

Series: Stranger in a Strange Land, a study in Daniel

Sermon: An Exiles Dreams

Primary texts: Daniel 7-12; Matthew 24; 2 Thessalonians 2

Discussion Guide:

- What do you think of when you think of end times?
 - Does it make you nervous or scared? Why or why not?
- Read Daniel 7
 - What jumps out at you from Daniel's vision?
 - What do the beasts represent?
- In each of Daniel's visions as well as King Nebuchadnezzar's in chapter 2 the kingdoms of men are destroyed in the end. This seems to be something God wants us to know.
 - Why do you think God wants you to know that the kingdoms of men will fall?
 - Based on this should we remain engaged in our communities and country? Why or why not? (see Jeremiah 29:7, also consider Joseph's behavior in Genesis and Jesus and the apostles)
- In each vision the "saints" suffer dramatically - even being killed (See Matthew 24).
 - Why do you think God wants us to know about this?
- In each vision there is a "Son of Man" figure who comes and destroys the man of lawlessness (see 2 Thess. 2).
 - How do we know this is Jesus?
 - How is Jesus depicted in Daniel 2?
 - What is God telling us about Jesus and how should this affect us today?