



Holding the Lion

in turbulent times

"The people who know their God shall be strong and do great things!"

Daniel 10.1-12.13

***“Then the end will come, when
(Jesus) hands over the kingdom to
God the Father after He has
destroyed all dominion, authority
and power.***

***“For He must reign until He has
put all his enemies under His feet”***

1 Corinthians 15.²⁴⁻²⁵

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- **the introduction** (10.1-11.1)
explaining the conflict
- **the 'book of truth'** (11.2-12.4)
narrating the conflict
- **epilogue** (12.5-13)
responding to the conflict

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introduction (10.1-11.1)

experienced in the human heart

the ministry of the Word

- revelation
- pastorally-driven
- Jesus-centred
- draining

engaged in the heavenly realms

- sustained (v.13)
- successive (vv.20ff)

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the book of truth (11.2-12.4)

the example from history

- Persian kingdom
- Greek kingdom
- king of the north, king of the south
- against the LORD

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Daniel 8

the ram

(539-331 BC)

- Medo/Persian kingdom

the goat

(331-63 BC)

- Greece – Alexander the Great

the 4 horns

- Ptolemy: Seleucus: Philip: Antigonus

'the king of the south'

'the king of the north'

the 'little' horn

(175-164 BC)

- Antiochus IV (Epiphanes)

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the pattern through history

- belligerence of kingdoms
- persecution of God's people
- intensification of evil

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the bottom line

- time will be shortened
- destinies will be fixed
- perseverance will be rewarded

the final word

- be wise
- stand firm

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