



Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade



= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:



For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. Daniel 4:26B



For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. He rescues and He saves. He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions. Daniel 4:26b, 27.

Prophet	Daniel
People	Jews in Exile
Prophecy	The Most High is Sovereign over the Kingdoms of Men
Principle	We Won't Compromise God's Standards

Aim Questions:

1. Did Daniel ever sin? (Yes.)
2. What is Daniel's vision about in Chapter 8? (Ram, goat and horns.)
3. What change did the ram, goat and horn represent? (Change of rulers.)
4. In Chapter 8, Gabriel delivers the bad news. What good news does he deliver in the New Testament? (Coming Messiah.)
5. How accurate and reliable is God's Word? How has God's Word worked in your life?



Hook:



What Kind of Animal Are You? (Object Lesson) Bring in plastic animals for the Bible students to play with. **DEBRIEF:** In today's Adventure, some famous kings are compared to animals. What kind of animal would you compare yourself to and why?




GI Joe (Visual Aid). Bring in six GI Joe's to represent Cyrus, Alexander the Great and the four generals who divided Alexander's kingdom.





Pig on a Platter (Visual Aid). Bring in pictures or a reasonable facsimile of a pig on a platter or altar. It might even have an apple in its mouth. **DEBRIEF:** Why do you think a pig sacrifice was so awful?



Puzzle (Object Lesson). Bring in a few pieces of a puzzle. Ask the students if they can figure out what the puzzle is about just from the pieces. **DEBRIEF:** When will you be able to tell what the pieces really are? (This will be discussed further during the Bible Adventure.)

 **Ram Charger (Facts Discussion).** Did you know this? A ram's horns can weigh as much as seven pounds each and get over two feet long. The males have "ramming duels" just to see who is the strongest. Neither contestant is usually harmed but their fights can last for days. The noise from when they butt their horns together sounds like an explosion of dynamite. Listen today in our adventure to what happens to this powerful animal. You may be surprised!


 **Who Can You Trust? (Activity)** Prepare a collection of magazine advertisements that make questionable claims, or make a videotape of television ads that make doubtful promises. Use these to discuss the fact that we cannot always trust all we hear, but there is a place to find words we can count on completely.


 **Angels (Craft).** Copy the angels onto heavy paper or cardstock. Have the students cut out and color the angels. Glitter can be used around the edges. Glue craft sticks to the back.
DEBRIEF: What comes to mind when you think of angels? What kinds of angels are mentioned in the Bible? (*archangel, guardian, ministering*) Angels, as well as prophets, were used as God's messengers. Do you remember which angel told Mary that she was to give birth to Jesus the Messiah? Listen to today's adventure to find out who delivered a very important message to Daniel, **3DAN39.GF7**.





Book:


Presentation Ideas –


 **Ram (Overhead/Illustration).** The ram symbolized the Medo-Persian empire under King Cyrus, **3DAN39.GF1**.

 **Goat (Overhead/Illustration).** The goat symbolized Greece under Alexander the Great, **3DAN39.GF2**.

 **Goat with Four Horns (Overhead/Illustration).** This goat symbolized Greece under the rule of four generals after Alexander the Great died and his kingdom was divided, **3DAN39.GF3**.

 **Pig Sacrifice (Overhead/Illustration).** What were they thinking? Why was this so detestable? **3DAN39.GF4**

 **Kingdom/King (Overhead/Illustration).** Use this overhead to explain the symbolization of the ram and the goat as well as which kingdom and king each represent, **3DAN39.GF5**.

 **Teachers:** Due to the amount of detail in this passage of Scripture, there are two different Bible Adventures to use with the appropriate age levels.

Bible Adventure- *This week there are two versions of the Bible adventure. The first has been prepared with first through third graders in mind. The second is offered more for fourth through sixth grades.*



Lesson for 1st - 3rd Grade

Have you ever been told to do something or go somewhere, and it made no sense whatsoever to you at the time? Maybe you've been given directions to get to a friend's house but then couldn't figure out where to turn or how to get there.

That happened to a lady who was living in Mexico and stopped to ask for directions. A man told her to go straight until she got to a street with a lot of roses, then go to a street that was really busy and turn right again. Next he told her to go over a big bridge, past a park and then turn again when she came to a store. Finally, the man told her to keep to the left and turn in where a lot of other people would be going. Sound confusing? Not one street name was given. Not having a lot of time to get to the bus station, the lady took off, passing bridges, stores and parks along the way and ending up totally confused. But do you know what? She found the bus station! The surprising thing was, looking back on the directions, they all made sense, even though they didn't while she was looking for the bus station.

That's how the book of Daniel is. God gave very specific details about who would come into power, how they would rule and who would follow. It made no sense to Daniel because it hadn't happened yet. But now, as we look back at history, it all makes sense, and we see that God knows everything, the past,

present and future, down to the tiniest details. It is like the puzzle pieces that we looked at earlier. We couldn't tell what the whole picture was just from looking at one piece. But once the puzzle is completed, we can recognize the picture by looking at any piece.

In today's story, Daniel has yet another strange vision. He must have been getting a little scared of them by now! Can you imagine God showing you the things He let Daniel see? Well, in Daniel chapter 8, God showed Daniel a vision that explained more about two future kingdoms. They say a picture is worth a 1,000 words. In the book of Daniel, God used images very effectively so that Daniel would remember what he saw.

The Bible tells us that Daniel looked up and saw a ram with two long horns. The ram charged west, north and south and no animal could stand against it. (*Place the picture of the ram on the screen, 3DAN39.GF1.*) While Daniel watched and thought about this, a goat with a big horn between his eyes came from the West, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. (*Place shaggy goat, 3DAN39.GF2.*) The goat charged the ram furiously and trampled on him. The goat then became very great. But at the height of his power, his large horn was broken off and in its place, four prominent horns grew up going in all directions. (*Place the picture of the four-horned shaggy goat, 3DAN39.GF3.*) Finally, as Daniel watched, another horn grew up out of one of the four and did horrible things to what is called the Beautiful Land. Are you getting all of this? Confusing, isn't it? It's like the directions the lady in Mexico was given. But you know what? All of this has now happened and so we can look back and see what it all means. Let's be detectives and find out who this ram, goat and horns really were in history. (*Hand out the chart 3DAN39.GF5, and have students fill in the chart with you. Project or draw the chart at the front of the room.*)

The identity of the ram is explained to Daniel by the angel Gabriel in Daniel 8:20. (*Read out loud.*) The two-horned ram represented the nation of the Medes and the nation of the Persians combining to beat the Babylonians and rule the world. Let's label the horns of this first animal that Daniel saw. If you remember from last week's lesson, we have proof in the book of Daniel that this really happened. Daniel chapter five tells about the night that Darius the Mede captured the great city of Babylon (*Daniel 5:30*).

Do you remember what happened to the ram? That's right, a goat with one big horn trampled on him. Let's read Daniel 8:21-25. (*Read the passage out loud.*) The shaggy goat is the kingdom of Greece and Alexander the Great is the first horn or king. History tells us his army of 35,000 men conquered all of the Medo-Persian Empire in just 12 years. They moved so quickly, it was like the cartoon where the roadrunner doesn't touch the ground because he is going so fast. Alexander died soon thereafter at the age of 32 in June of 323 BC. (*Label goat and horn.*)

When Alexander died, his army decided to divide up the Greek Empire and each one rule a portion of it. Can you tell from Daniel's dream how many generals ended up ruling the shaggy goat of Greece? How many horns replaced the big horn? (*Daniel 8:22*) The names of the four generals are Ptolemy 1, Seleucus, Lysimachus and Cassander. Let's write them on your chart so that you can remember there were four of them. (*Teacher, take a minute to review the chart up to this point.*)

