## "On A Collision Course With Destiny"

Sunday, July 17, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
Daniel 8:1-27

**BIG IDEA**: The Nation of Israel will continue to be in conflict with the Nations.

"From one of them a little horn emerged and grew extensively toward the south and the east and toward the beautiful land." Daniel 8:9 (CSB)

- **DANIEL**, God's <u>PROPHET</u>. (v 1-2, 15-19, 26-27)
- CYRUS, King of PERSIA. (v 3-4, 20)
- ALEXANDER the GREAT of GREECE. (v 5-8, 21-22)
- ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES of GREECE. (v 9-14)
- The <u>ANTICHRIST</u> of <u>SATAN</u>. (v 23-27)

## **LESSONS** (So, what am I going to do about it?):

- Biblical <u>PROPHECY</u> is more like an <u>ONION</u> than a TIMELINE.
- o Remember <u>ISRAEL</u> is at the <u>CENTER</u> of Biblical prophecy.
- o **GOD** is **FAITHFUL** to His **PEOPLE** even when they are **NOT**.
- In His <u>SOVEREIGNTY</u>, <u>GOD</u> uses <u>WICKED RULERS</u> and <u>NATIONS</u> to accomplish His great <u>PURPOSES</u> and <u>PLANS</u>.
- Consider your <u>RESPONSE</u> to a <u>HOLY GOD</u> & the <u>REVELATION</u> of His <u>WORD</u>.

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Read: Daniel 7:1-28

**Think:** After reflecting on Daniel's vision, ask yourself the following questions: What full contact sports do you like? Why? What is significant about the timing of Daniel's vision in relationship to the earlier events of the book? What is the significance of the Ram with two unequal horns? What is the significance of the Goat, first with one horn, then four horns, and then an additional horn? What is your impression of Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the future Antichrist?

**Do:** Identify a time when you were troubled in your spirit by something God revealed to you through Scripture. Discuss how to respond knowing there is some "head-butting" to occur in the future of foreign affairs.