

flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened.

¹¹Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. ¹³I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. ¹⁴And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

Prophecies teach us how to look at the future if we are going to shine in the present.

1. The prophecies about the Antichrist are 'already/not yet' fulfilled.
2. In every age, the spirit of the Antichrist is at work.
3. The Ancient of Days (God the Father) still reigns.
4. The Son of Man (Jesus) is going to return.

Open Future - Stressed/Depressed

Closed Future - Fearless/Faithful

Daniel 2:20-22

²⁰Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. ²¹It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. ²²It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him."

GROUP DISCUSSION

Daniel: Shining in Babylon
Daniel 7 & 8
November 9th & 12th, 2023
Warring Kingdoms.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What would you tell your 15-year-old self?

Read aloud: Read Daniel 6

1. Daniel 6:3 “Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. An extraordinary spirit is translated as a great degree of reasoning/wisdom. Who is the wisest person you have ever personally known? Read Prov. 16:31, Prov 20:29. What role does age play when it comes to wisdom? Have we lost respect for our elders? Who can you glean wisdom from this week?

2. Daniel 6:4 “Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.” Do you think Daniel was kept from corruption by God, or did he make a choice? Read Daniel 1:8. Would Daniel be able to be used by God if he had a history of corruption? A commitment to Godly character is the path to Godly influence. Do you have any character opportunities you are currently facing?

3. Daniel 6:10-11 “Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. 11Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.” How do you respond to crisis or persecution? Panic, Pride, Preemptive Strike (revenge), or Prayer? What are the consequences of responding in panic, pride, or revenge? What is the consequence of responding in prayer? Does this apply to you right now? Do you have a habit of prayer in your life?

4. Daniel 6:26-28 26 I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion will be forever. 27 “He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.” Compare this with King Nebuchadnezzar’s response in Daniel 2:47. What words stand out in Darius’ response to God saving Daniel?