But that's not all yet! There's mention of one more thing. Do you remember what happened next? Another horn came out of one of the four horns. (*Read Daniel 8:9-12 and Daniel 8:23-25.*) What are some of the things this king will do? (*Vs. 9 - Grow in power; vs. 10 - Throw the starry host down and trample them - check Daniel 12:3. Stars are a reference to those wise students of Scripture whose life leads many to righteous living. When you read the account of Antiochus Epiphanes, you will notice that wise students of Scripture were not welcomed or tolerated during his rule of terror; vs. 11 - Set himself up to be as great as the Prince of Hosts, obviously the Lord; vs. 11 - Took away daily sacrifice; vs. 11 - Brought low the place of his sanctuary; vs. 12 - He prospered and truth was thrown to the ground; vs. 14 - He will last 2,300 days.*)

The Bible is not as specific with this king as it was with the others so we look at history to see who fits this picture of evil towards God and His people. There was a Greek man by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes (*an-tie-a-kuss ee-pi-fan-ees*) who fulfilled the prophecies that we just looked at. He was a deceitful man who gained the Jews' trust by his false promises and the allure of the Greek lifestyle. But once permitted inside the city of Jerusalem, he slaughtered almost every Jew in the city. He took 10,000 captives as slaves then proceeded to steal all the money from the temple, desecrate it and burn the city. Antiochus put a stop to the Jewish daily sacrifices and placed his own idols and altars in the temple on which he sacrificed pigs. He ordered that similar altars be built in the surrounding cities and that pigs be sacrificed regularly on them (*place 3DAN39.GF4*). This was an incredible insult to God whom had declared pigs to be unclean animals for the Jews. They weren't even supposed to touch them, much less sacrifice them on an altar in God's holy temple!

Some of the Jews were outraged and a revolt grew until a Jewish army lead by Judas Maccabee recaptured Jerusalem. Antiochus' altar was torn down, and the temple was ceremonially cleansed and restored. When he heard of the Jewish take over, Antiochus became ill. On his deathbed, the king admitted, "that this calamity was sent upon him for the miseries he had brought upon the Jewish nation, while he plundered their temple and condemned their God; and when he said this he gave up the ghost (*he died*)." Antiochus' reign of terror lasted about six and a half years, just like the 2,300 days God pinpointed in Daniel.

Wow, what Daniel saw was fulfilled exactly by this cruel Greek king. Daniel became sick because of the awful future of his people. Things were going to continue to be bad for them because they had failed to keep God's commandment.

There are two things that I want you to learn from all of this. The first one is how accurate and reliable the Word of God is. The history that Daniel saw in this vision has come to pass. Though God used pictures of strange animals to explain it to Daniel, each detail had meaning. You can look back on history and see its fulfillment. Lesson one is trust the Word of God. Even if you find things that may seem confusing and difficult, trust that it is true. Don't let anyone convince you differently.

The second lesson is that God has provided a solution for our sin. The message of this chapter is very sad because it lets us know that God's people would continue to be punished for their sin. It troubled Daniel so much that he became sick. But that is not the end of the story. The same angel Gabriel who spoke to Daniel over 500 years later would come to a young woman named Mary and tell her about another future King. Do you remember which King that was? It was Jesus who would be born to her and laid in a manger. Jesus has come to save the world. Listen to the words of a Jew who wrote to his fellow Jews in the New Testament.

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,
² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (NIV)

Jesus was and is the solution to the sin problem of God's covenant people, the Jews, as well as for us. Too many have missed the solution. What about you?

Lesson for 4th - 6th Grade

How well do you remember the dreams and visions that we've learned about in the book of Daniel? (*Teacher place the picture of the statue up on the screen, 3DAN36.GF2. Help students tell you what Nebuchadnezzar saw and what it meant. Show the pictures of the four beasts that Daniel saw. Help the students explain what Daniel saw and what God was teaching him through this dream.*)

Before we look into the visions of Daniel, let's make sure that we all have an idea of where the kingdoms come from that we have been talking about. (*Place the map on the screen and have students help you find where the different kingdoms originate geographically. First find Judah. This was the kingdom we started with back in Jeremiah. Then find Babylon. This is the kingdom that took Daniel and Ezekiel into exile. Now find Medea and Persia. We talked briefly about these kingdoms last week when the handwriting on the wall warned Belshazzar that the Medes were coming. Finally find Greece. This is a kingdom that was mentioned when King Nebuchadnezzar saw the great statue and when Daniel saw the leopard with four heads, 3DAN39.GF9a.*)

A picture is worth 1,000 words. God used these kinds of pictures to help Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar remember His future history lesson. In Daniel chapter eight, God showed Daniel a vision that explained more about two of the future kingdoms to come. (*Place the picture of the ram on the screen, 3DAN39GF.1*)

The first animal Daniel saw looked something like this. Listen to Daniel's description of this animal. (*Have a student who reads well read Daniel 8:1-4 out loud.*)

What kingdom do you think this ram represents? (*Record a few students' guesses on the board to check back with when the dream is explained. If a student thinks to look ahead to God's interpretation, congratulate him and have him read what he found in his Bible.*)

The next animal that Daniel saw was a strange kind of shaggy goat. (*Place the picture of the shaggy goat with one horn on the screen. Have another student who reads well read Daniel 8:5-7, then place the picture of the four-horned shaggy goat on the screen, and you read Daniel 8:8&9 out loud.*)

If you remember from Daniel's dream of the terrible and frightening beast, horns in these dreams have represented future kings. The horns on the shaggy goat changed during the vision. At first the goat had one big horn. After that horn broke off, four other horns grew in its place. That means that the one powerful king would be replaced by four of his generals that divided the empire into four kingdoms (*Daniel 8:21&22*).

Let's stop here in Daniel's dream and label the horns on the ram and the sheep. We want to see who these horns really were in history. (*Hand out the chart 3DAN39.GF5, and have students fill in the chart with you. Project or draw the chart at the front of the room.*)

The identity of the ram is explained to Daniel by the angel Gabriel in Daniel 8:15-20. Read along as we hear from Daniel what it was like to talk to a real angel. (*Read Daniel 8:15-20.*)

Look in verse 20. The two-horned ram represented the nation of the Medes and the nation of the Persians combining to beat the Babylonians and rule the world. Let's label the horns of this first animal that Daniel saw.

If you remember from last week's lesson, we have proof in the book of Daniel that this really happened. Daniel chapter 5 tells about the night that Darius the Mede captured the great city of Babylon (*Daniel 5:30*).

The next animal that you have on your chart is the shaggy goat that we first see with one big horn. Now let's read Daniel 8:21-27. (*Read the passage out loud.*) The shaggy goat is the kingdom of Greece. The big horn is the first great king. Who is he? Does anyone have a guess about this king? Remember for a minute, when the goat came to trample the ram it came floating over the ground. Why was it floating? Probably this part of the dream was to show the speed in which the goat came. There was one great king of Greece whose army was known for how fast they moved in and conquered other nations. His name was Alexander the Great. He and his army of 35,000 men began their assault on the empire of the Medes and the Persians in 334 BC. It took Alexander 12 years to conquer all of the Medo-Persian empire. When he was finished, Alexander returned to Babylon and became very sick. He died at the age of 32 in June of 323 BC. Let's label the shaggy goat and its big horn. It was Alexander the Great.

When Alexander died, there was a problem deciding who would be the next king. Finally some of the generals from his army decided to divide up the Greek empire and each one rule a portion of it. Can you tell from Daniel's dream how many generals ended up ruling the shaggy goat of Greece? How many horns replaced the big horn? (*Daniel 8:22*)

Here are the names of the four generals, Ptolemy 1, Seleucus, Lysimachus and Cassander. Let's write them on your chart so that you can remember there were four of them.

Okay, let's take a minute to review.

1. Who is having a vision in Daniel chapter 8?
2. What was the first animal that he saw?
3. What kingdom did this animal represent?
4. What was the second animal that he saw?
5. What kingdom did this animal represent?
6. Who was the big horn on the shaggy goat?
7. What happened to the big horn, and how was it replaced?

Now you have to read carefully. We have seen that Daniel's vision of 8:1-12 has been explained in 8:15-26. We have one more horn with which to deal.

(Teacher's helper:)

Vision

Daniel 8:9-14

⁹ Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land.

¹⁰ It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.

¹¹ It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low.

¹² Because of rebellion, the host of the saints and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled -- the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?"

