

Today's passage presents the second vision revealed to Daniel. In this vision, Daniel saw a ram and a goat. God explained that this vision represents the kings of Media-Persia and Greece. Specifically, God revealed that the Greek empire would be divided into four parts and that an evil king would arise. This king would be skilled in deception, powerful, destructive, and would oppress God's holy people. He would exalt himself as a god and oppose the true God.

Upon receiving this vision, Daniel was deeply distressed, fell ill, and remained weak for several days. However, the Bible tells us that he eventually got up and continued with his daily responsibilities (verse 27). He was able to rise again because of God's grace that lifted him up.

As we look at God's comforting hand lifting the troubled and fallen Daniel, I hope that we, too, will experience the comforting presence of God in our lives. How can we rise again through God's comfort?

First, We Must Acknowledge That God Has Set a Time for Everything (Verses 13-14)

In verses 13-14, Daniel struggles with the question, "How long will this time of suffering last?" He sees God's name being dishonored, His people being persecuted, and worship being disrupted. In response, God declares that it will last for 2,300 evenings and mornings.

God is the sovereign ruler over time. He is in control of history, and everything happens according to His divine plan. God has determined when events will begin and when they will end. Even if we do not fully understand His timing, we must trust that we are living within God's ordained schedule and that every hardship has an end. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

Second, We Must Experience God's Loving Touch (Verse 18)

In today's passage, Daniel, overwhelmed by the vision, falls face down and goes into a deep sleep. This symbolizes his deep sorrow and spiritual distress.

At that moment, verse 15 describes a figure resembling a man standing before Daniel. This figure is understood to represent Jesus Christ. Through the angel Gabriel, Jesus touches Daniel and lifts him up (verse 18). Even people of faith can sometimes fall and become spiritually exhausted. But how does Jesus lift us up? Through His loving touch.

God touches us through worship, through His Word, through prayer, and through praise. When we experience His touch, our spirits are revived, and we can rise again in faith.

Third, We Must Trust in God's Good Purpose (Verse 14)

When we face difficulties and do not know what lies ahead, we may feel anxious and afraid. However, if we trust that God has a good plan for the end of our journey, we can endure, persevere, and rise again.

In verse 14, as Daniel grieves over the coming trials, God declares, "Then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated." Although God's people will suffer persecution, worship will be disrupted, and His name will be dishonored, the final outcome is restoration. The end of this hardship is not destruction but renewal.

God will be glorified through us—through our families, our churches, and our faith. He will shape and refine us into people of faith. Believing this, let us rise again in His name.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

**Bible
Reading**

2/24(Mon)	2/25(Tue)	2/26(Wed)	2/27(Thur)	2/28(Fri)	3/1(Sat)	3/2(Sun)
Numbers 11-13	Numbers 14-15	Numbers 16-18	Numbers 19-21	Numbers 22-23	Numbers 24-26	Numbers 27-29

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Quiet Time Passage

2/24(Mon)	2/25(Tue)	2/26(Wed)	2/27(Thur)	2/28(Fri)	3/1(Sat)	3/2(Sun)
John 15:9-17	John 15:18-27	John 16:1-15	John 16:16-24	John 16:25-33	John 17:1-8	John 17:9-19

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share a moment from last week's sermon or personal devotional time where you experienced God's grace.

2. What new insights or blessings did you receive from today's message?

3. How do you desire to experience God's comforting hand lifting you up? Share and pray for one another.