

## **“THE RISE OF A VILE ONE”**

1. Think of a difficult circumstance you had to go through for which you did not know the outcome. What difference would it have made had you known ahead of time what was going to happen?  

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2. What role do you think the book of Daniel played in the lives of people who later experienced the persecutions prophesied in it? How does having the full scriptures influence the way that you and I go through trials, persecutions, etc.  

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3. What happens "at the appointed time" (vv.27,29,35)? (Note: Many think this specific "abomination that causes desolation" is the altar honoring Zeus, set up by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 B.C., typical of a later one Jesus warned of [see Mt 24:15; Mk 13:141 and foreshadowing the Antichrist.]) What does this imply about God's control of history, even heathen nations and kings?  

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4. Which wars in this chapter sound like "holy wars"? Why do you think so? What faith and wisdom do these Jewish resistance leaders display? With what "success" (vv.32-35)? What precedent do they set for suffering Christians who "know God" and are martyred for it?  

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5. From what vantage point does Daniel purport to be "telling the truth" (v.2) concerning these kingdoms? How do you account for his accuracy: Prophecy written with remarkable foreknowledge? Or after the fact? What from this passage supports your view?  

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6. What is the place of political ambition for the Christian who wants to avoid the pitfalls described by Daniel?  

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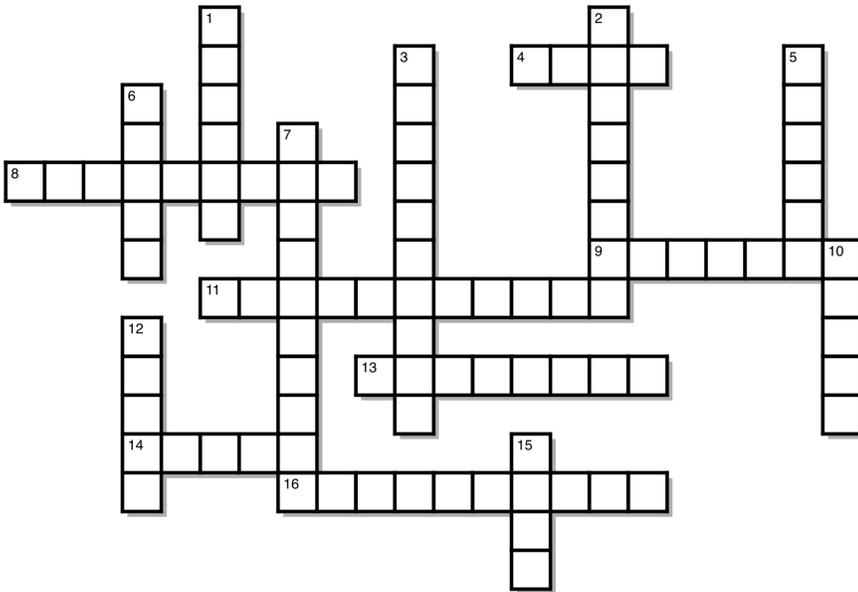
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7. What are your feelings about "sons preparing for war" (v.10)? What is your view on the call to Christians to defend, with force, certain human rights or freedoms?  

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8. Are you potentially "violent" (v. 14)? What "vision" determines your "success" in channeling any violent tendencies in you, for good instead of evil?  

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**Down**

- 1 “the people who know their God shall be \_\_\_\_\_”. (V.32)
- 2 “he shall corrupt with \_\_\_\_\_”. (V.32)
- 3 “they shall...place there the abomination of \_\_\_\_\_.” (V.31)
- 5 “For ships from \_\_\_\_\_ shall come against him”. (V.30)
- 6 The rise of Antiochus is likened to what natural disaster? (V.22)?
- 7 Of Philometer, the prophecy states that “those who eat the portion of his \_\_\_\_\_ shall destroy him”. (V.26)
- 10 Seleucus IV imposed this means of oppression upon the Jewish people. (V.20)
- 12 “And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them \_\_\_\_\_”. (V.35)
- 15 By what adjective (synonymous with contemptible) is Antiochus IV known (NKJV)?

**Across**

- 4 “his heart shall be moved against the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant”. (V.28)
- 8 “At the \_\_\_\_\_ time he shall return and go toward the south”. (V.29)
- 9 “He shall enter peaceably, even into the \_\_\_\_\_ places of the province”. (V.24)
- 11 In what manner did the prophecy say Antiochus would act? (V.23)
- 13 The high priest Onias III is referred to as “the prince of the \_\_\_\_\_”. (V.22)
- 14 “Both these kings’ hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same \_\_\_\_\_”. (V.27)
- 16 “they shall take away the daily \_\_\_\_\_”. (V.31)



**WORD SEARCH:**

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| Honor       | Strongholds |
| Royalty     | Stir        |
| Peaceably   | South       |
| Intrigue    | Army        |
| Force       | Portion     |
| Swept       | Destroy     |
| Broken      | Bent        |
| League      | Evil        |
| Strong      | Damage      |
| Small       | Ships       |
| Forefathers | Defile      |
| Disperse    | Corrupt     |
| Plunder     | Captivity   |
| Spoil       | Refine      |
| Devise      | Purify      |

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