¹⁴ He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated." (NIV)

Interpretation

Daniel 8:23-25

²³ "In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise.

²⁴ He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people.

²⁵ He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power. (NIV)

There is mention of a horn that will come out of one of the four horns. Read Daniel 8:9-14 and let's list on the board all of the things this horn, or king as we know it, will do.

1. vs. 9 Grow in power.
2. vs. 10 Throw the starry host down and trample them. (*Check Daniel 12:3. Stars are a reference to those wise students of scripture whose life leads many to righteous living. When you read the account of Antiochus Epiphanes you will notice that wise students of scripture were not welcomed or tolerated during his rule of terror.*)
3. vs. 11 Set himself up to be as great as the Prince of hosts. (*Obviously the Lord.*)
4. vs. 11 Took away daily sacrifice.
5. vs. 11 Brought low the place of his sanctuary.
6. vs. 12 He prospered and truth was thrown to the ground.
7. vs. 14 He will last 2,300 days

Who could this be? We see clearly that Daniel's dream predicted the rise and fall of Alexander the Great over 200 years before he was even born. We also can see from history that the four generals who replaced Alexander the Great were also seen in Daniel's vision. Who then, is this other king who does such terrible things?

To understand this horn or king we will rely on Jewish history that occurred between the books of Malachi and Matthew. Josephus, a Jewish historian who lived in the first century AD, wrote these words about a Greek king named Antiochus Epiphanes (an-tie-a-kuss ee-pi-fan-ees), "And this desolation came to pass according to the prophecy of Daniel, which was given 480 years before." *Quote from Antiquities Of The Jews, Book XII Chapter VII.*

Around 171 BC, some of the Jewish leadership in Jerusalem took a liking toward Greek influence. Antiochus Epiphanes was the king of Syria at this time. As the Jews became more comfortable with Greek influence, Antiochus, through deceit and false promises, persuaded Jews to let him take over the city of Jerusalem without a battle. Once he was inside Jerusalem, Antiochus broke his promise of peace and slaughtered every Jew in the city except those who had gained him entrance. Antiochus' primary motive for entering Jerusalem was to raid the temple and take every bit of wealth that was there. He took 10,000 captives as slaves and then proceeded to desecrate the temple and burn the city. Antiochus put a stop to the daily sacrifices performed by Jewish priests in their temple. He placed idols and pagan images in the temple. He ordered all copies of the Scripture to be burned and forbid circumcision of Jewish boys. After erecting a pagan altar inside the temple, he sacrificed a pig on it. Antiochus ordered that similar altars be built in the surrounding cities and that pigs be sacrificed regularly on them.

A Jewish revolt grew until a Jewish army lead by Judas Maccabee recaptured Jerusalem. Antiochus' altar was torn down, and the temple was ceremonially cleansed and restored. When he heard of the Jewish take over, Antiochus became ill. On his death bed the king admitted, "That this calamity was sent upon him for the miseries he had brought upon the Jewish nation, while he plundered their temple and condemned their God; and when he said this he gave up the ghost."

Antiochus' reign of terror lasted about six and a half years. Daniel 8:14 pinpoints it to exactly 2,300 days. If you figure a 360 day calendar, you end up with about 6.4 years.

Wow, what Daniel saw was fulfilled exactly by this cruel Greek king. Daniel was wiped out by what he saw. Read what he said in verse 27. He was sick because he had seen the awful future of his people. Things were going to continue to be bad for them. Because they had failed to keep God's commandment, the Jews would suffer even after they had been allowed to return to Jerusalem.

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The second lesson I want you to learn from all of this is seen in Daniel 8:15-18. The message of this chapter is very sad because it lets us know that God's people would continue to be punished for their sin. It troubled Daniel so much that he became sick. But that is not the end of the story. Gabriel, over 500 years later, would come to a young woman named Mary and tell her about another future king. She was frightened, too. Do you remember which king that was? It was Jesus who would be born to her and laid in a manger. The Jews continued to look for a military king that would help them conquer the world. Jesus has come to save the world, not to make one nation greater than another. Listen to the words of a Jew, who wrote to his fellow Jews in the New Testament.

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

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Look:



Animal Kingdom (Worksheet). Cut out the animal pictures and glue to the appropriate Scripture references, **3DAN39.GF6**.



Decode It (Worksheet). Decode the words of a Jewish man who wrote to his fellow Jews in the New Testament (*Hebrews 1:1-2*), **3DAN39.GF8**.



Guest Scholar (Skit). Introduce your "guest" as someone who has asked to speak to the class about the book of Daniel. Tell the class you are not sure what he is going to say. Encourage students to ask questions if they are unsure about anything they hear.

Guest: Wear heavy glasses and a lab coat or cap and gown. Appear to be somewhat incompetent. Tell students that you have deduced an explanation for the incredible accuracy of Daniel's prophecies. Claim (*as some liberal scholars have done*) that the book of Daniel was really written about 400 years after Daniel actually lived by someone who had heard about him. This unknown author did his writing during the Maccabean revolt to encourage the Jews in their fight against Antiochus Epiphanes. The writer wrote stories he had heard about Daniel and pretended to "prophecy" events that had already happened in the Medo-Persian and Greek empires. Then he predicted that the Jews would defeat Antiochus Epiphanes in order to give them confidence in battle. Your sole reasoning for this claim is that the prophecies of Daniel were so accurate that they could not have been written before the events took place. As students object, defend yourself by restating several of the specific prophecies in Chapter eight and how they were fulfilled. (*This will reinforce*

the details of the Bible Adventure). Argue that no one could have foreseen these events so clearly. Someone should argue that other prophets before Daniel had accurately predicted events such as the fall of Jerusalem or that Daniel predicted other things such as the coming of Christ that were fulfilled after the second century B.C. when Antiochus Epiphanes was defeated. You have no defense for this or for the fact that Jesus showed His confidence in the book of Daniel by quoting from it (*Matthew 24:15 and Mark 13:14*). The Jewish freedom fighters wouldn't have been encouraged by a book that had just appeared out of nowhere. Their people had been extremely careful to preserve the Scriptures and would certainly have known that the book hadn't been around since the actual time of Daniel.

Teachers: Help with these arguments. Let students know that you don't agree with your guest. God's Word has often been challenged but has stood against every attack. It's true that the accuracy of Daniel's prophecies is nothing short of miraculous. But miracles are what God does best!



Prize Trophy (Craft). Materials: One half-sheet plaque, **3DAN39.GF11**, on heavy paper and two long chenille wires for each student. Assembly: Hold both wires together as one. Bend them into a U-shape and poke the ends through the two holes in the plaque from the back. Secure them in place with tape on the back. Then bend the wires to form "horns." Wires can be twisted together to form one or two horns as well as four. Discuss the Bible Adventure as you work.



Picture This (Visual Aid). Show **3DAN39.GF12** indicating the picture of Alexander the Great. This is a real person from history, and we know what he looked like. Explain that cameras had not been invented at the time when Alexander lived. But in those days, wealthy and important people would have their likenesses preserved by hiring an artist to paint their portrait or sculpt their image. This is a photograph of a sculpture that was made of Alexander while he was alive. The other picture is of a coin that was produced under the direction of Antiochus IV Epiphanes. It bears his image.



Bible Drill (Game). Use the following verses for a Bible drill. All of them speak of the value and reliability of God's Word. Use them in random order for older students. Younger students could be allowed to keep their place between verses used in order. (*Combine verses that are near each other to save time if needed.*)

Deuteronomy 11:18; Job 23:12; Psalm 19:8, 119:9, 119:11, 119:72, 119:89, 119:97, 119:103, 119:105, 119:130, 119:140; Isaiah 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; Matthew 4:4, 5:18, 24:15, 24:35; Mark 13:14; John 6:63, 17:17, 20:31; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:17; Colossians 3:16; II Timothy 3:16; Hebrew 4:12; 1 Peter 1:26; 11 Peter 1:19, 1:21



Took:



Jumpin' 4 P's (Jump Rope Ditty). Let's get hopping.

