

## **The Assurance of Things Hoped For Daniel 8:1-27**

*The thing about prophecy: when God speaks about things that have not yet happened in our time line, He speaks in \_\_\_\_\_.  
He is not predicting something. The Word of the great "I Am" is describing it in the same way He exists.*

**Discussion 1. God exists across all of time simultaneously, and gave us most of scripture thousands of years ago. Can you give an example of how the ancient wisdom of the Bible helps you make sense of things happening in our world today?**

*The cycle through history (and through scripture) is clear and predictable. The kingdoms of mankind grow in power and define truth as they desire. And when they are confronted with God's Word, they \_\_\_\_\_ it with unspeakable \_\_\_\_\_. We should probably stop acting so surprised.*

**Discussion 2. What are some ways has our current culture has redefined truth to fit its desires, but to conflict with scripture? How do you see the opposition to Christianity manifesting itself?**

*Understanding God's Word and His will is almost never our struggle. Understanding always comes on His terms. Our struggle isn't about understanding; our struggle is about \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3. For the Christ follower, surrender doesn't just happen once...it is an ongoing, moment by moment thing. What is an area in your life where surrender was (has been) gradual, as opposed to all at once?**

*God's purpose in revealing prophecies to His people has little to do with helping us know the specifics of the future. God reveals prophecies to us in order to assure us that His \_\_\_\_\_ are always \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 4. During this Coronavirus pandemic, how does it help your anxieties to know that God's purposes are always fulfilled?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**