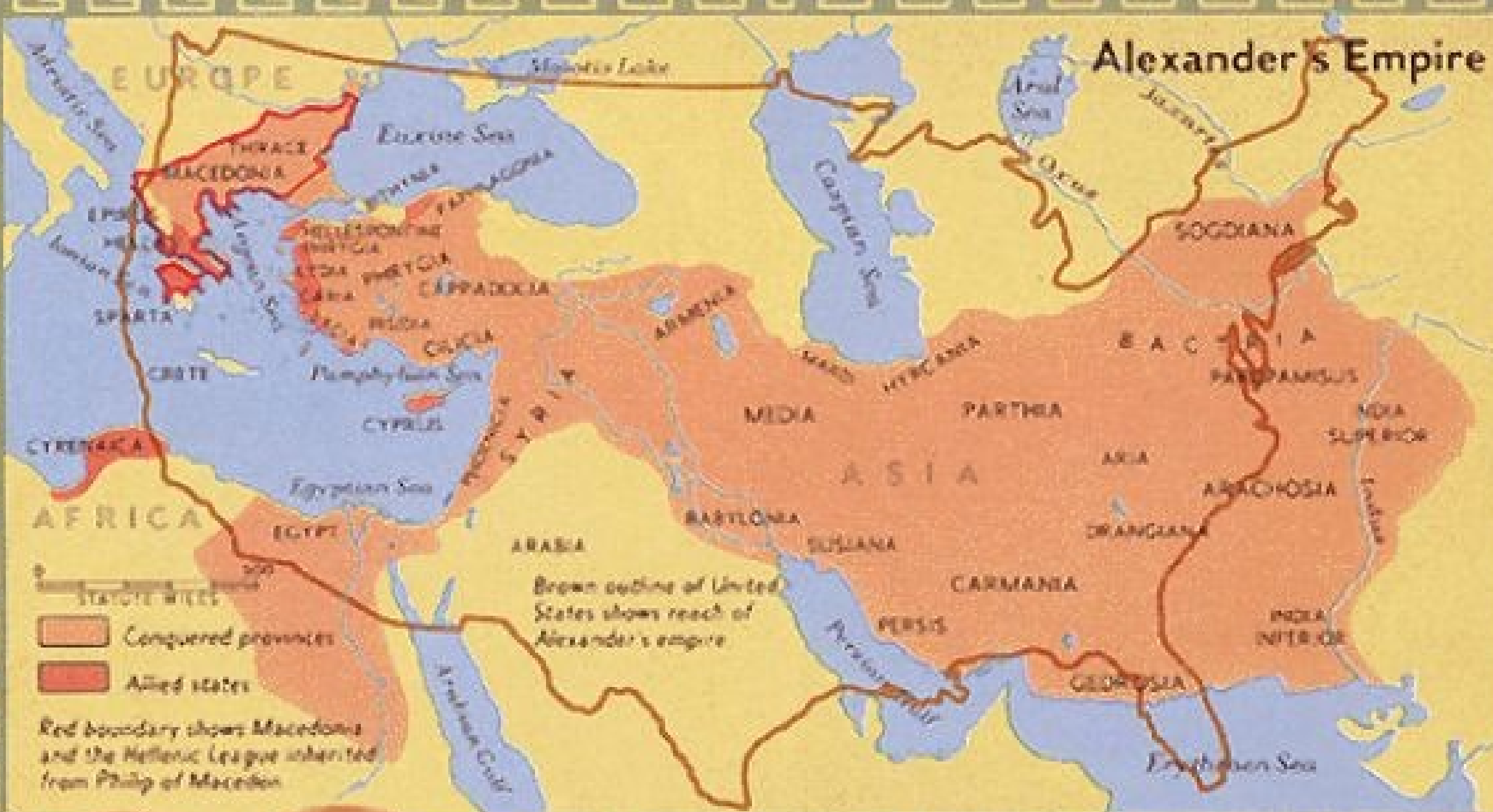
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- Alexander's Empire
- States allied with Alexander
- Alexander's route
- Major battles

300 Miles
300 Kilometers

Alexander's Empire



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STATUTE MILES

Conquered provinces
 Allied states

Red boundary shows Macedonia and the Hellenic League inherited from Philip of Macedon

Brown outline of United States shows reach of Alexander's empire