The Prophet's name is Daniel
 The People are Jews in Exile
 The Prophecy---The Most High is Sovereign
 Over the Kingdoms of Men
 The Principle---We Won't Compromise
 God's Standards
 These are the 4 P's
 Got 'em from Daniel
 Now it's time to jump out!



Key Verse (Game).



Play hangman to spell out, "Heaven Rules!" How does today's lesson show that this is true?



Play hangman to spell out "The Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men." How does today's lesson show that this is true?



Review Prophecies (Discussion). Look back at all prophet flashcards, specifically the prophecies. Which ones have been fulfilled?



Trust and Obey? (Discussion) Why did God choose to reveal Himself to men through the long history of a nation? Why not just appear to one person and have him tell everyone what they needed to know? There are people today who claim to have seen God and to have been given His message for the world. Can we trust them?



God Said It! (Dot to Dot) Take God's Word for it! **3DAN39.GF13**



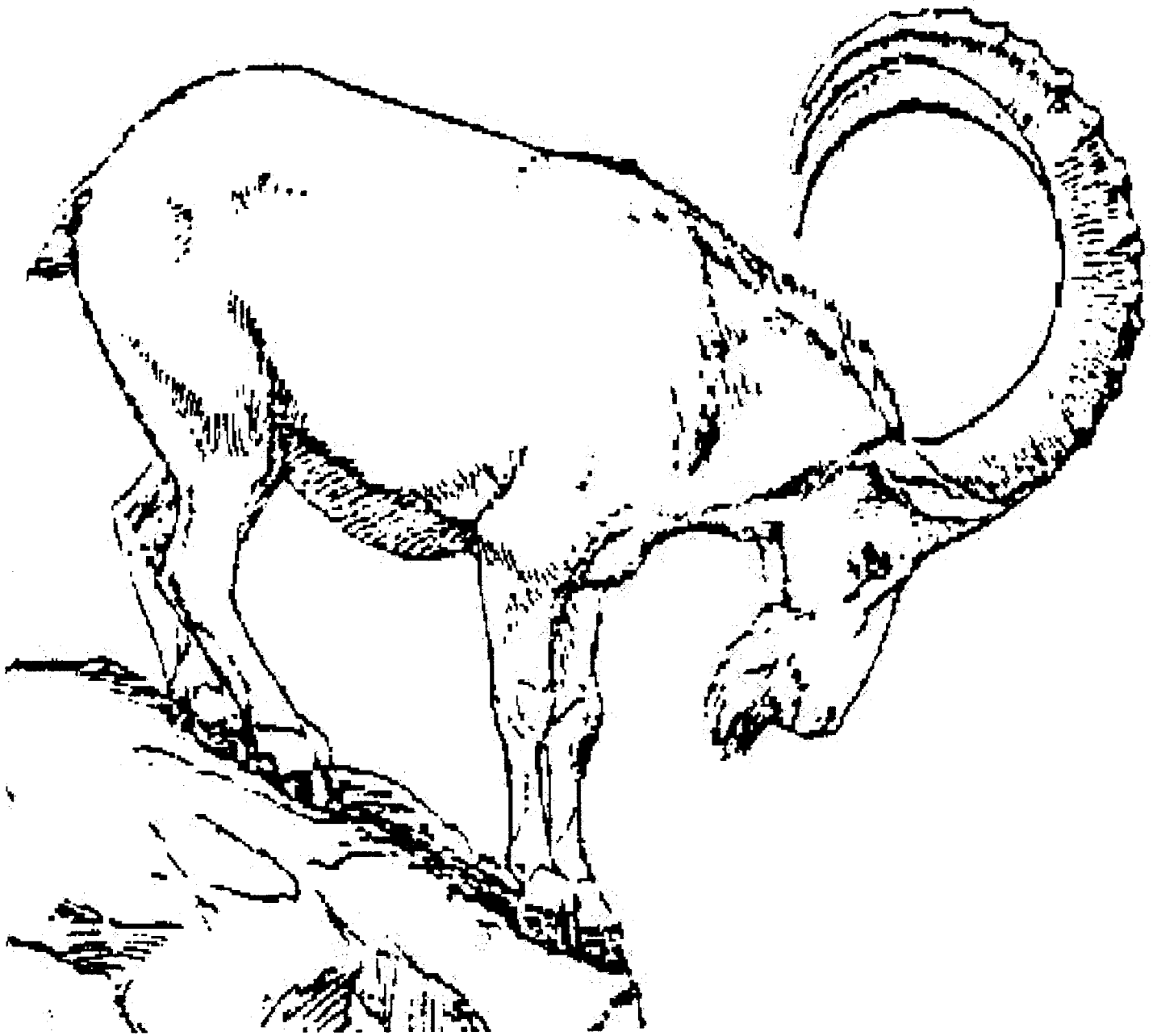
Map it Out (Worksheet). On a map, find the location of the kingdoms mentioned in chapters seven and eight. Write the name of the person(s) ruling over the kingdom at the time, **3DAN39.GF9b**.

