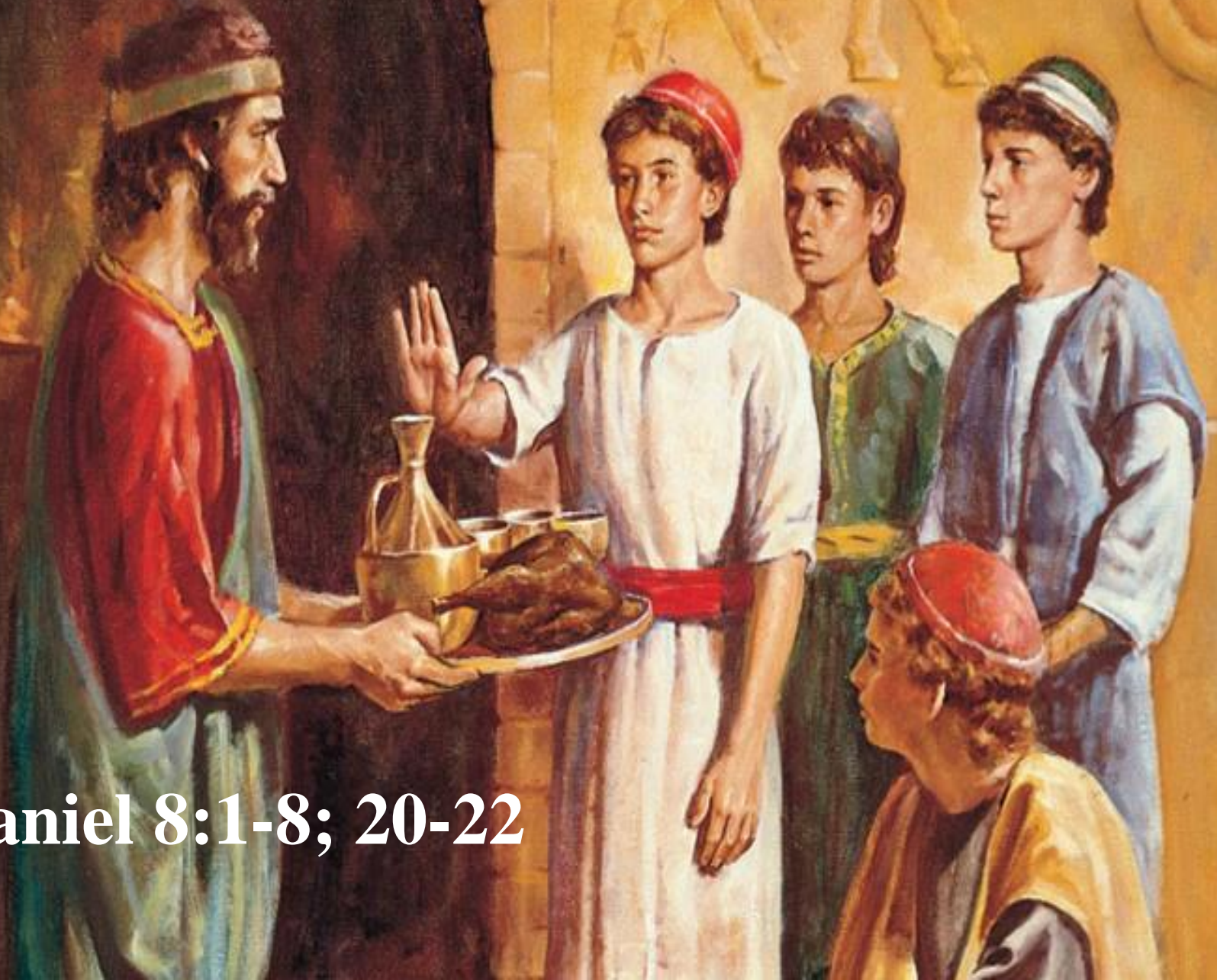


DANIEL, A GREAT MAN

Daniel 8:1-8; 20-22



What is a great person?

According to Webster's dictionary great is something that is considerably above normal,
remarkable

Google search reveals 142 people with the Great
as part of their name

The Three Great Men in Chapter 8

What made Daniel a great man?

1. Humility
2. Singularity

Daniel pointed to God no matter what king he stood before

The Three Great Men in Chapter 8

3. Consistency

He regularly distinguished himself
because there was an excellent spirit
within him

Daniel 6

The summary of Daniel's great life

He points toward God

He's faithful to God

He has a personal humility

He has a spiritual singularity

He has an ethical consistency

Parents need to install within their children the

greatness that Daniel had

Humble, Spiritual, Faithful

Cyrus the King of Persia was a great man

Daniel 8:4

⁴ I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

Cyrus the King of Persia was a great man

The ram was considered the guardian spirit of
the Kingdom of Persia (vs.20)

He conquered westward

Babylon - Mesopotamia

Syria

Asia Minor

Macedonia

Cyrus the King of Persia was a great man

He marched northward

Colchis (modern-day Georgia)

Armenia

Iberia

Lands around the Caspian Sea

Cyrus the King of Persia was a great man

He conquered south

Levant

Egypt

Libya

Ethiopia

Cyrus the King of Persia was a great man

The word for great in Hebrew is *gadol* which
means Do important things

Greatness doesn't last

Jesus said, “What will it profit a man if he gains
the whole world, and loses his own soul

Mark 8:36

Alexander the Great

The goat in chapter 8 was Alexander the Great

He defeated Persia at the ancient city of Nineveh

In 10-12 short years, he conquered the whole
world

He wept at the age of 33 because there were no
more worlds to conquer and he died of
alcoholism

Points to Ponder

Kings don't impress God-He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord

Conquerors don't impress God; He'll one day conquer the whole earth that He created

Politicians, musicians, movie stars
don't impress God

God is drawn to and notices a person who is a
servant

Points to Ponder

Matthew 23:11

But the greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

Both Jesus and Alexander the Great were 33 when they died

Jesus and Alexander died at 33, one lived and died for self, one died for you and me, the Greek died on a throne, the Jew died on a cross, one's life a triumph seemed, the other but a loss, one led vast armies forth, the other walked alone, one shed a whole world's blood, but the other gave His own

Both Jesus and Alexander the Great were 33 when they died

Jesus and Alexander died at 33, one died in
Babylon, one at Calvary, one gained all for self,
and one Himself He gave, one conquered every
tongue, the other every grave, the one made
himself a god, the other made Himself less, the
one lived but to blast, the other but to bless,
Jesus and Alexander died at 33, the Greek made
all men slaves, the Jew made all men free

Points to Ponder

Daniel was great from God's perspective

Cyrus and Alexander were great from the
world's perspective

Resolve: “I would rather be great
in God's estimation”

Points to Ponder

Would you rather be king of the
mountain for a day or
the child of God for eternity?