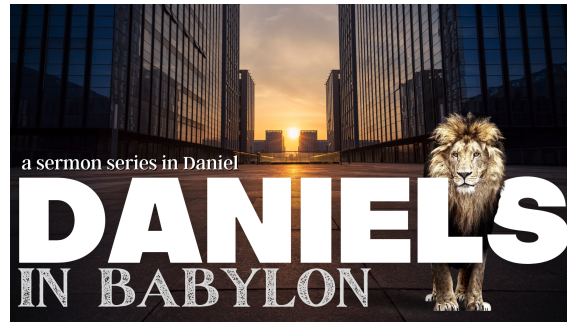


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July Memory Verse: Daniel 2:22 ESV

“He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him.”

Daniels in Babylon: Kingdom Living Amidst the lesser kingdoms: Daniel 7-12

Necessary truths to interpretation

1. HISTORY is HIS STORY for God’s glory and the good of those who love Jesus Christ.
 - a. Nothing happens without God’s Sovereign knowledge and sustaining hand of providence (Romans 8:28-30).
 - b. God prepared the world for the 1st Coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and is preparing the world for the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ as King Forever.
2. The Most High (God Almighty) rules in the kingdoms of men revealing Himself and working through them to draw all men to Himself.
 - a. God knows the future and controls the rise and fall of nations and rulers.
 - b. God revealed Himself through Jesus Christ to save men from their sin and death.
3. God reveals prophecy with an “already” and a “not yet” interpretation.
4. The spirit of the antichrist (satan) is at work in every age to draw men away from giving glory to God while the Spirit of God is at work in every age to draw men to saving faith in Jesus giving glory to God.

Chapter overviews

- Chapter 7 - kingdoms and the coming Eternal Kingdom
- Chapter 8 - The interpreter needs an angel to interpret
- Chapter 9 - Are We There Yet?
 - DANIEL GOES TO THE WORD AND DEVOTES HIMSELF TO THE WORD AND PRAYER!
- Chapter 10 - A peek into spiritual warfare
- Chapter 11 - Prophecy that is now and not yet fulfilled
- Chapter 12 - The Last Word is “God Wins” so “Don’t Worry.”
 - You and I are not on the planning committee, we are on the welcome team!

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Personal Application

1. Devote yourself to the Word of God and Prayer. (Love God)
 - a. Acts 6:4
2. Devote yourself to teaching the Word of God through and with the church. (Love the church)
 - a. Eph. 3:7-12 *7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in [b] God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.*
 - b. Eph. 3:10 - God makes known His manifold wisdom through the church.
3. Devote yourself to the work of the church by sharing the gospel with the world. (Love the world)
 - a. 2 Cor. 5:20
 - b. 2 Tim. 4:5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.