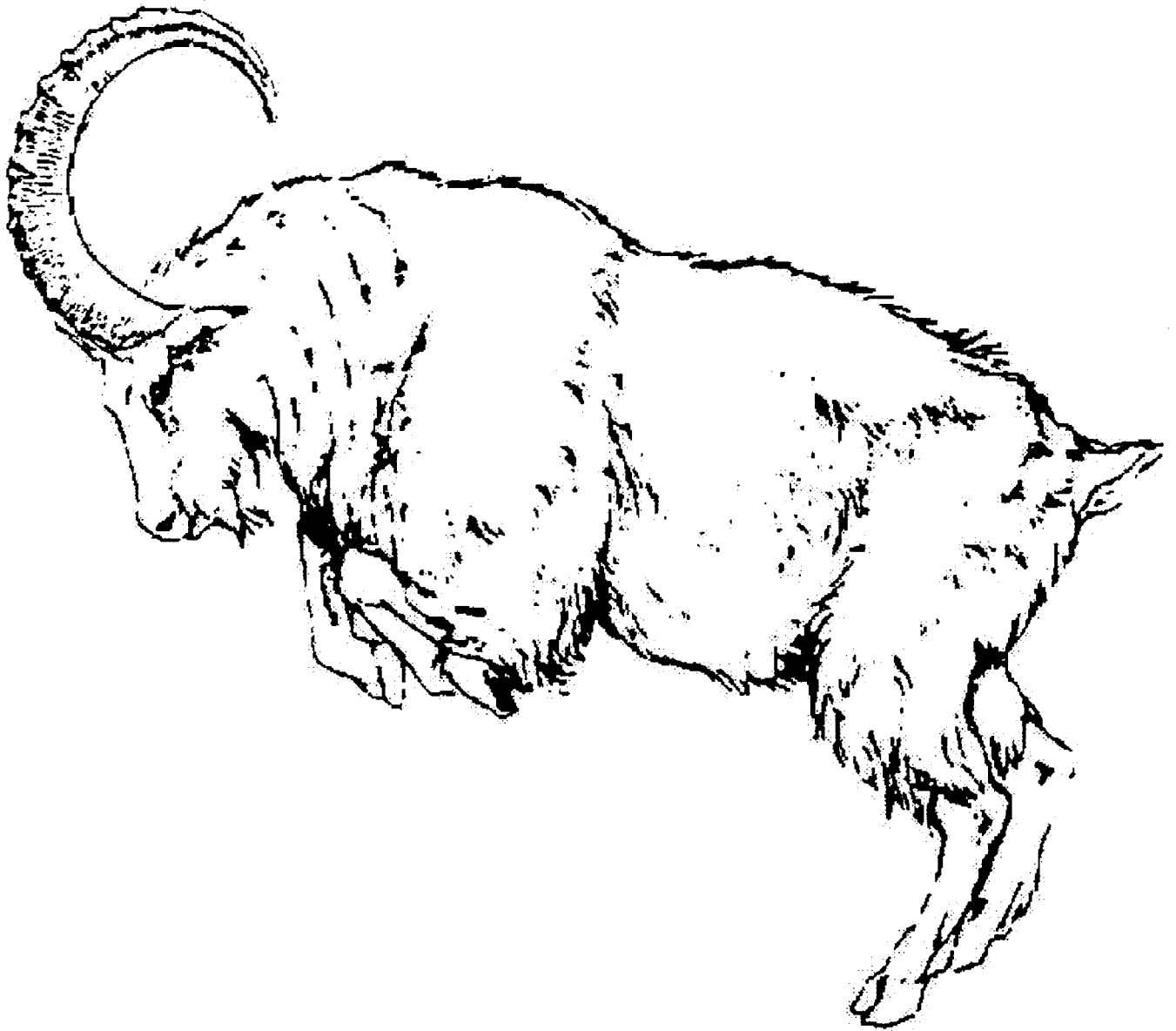


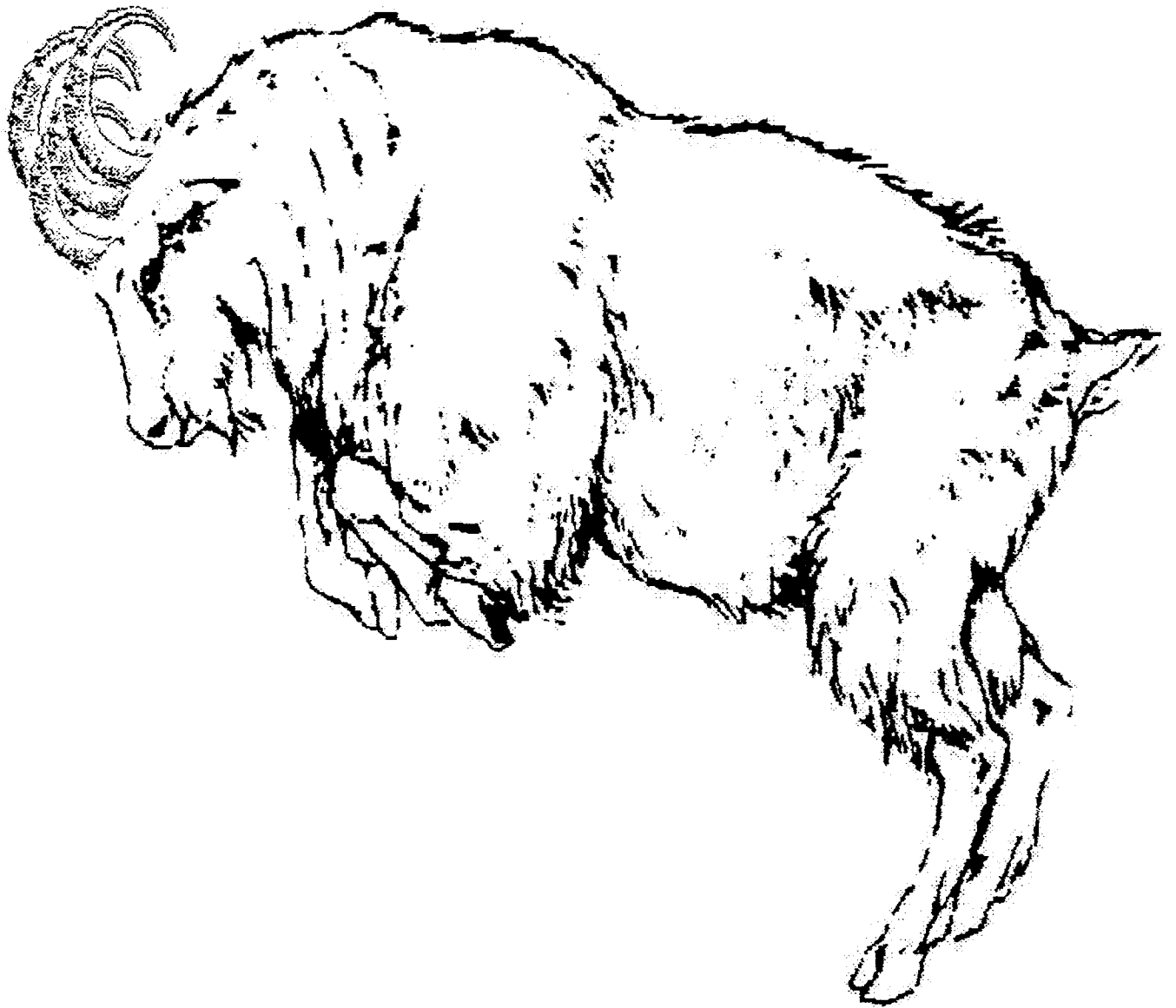
Review (Crossword Puzzle). 3DAN39.GF10

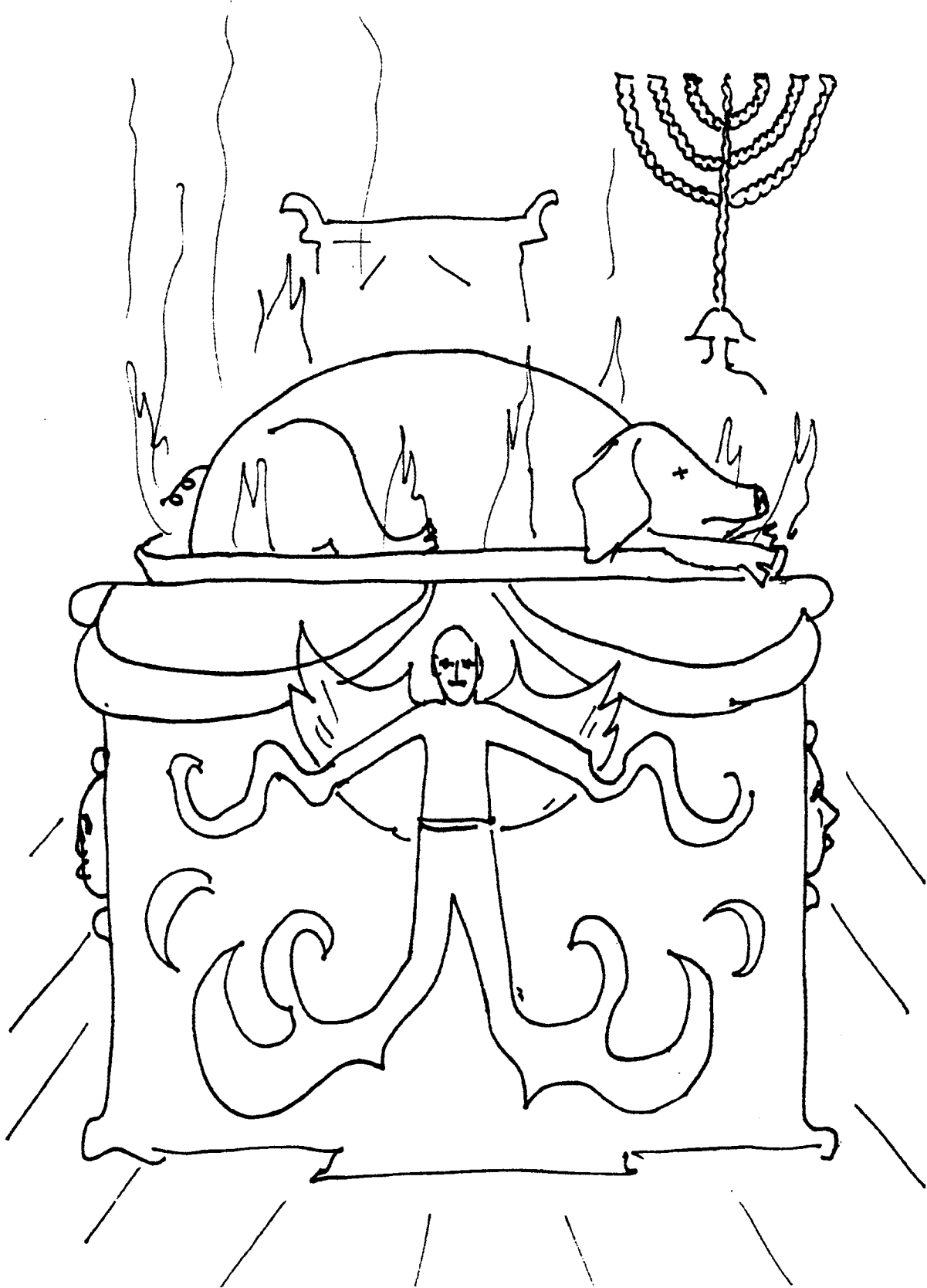
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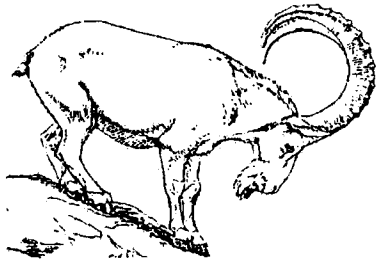




