

## ***The Battle Worth Fighting***

Daniel 8:8-14

Daniel: God's Sovereign Rule Over Human History,  
part 21

- We must overcome the mesmerizing powers of this world system by considering:
  - (1.) Its End is Doomed, v.7,8, 25
  - (2.) Its Motives are Depraved, v.4,5,11
  - (3.) Its Works are Destructive, v.9-14
- Daniel 8:8-14 reveals the battle worth fighting. Incredibly, this passage has two fulfillments. Daniel received this vision in 551 BC yet he writes what will happen in the "immediate future" (170-164 BC) and the "ultimate future" of the coming tribulation still before us. This passage predicts the great battle that will bring about the Hanukkah celebration:

### **1. The Cast in the Battle**

A. The Treacherous Antiochus Epiphanes, "God Manifest," (175-164 BC) & a type of Antichrist.

B. The Courageous Maccabees: Priest Mattathias Maccabeus and his five sons: Judas, Jonathan, Simon, John & Eleazar.

### **2. The Story of the Battle**

A. Antiochus brought about a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (apostasy), Daniel 8:11,12

B. Mattathias refused to \_\_\_\_\_,  
Daniel 11:32

"We will not obey the king's words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left but walk in the Word of God."

C. Judas Maccabeus reclaimed the temple (after 2,300 days) against unbelievable odds and \_\_\_\_\_ it to God, v.14

### **3. The Battle Worth Fighting**

- While Antiochus "cast down" the following things, the Maccabees fought the battle worth fighting. They fought for:

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God, v.10:

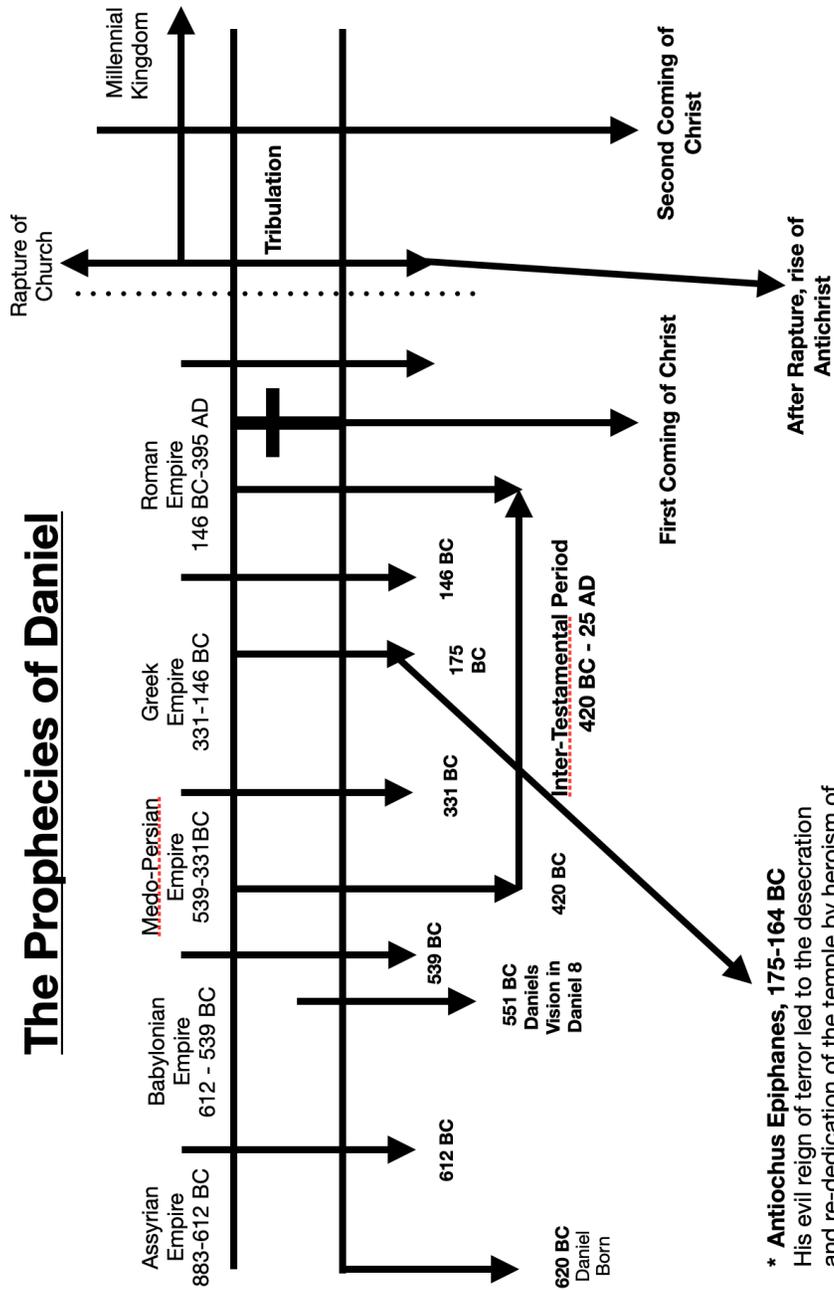
- God's people are under attack:

- 1.) Through seduction with culture
- 2.) Through threats

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God, v.11, 13-14;  
• Godly faith must be lived out publicly!

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ from God, v.12, 23:  
All of us have committed many TRANSGRESSIONS against God (v.12,13). Psalm 51:3; For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Thanks be to God for Jesus who was wounded for our transgressions and was bruised for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5). Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin and rock of strength to give courage to fight the battle worth fighting for His glory.

# The Prophecies of Daniel



\* **Antiochus Epiphanes, 175-164 BC**  
 His evil reign of terror led to the desecration and re-dedication of the temple by heroism of the Maccabees & the establishing of the feast of Hanukkah, prophesied in Daniel 8.

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