

Encouragement in the Age of Empires (Daniel 8)

A road trip & a conversation

1. Prepare for the pain

Another vision! How it's a little different

[Reminder: apocalyptic literature!]

What does Daniel actually see?

The (battering) ram: Medo-Persian Empire

Goat with horn: Greek Empire/Alexander the Great

The small horn: Antiochus Epiphanes IV

Why in the world is God telling us all this?

Put yourself in Daniel's shoes

Not just a Daniel but a Christian thing!
(John 15:18-20, 2 Tim 3:12, 1 Peter 4:12)

Perhaps not a word we like! Why does it have to be so painful?

Just because we know pain is coming doesn't make it any easier! So

2. Persevere, for you know God reigns

➤ By the way he reveals the details of the future

➤ By the way he puts human power in its place

➤ By the way he limits the days of distress

Ultimately in Jesus

3. Proceed with the King's business