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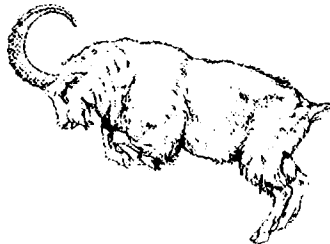
Kingdom

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Ram with 2 Long Horns

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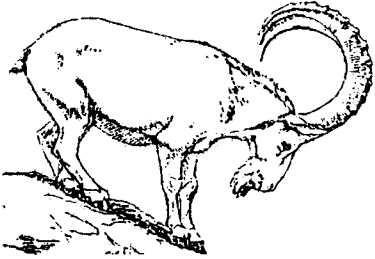
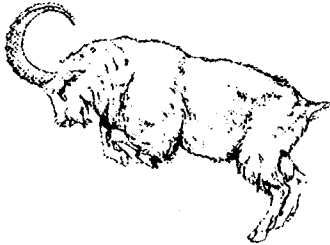
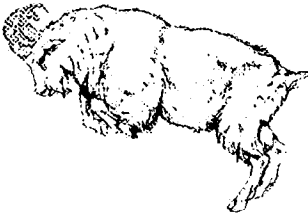
Goat with 1 Horn

8:5 Suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.



Goat with 4 Horns

8:8 His large horn was broken off and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.

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Animal Kingdom

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Daniel 8:3 I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later.

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Daniel 8:8 The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.

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Daniel 8:22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

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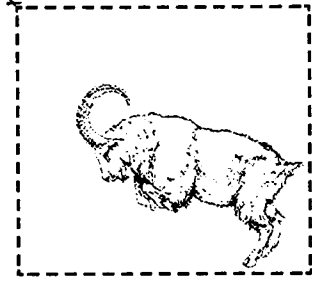
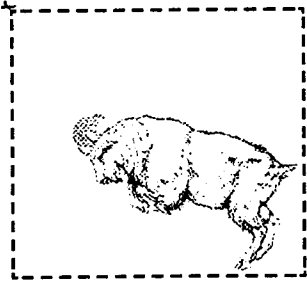
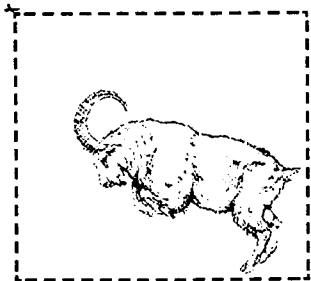
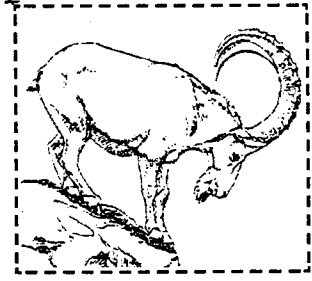
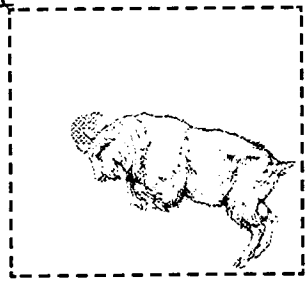
Daniel 8:20 The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia.

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Daniel 8:5 As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.

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











Daniel 8:21 The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king.





DECODE IT

Use the code to unscramble the words of a Jewish man written to his fellow Jews during New Testament times.

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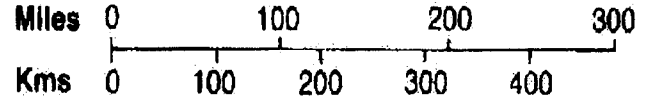
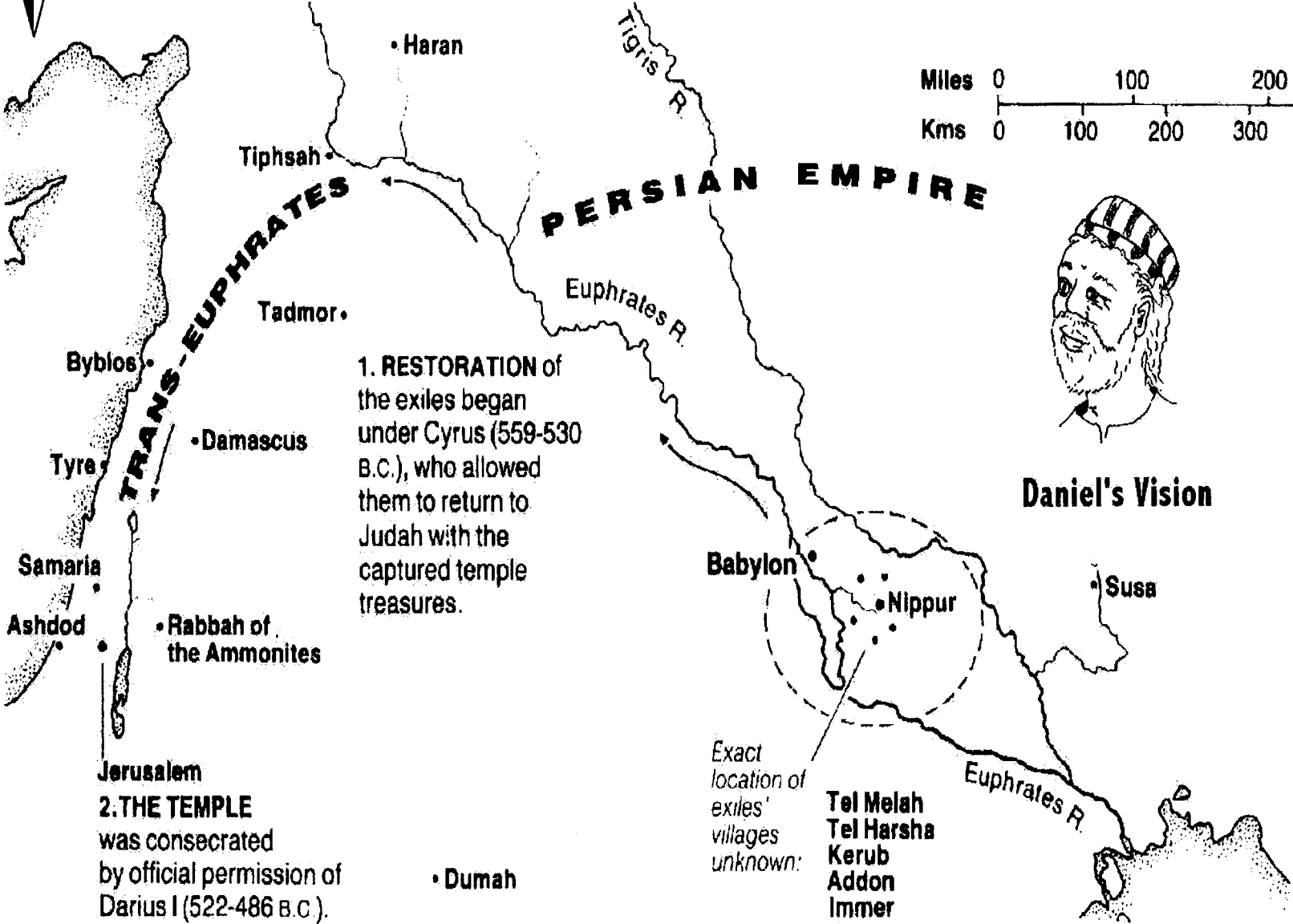
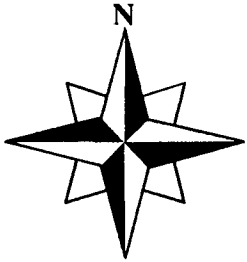
                   

