



November 7/8, 2020  
DISTANCE LEARNING  
(Choose to Flourish in Exile)  
**Release the Beast**  
Daniel 8:1-27  
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(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)

The greatest danger in the Christian life is not to **lose our faith**, but to **synchronize it with our culture**.

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” (John 18:36)

<sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:19-21)

Don't exchange your **scriptural guide** for **cultural scripts**.

Don't abandon your **worshipping identity** for **worldly idolatry**.

<sup>12</sup> And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper. (Daniel 8:12)

<sup>25</sup> By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. (Daniel 8:25)

<sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

Don't forsake **patient endurance** for **fatalistic despair**.

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

Remember, the **beasts** are ultimately **defeated** through the **sacrifice** of the **lamb!**