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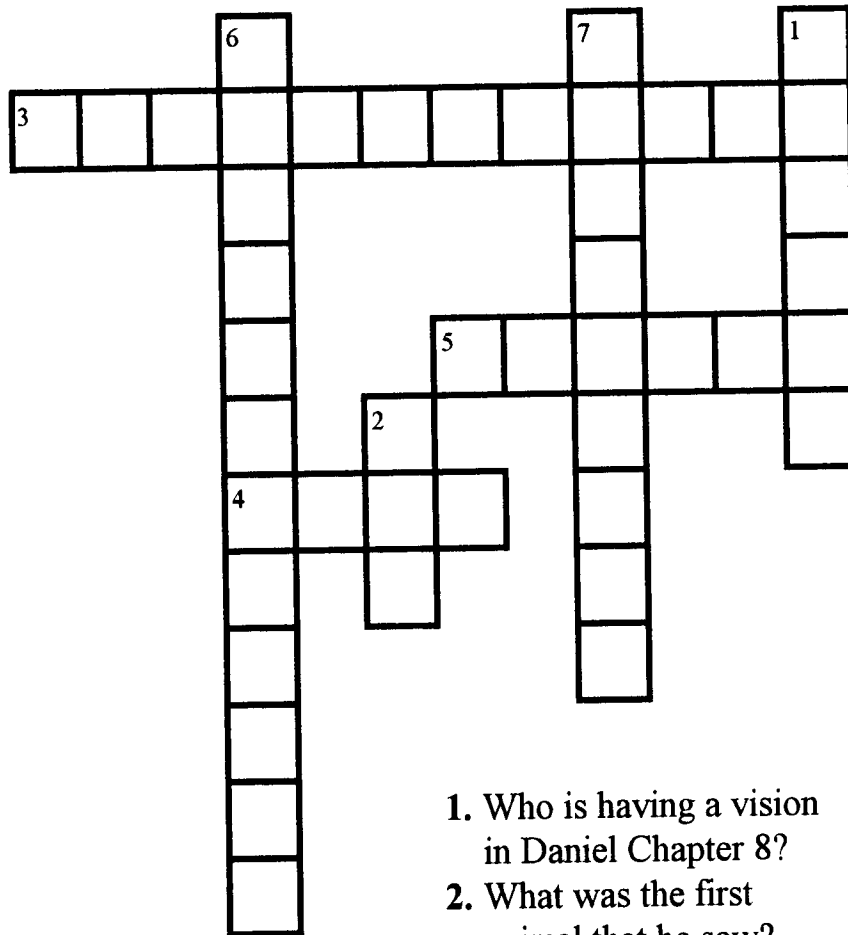


Daniel's Vision

1. RESTORATION of the exiles began under Cyrus (559-530 B.C.), who allowed them to return to Judah with the captured temple treasures.

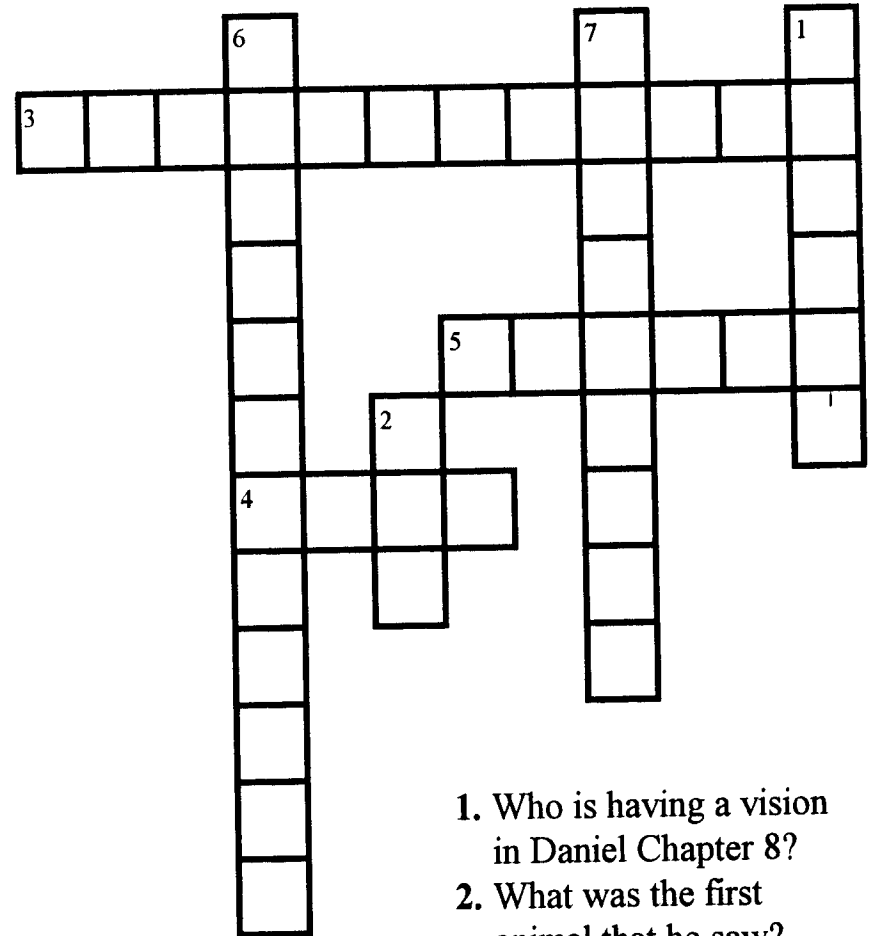
2. THE TEMPLE was consecrated by official permission of Darius I (522-486 B.C.).

DANIEL REVIEW



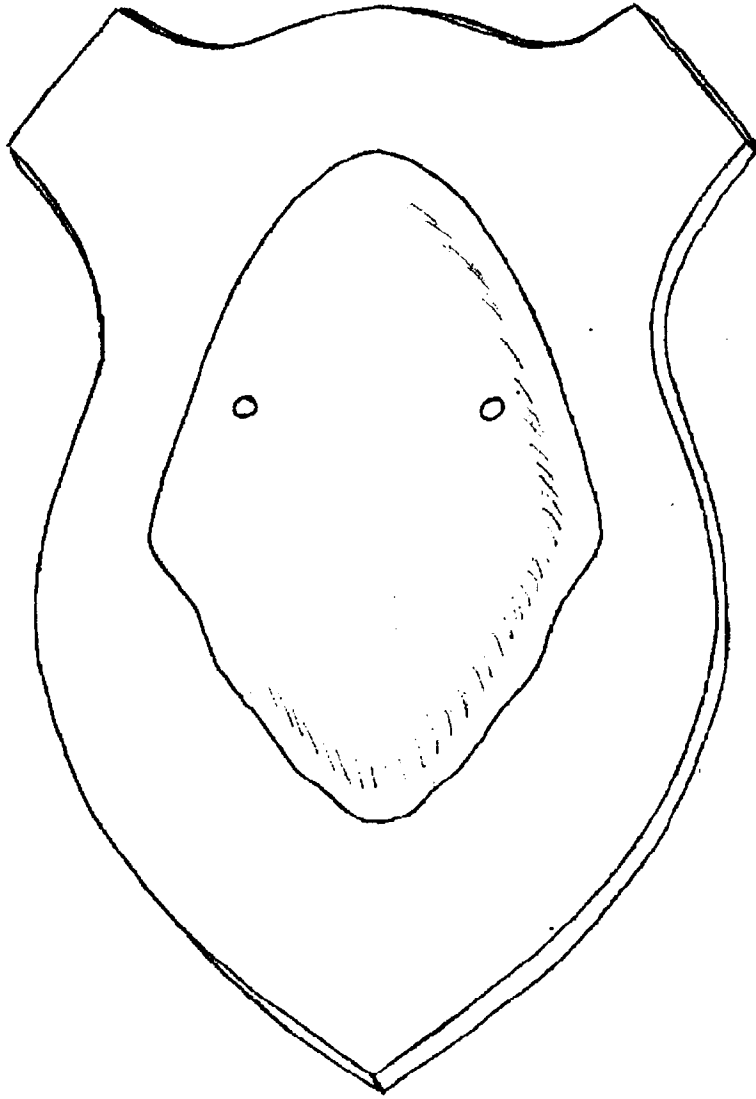
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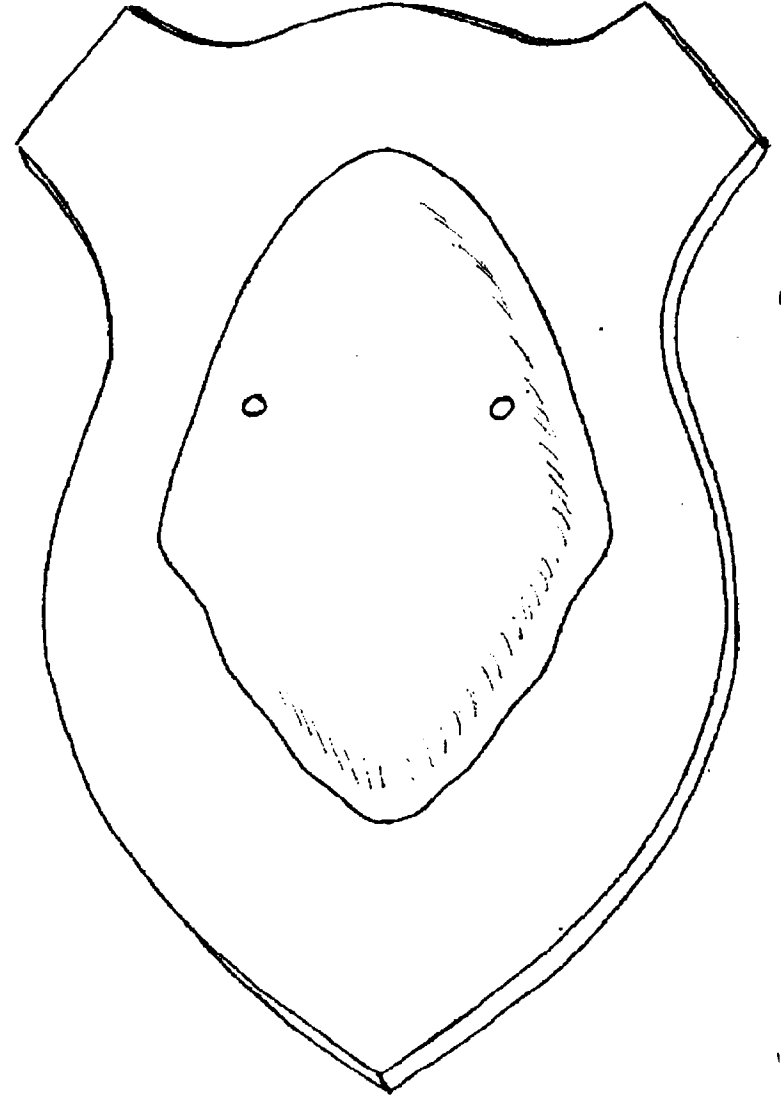


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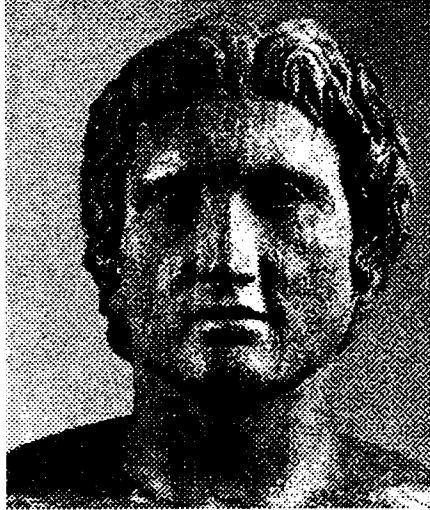
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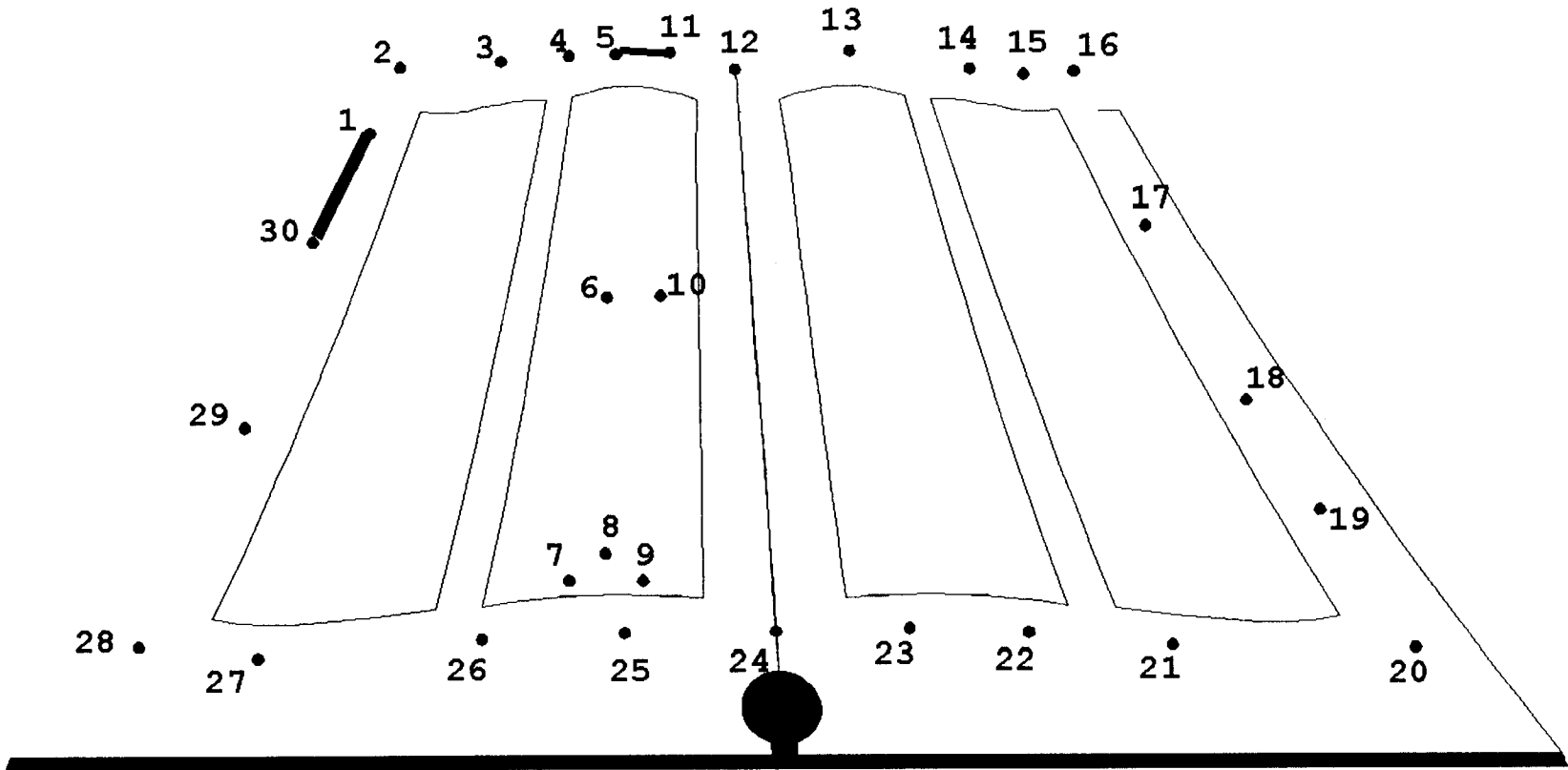


Alexander the Great



Antiochus IV Epiphanes

TAKE GOD'S



WORD FOR IT